

Cork *PARK(ing) Day* Friday 15th September 2017



PARK(ing) Day is an annual worldwide event where artists, designers and citizens transform paid parking spots into temporary public parks. Since its inception in 2005, the concept has blossomed into a global experiment in remixing, reclaiming and reprogramming vehicular space for social exchange, recreation and artistic expression. The project now occurs annually in hundreds of cities in dozens of countries on every continent. Cork City Council and the Transport & Mobility Forum facilitate this event each year.

Park(ing) Day is "intended to promote creativity, civic engagement, critical thinking, unscripted social interactions, generosity and play." In Cork we have certainly taken that concept on board – this year Cork PARK(ing) Day involves four different locations in the city at Bridge St, McCurtain St, South Mall and Western Road.

The Victorian Quarter have really got behind the initiative and will have a number of spaces which showcase the area as a vibrant and fun area and its future as a hub of public amenity. On Bridge St, there will be a very creative event with *Vibes & Scribes* and *Unbound*.

Vibes and Scribes plan on creating a wall of cascading grass, dotted all over with bright and beautiful handmade paper flowers from 12 to 2p.m. This will be the perfect backdrop for taking selfies with friends while out shopping, or with a loved one on a lunch date.



Not quite ready to say goodbye to your garden over the winter? *Unbound* have the perfect solution for the year round indoor garden by bringing it indoors. You can still have a lush garden indoors no matter how much space you have or despite the weather with our new range of hanging pots and vases. Layer and group them together to give you the perfect relaxing space. *Unbound* will recreate an 'indoor ' garden out doors for the event from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

On McCurtain St, music and food is the theme. *The Metropole Hotel* will have some jazz music from Aaron Mills and again there will be plants & flowers. Their drink station will give out complimentary home-made lemonade from 11am – 3pm and the Merry Chef will be outside giving out mini sliders and tapas food from the Met Bistro from 12 – 2pm. Everyone that comes to the display will be in with a chance in a competition for Sunday Jazz Buffet Lunch for 2 at the Met.

Down along on South Mall, Churchfield Community Trust will again feature this year. Quality hand crafted furniture, including garden furniture is a feature of this display every year along with a dazzling floral display of window boxes, hanging baskets and other containers.

Heading out to Western Rd, a car parking space will be transformed into a rest and relaxation area by the Health Promotion Unit of HSE, providing a welcome haven whether you are walking or cycling.

And it's not just about the city, PARKing Day events are also taking place in Clonakilty in West Cork.

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