

ARCHITECTURE FOR HUMANITY CHICAGO PRESENTS:

ACTIVATE!

TEMPORARY PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN COMPETITION

yes...it was formerly called street furniture...

HOW CAN \$1,000 REDESIGN PUBLIC SPACE?

THE PROBLEM

The American city is rooted in its neighborhoods, public spaces, and infrastructure. Transforming the interstitial open spaces that characterize our cities can be a fundamental catalyst for community connectivity and socialization. When neglected or inaccessible, these vacant spaces become detrimental to neighborhood health and vitality. To address the needs of a diverse and changing urban population, space must adapt to the needs of a broader range of ages, physical abilities, and cultural backgrounds. **Through small acts we can repurpose public space to be more universally accessible, inclusive, age friendly, and a builder of community.**

THE CHALLENGE

Design one or more objects that can activate a vacant site, is universally accessible, and fosters multi-generational community interaction. Objects should not be limited to furniture or seating elements such as benches. We consider other structures that make a small space seem inviting, usable, and safe to be street furniture. Including but not limited to: harvest tables, raised planters, play equipment, interactive sculptures. The goal of this installation is to continue the dialogue about open space and how design can be the catalyst for the creation of meaningful and joyful places that facilitate community engagement and are age appropriate for students in grades K-8.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Site: Reilly Elementary School
3650 West School Street Chicago

Durable to last one year in Chicago
Programmatic flexibility
Ease of construction & deconstruction
Use of readily available or reused materials
Budget: \$1,000.00

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Team Information & Release Form

Two 11x17 Boards, submitted as a PDF no larger than 5MB including a plan, section/elevation and design detail. Please list the required materials and describe the build process. Scale of drawings at the discretion of the entrants.

Site photos, plans, project information and previous winning installations are located at:
http://openarchitecturenetwork.org/projects/activate_design_comp

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submit questions, release form and final pdfs to
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*A leap year only occurs every four years.
What will you do with your extra day of design?*