

Portals invigorate communities through global connections



AZ	Tempe
CA	Los Angeles, Oakland,
CO	Colorado Springs
CT	Stamford
DC	Washington, DC
IL	Chicago
KY	Floyd County
MA	Andover
NY	Brooklyn, The Bronx, Manhattan
TX	Dallas
VA	Richmond
WI	Milwaukee
WV	Hardy County

Forge real connections

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Life is better when we engage with people unlike ourselves.

Share your culture

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EU Berlin Germany; Leebos, Greece; Stockholm, Sweden



AF Kigali, Rwanda; Lagos, Nigeria; Nairobi, Kenya



Jordan	Amman
Iraq	Erbil
Qatar	Doha
Palestine	Gaza City
Yemen	Hadramaut
Kazakhstan	Astana
Afghanistan	Herat, Kabul
India	Kanpur
Pakistan	Karachi, Lahore
Myanmar	Yangon

Background:

Groups of residents from Milwaukee and Newark and New Jersey met to share ideas and strategies they use to reduce violence in their respective communities.

The conversation gave the groups — both from low-income, mostly black neighborhoods — an opportunity to delve into some weighty topics like prisoner re-entry, and share a few laughs in a face-to-face setting, all while remaining more than 700 miles apart. Community organizer Dennis Walton said he sees value in swapping insights with Newark residents who deal with similar issues.

Portals: immersive spaces in which you come face-to-face with someone on the far side of the globe. Every Portal is staffed by a real human being – someone who facilitates dialogue, provides live language interpretation, and connects their community to the world.

Portals are what happen when we are intentional about building a social network. They embody our mission: to give people everywhere a chance to tell their own story; to explore the diversity of human experience; to connect people separated by distance and difference in encounters that are humanizing and real.



School groups and arts organizations also use the Milwaukee Portal to connect with other parts of the world, and the units in Milwaukee and Newark will be open for focused dialogues three days a week. Researchers at Yale and Rutgers universities plan to analyze edited conversations about police-community relations. Lewis Lee is the Amani Portal's full-time curator and runs it like a talk show, pulling in school kids and sometimes local cops on the beat.

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Activate public space

Bring people to your stores, cafes, and restaurants, and keep them there for dialogues, performances, and live events. From Times Square to Mexico's Chapultepec Park, Portals have found a home among the world's busiest intersections.

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"I really liked the portal...I can't wait to see my friends again in the portal"

"I hope to come her every day and see my lovely friends in the portal."

"The portal worked perfectly, like magic."

"Mind blowing..." "The portal is a gift of presence, connection and oneness."

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ABC News: This Week with George Stephanopoulos: Portal Art Exhibit Brings Strangers Face- to-Face from a World Away.

Fox News: Sunday with Chris Wallace: Creating a global community center, one conversation at a time. Chris Wallace visits a Portal in College Park at the University of Maryland and speaks to a stranger in Mexico City.



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