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Coming Up: Alive Center STEM Exploration Day



Vision 1948 will once again participate at the Alive Center STEM Exploration Day in Naperville:

📅 Saturday, August 15, 2026

🕐 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

📍 Alive Center

Join us for an exciting afternoon of hands-on STEM experiences designed to inspire the next generation of innovators, creators, and leaders! K-8th Graders and families will have the opportunity to explore interactive activities, live demonstrations, robotics, engineering challenges, coding, science experiments, technology exhibits, and more — presented by local businesses, schools, organizations, and community partners. Whether you love science, technology, engineering, math, gaming, robotics, healthcare, or creative problem-solving, there will be something for everyone to discover! Registration is free.

Technology with Purpose



On July 7, Vision 1948 was honored to partner with IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE) for its premier annual event, "Technology with Purpose: Leading the Future of Chicago Engineering," held at the University of Illinois Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) in Chicago. The event brought together leading experts in artificial intelligence and quantum technology to explore the future of innovation, its opportunities and challenges, and Chicago's growing leadership in developing technology responsibly. Featured speakers included Nadya Mason, Vice President for Research at the University of Chicago; Anne Lee, CTO and Senior Research Research Scientist at Nokia Bell Labs AI Research Lab; Latha Ramamoorthy, Product Portfolio Operations Manager at JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Carol Davids, Research Associate Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology; and Reyhan Jabbarvand, Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois. The discussion highlighted the importance of diversity in emerging technologies. Although women comprise nearly 70% of high school valedictorians, they represent less than 20% of AI and quantum researchers, clearly ability is not a limiting factor. Panelists emphasized the critical role of educators, mentors, and industry leaders in inspiring the next generation and ensuring these transformative technologies are shaped by diverse perspectives.

Vision 1948 is grateful to the industry professionals, educators, students, and community members who joined us for an engaging evening focused on innovation, inclusion, and the future of engineering.

OTHER INFO

Interesting Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
AI Skills Lab	Aug 10-12, 2026	Southside STEM Station 1520 E. Harper Ct. Chicago, IL 60615	Free three-day AI and electronics program hosted by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA). Students learn AI concepts, circuits, engineering, and electronics through hands-on activities
AI Made Simple: Easy Tools for Everyday Life	Aug 22, 2026 11:00am-12:30pm	Chicago BEE 3647 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60609	Workshop on practical AI tools covers how to use ChatGPT and similar tools for writing, organizing, creativity, and everyday tasks, with a focus on real-world applications and privacy concerns. Interactive demos and hands-on exercises. Light refreshments.

Call for Volunteers

Vision 1948 is receiving a growing number of invitations to expand our reach across the community. We are seeking volunteers to join us in increasing our impact! We are actively engaged in schools, colleges, Girl Scout programs, and professional and community gatherings—bringing education, awareness, and hands-on experiences in technology to diverse audiences. There are also new film-related initiatives in the works. Through these efforts, we are helping to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and empower individuals of all backgrounds to explore and succeed in a technology-driven world. Volunteer roles include education, research, legislation, event planning, marketing, and more. Please consider joining us as a volunteer on this mission! Contact us at info@vision1948.org.

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