

PARKING DAY

September 19th, 2014



PARKing Day started in San Francisco in 2005 and now takes place in cities around the world. For one day, groups of people take a metered parking spot and convert it into a meeting space of some kind. Winnipeg's PARKing Day took place on September 19th as part of the Winnipeg Design Festival. Wayfinders submitted ideas for an installation and in the end, were accepted as a participating group, along with architects, designers and other artists from around Winnipeg.

This is Wayfinders second year participating. Our Maples/GC students collaborate with our staff on the initial concepts, sketches and themes for the installation. The theme of the festival was "play" and we decided to incorporate games, colour and mediums that don't traditionally go together (chicken wire and yarn). Dozens of students contributed to the project whether through building, painting or problem solving the many pieces of the installation. On the 19th, four of our students were able to spend the day interacting with designers and the general public, explaining our installation and exploring others. We're looking forward to next year!

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