Closed Loop Forum & Fest

Plant Chicago's annual Closed Loop Forum & Fest celebration is a full day of activities focused on sharing the work of local individuals and organizations. The 2018 edition will happen on Saturday July 28th at The Plant (1400 W. 46th St.). The event will start with the Closed Loop Forum from 9 am - 1 pm, when local speakers and community driven discussion will feature relevant topics such as food, waste, community, and the circular economy. The Forum will close with a poster session and then at 1 pm, the outdoor festivities will begin involving local artists, food, music, and celebrations.

Share your work!

We invite you to share your great work in the posters session during the Forum. We welcome contributions from different projects, including:

Science projects of any kind

Urban garden and backyard food-growing experiments

Visions and plans for a local circular economy

DIY experiments in food, energy, or water use.

University-level research

Neighborhood-scale sustainability projects

What information should I share?

The content of your poster is relative to the work you have done. But, besides the title of the project across the top and the names of the collaborators, all posters should have information about:

1 What is the project about?
Use up to 200 words to describe your project, including goals, learnings, and conclusions.

2 What is the context?
Give us more information about the context, the relevance of work, and guiding questions.

3 How did you do it?
Briefly describe your process, including the methods and the information you were able to get.

4 What did you learn?
Tell us about the findings and results of the work, including your conclusions .

5 What are the next steps?
Please share with us what are the next steps, and how might we contribute to your success.

6 Whose work you used?
Please let us know who are the references you used in your poster.
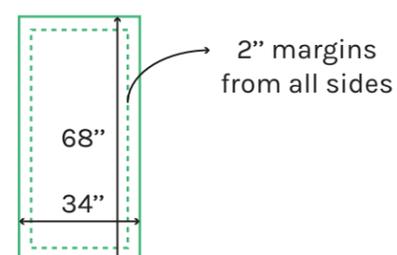
7 Who are you thankful for?
If appropriate, acknowledge important people and institutions that contributed to your work.

What could my poster look like?

You are free to design your poster according to the information you would like to share. However, we would like to present some guidelines so we can have a coherent layout in the exhibition space. Below are relevant information for you to consider:

Layout (inches)
We recommend you prepare your poster as a single large slide in PowerPoint or any other software.

2" margins from all sides

68"

34"

Fonts & Sizes
While you are free to use any font you want, we strongly recommend you use easy to read fonts such as Helvetica, Verdana, Lato, Open Sans, Georgia. Please use the sizes indicated below:

Titles	Subheadings	General texts
84pt bold	35pt bold	28pt reg.

We invite liberal use of illustrations, images, and tables that represent your project. Please use captions (18pt reg.) so readers can interpret the information shown.

We can help you with your poster layout! For more information and submissions, please contact info@plantchicago.org

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