

POP-UP ACTIVITIES

Type: Community Activity

Outcome: Community building, idea sharing, problem solving.

Organization: Prepared

Performed by: Community members, volunteers, community organizations-- Anyone!

Where: on site preferably, or somewhere people gather.

Time / Season: A nice, sunny day.

Use simple, fun, cheap activities to get people out!

What you Will Need

- A large simple site plan of the space and its area
- Scissors, glue, color markers, construction paper and any other type of crafting materials
- Images of different park infrastructure such as playgrounds, benches, street lights, garbage or water features.

Tips!!



This activity is a success no matter the age or ethnicity of the participants. We have found useful to complement the crafting of the ideal place with a short presentation to remind people of important features and design principles to consider such as safety, accessibility, lighting, winter, seating options, and shops.

Directions:

- > Place the postcards, pens and papers on a table where everyone can access
- > Ask everyone to pick one of the images that represents what the ideal space would look like in 10 years.
- > Ask them to write a postcard to someone they know and describe their experience in the site
- > At the end of the activity collect all the postcards for further analysis.



Instructions

- > As a group, brainstorm 'hardware' ideas of improving the park and write your ideas down.
- > Select three ideas to present to the larger group.
- > With the other team members, create your ideal Town Square based on the ideas generated with your group. Use the material provided to illustrate your ideas. You can glue, draw, write, and cut, but more than anything use your imagination!
- > Now that you have created your ideal square, think of two activities you can now do in the park. Write them down on a post-it and place them on the map in an appropriate location.
- > Present your ideal Town Square to the larger group. Briefly explain the concept, the additions you have made and the two new activities you have implemented.

