

## Art in the City / Week 2

### *Peace Labyrinth*, West Louisville Women's Coalition



Though conceived and organized by artists, the project reflects a community unified through a transformative public art experience.

In the words of the WLWC,

*Every day West Louisville residents face issues common in America's urban areas – poverty, violence, blight. The Peace Labyrinth is a peaceful space where residents are empowered by the words of their neighbors to tackle these tough issues. The space is also an outward sign of what a community can achieve when it combines its resources, energies, and talents.*

The *Peace Labyrinth* received seed funding through the 2014 Lots of Possibility challenge, in which Louisville Metro Government invited proposals to transform a city-owned vacant lots into productive reuse projects.

Already, the Labyrinth serves the community in a variety of ways – it is an oasis of art and nature in an urban setting, an alternative to memories of violence a few blocks away, a new moment of promise in the landscape. For a nearby resident caring for a chronically ill child, it is a therapeutic resource, a short walk in the fresh air.

Be sure to watch for more West Louisville Women's Coalition projects in the future, including a community art space in a formerly vacant home adjacent to the *Peace Labyrinth* site.

[Sarah Lindgren, with input from the West Louisville's Women's Coalition]