
Subject: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 13:11:00 GMT
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Hi all,

as we're always having a blast at meetups (and we've met MANY of you there already!), we're trying to host a 'World Meetup' this year in one month from now. We'll need your help to make this happen: please read the following blog post:

<http://www.shapeways.com/blog/archives/1890-Announcing-Shapeways-World-Meetup-Day-on-February-28th.html>

You can find a list of planned World Meetups here:

<http://www.meetup.com/ShapewaysCommunity/details/867572/>

If you have any questions or suggestions, please leave them here on the forum.

Thanks, and let's get this party started!

Bart and Natalia

UPDATE: we are providing some helpful hints to meetup hosts every week in this forum thread:

January 31: What is required of a Meetup host and how do I start a Shapeways Meetup?

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [stop4stuff](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 18:59:00 GMT
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As already discussed with Bart via email, I have a few venues that may be suitable on the outskirts of Southampton (Hampshire, England) within 5/10 minutes drive of junction 5 or 7 of the M27 (Eastleigh/Hedge End).

Party On!

Paul

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:44:09 GMT
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Thanks Paul! Did you create a meetup for this yet?

Cheers,

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [stop4stuff](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 19:53:34 GMT
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Hi Bart,

No, not yet. I put the post on the forum though, to see if there are any people interested.

Cheers,
Paul

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 12:00:16 GMT
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@Stop4stuff: it may work better if you create the meetup on the Meetup.com page, you can use that too to find out if people are interested. I think people are more likely to find your meetup there than here on the forum.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 12:01:38 GMT
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Update: After less than one week, we have 44 meetups planned. Some are still small (1-2 persons), but we'll do our best to reach all local community members over the next few weeks, and fill them up. If you're interested in a nice social 3D printing event in your area, please go ahead and create a meetup as well!

Cheers,

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [rubyscooby](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 23:05:57 GMT
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I would have thought more Bay Area people would have joined the meetup!

Here's the link

<http://www.meetup.com/ShapewaysCommunity/San-Francisco-CA/867712/?a=bn2&ed=where>

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2013 10:32:07 GMT
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Hi rubyscooby,

I'm sure they will! We're preparing additional publicity and it's great to have the meetups listed now - that makes it SO much easier for others to join!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2013 13:00:39 GMT
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Wow! We already have 47 events planned for our World Meetup Day on February 28th, including events in the US, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Asia! Some are still small, but now that the list is available, it'll be easier for others to join you.

During the next four weeks we will be posting updates here on the forum. This week, we'll focus on the first preparations of your meetup. If you have any questions, please discuss them here with the other hosts.

What is required of a Shapeways Meetup host?

We are looking for people who enjoy meeting others and talk about design and 3D printing. As a host, you are 'in charge' of picking a venue and welcoming everyone - but you will not be alone! Through Meetup you can discuss your event with others or even co-host it.

How do I start a Shapeways Meetup?

1. Check our World Meetup page to see if there is already a group of people in your area. If not, create your own! (Search for your town and click on 'Start a new community in...') If you're not sure if there are other members in your area, don't worry - just by adding your meetup to the list you may be able to find each other.
2. Select a time. Meetings in the early evening (say, 7pm-9pm) usually work best, but feel free to pick any other time.
3. Find a location. Good spots include bars (our favorite), schools and a meeting room at work. Call to see if they can host 10-20 people (the average meetup size). Do not accept any financial obligations for space - people will pay their own drinks and snacks. Do you find it hard to pick a location? Discuss it with your meetup members or here on the forum.

Next Steps

Next week, we will be back with some suggestions on how to give your meetup some good publicity and on how we are going to help you with that. Stay tuned!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [denali3ddesign](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2013 16:07:19 GMT
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Here's the Minneapolis Shapeways Meetup, World Shapeways Meetup Edition!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2013 09:58:41 GMT

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Thanks Marcus!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [bartv](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2013 09:58:58 GMT

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Hi all,

How are the World Meetup preparations coming along? Last week I promised you that we'd send you more information on how to promote your event. We're designing a flyer that you can use, but it takes a little longer than I thought. It should be ready early next week, so I'll be back in touch with you then!

In the mean time, it would be great if you could all introduce yourselves on our forum. That way, we can start sharing questions and experiences there and make everybody's meetup better. Please add your message to this thread!

Thanks!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [vertigopolka](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2013 13:29:33 GMT

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I'm hosting the Chicago Shapeways Meetup! Looking forward to meeting local Shapiers or anyone else interested in 3D printing.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [rubyscooby](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2013 17:51:44 GMT

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Hi Everyone,

I'm Ruby and I'll be hosting the San Francisco Shapeway's meetup. I really wanted it to happen

and since no one had come forward I decided to make it happen. I'm a 3D artist who's been doing this for ages. I got my start in Germany on big old SGI machines doing films, commercials., and music videos. I love Z-brush as it's finally enabled me to model. I have never been much of a poly pusher. Being able to print stuff in 3D is amazing. I have created some jewelry and hat ornaments and plan on doing shoes with a shoe designer. I can't wait to meet other people and swap stories and hear what they have made.

The event will be located at a local bar that's easy walking distance from 24th street BART and a number of buses. It's also not on the main street so parking might actually be possible!

I can't wait to meet everyone!

Ruby Rieke

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [natalia](#) on Mon, 11 Feb 2013 21:08:52 GMT
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Hi All,

i'll be at the NY meetup. I'll drum up some more traffic on the main meetup page and see what other Shapeways Team members I can get to join in NY

-Natalia

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [MichaelShepherdDesign](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 00:43:21 GMT
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Hi Barga,

I'm hosting the Shapeways World Meetup in Perth Australia. It seems the Shapeways World Meetup page can't be found on the local Meetup page; I can only find it if I log onto the US site. This is making it hard to communicate and find more people to attend. I understand you have had difficulty contacting me. My email for future correspondence is furniture@iinet.net.au.

Thanks for a great initiative and all your hard work,

Michael

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 12:41:10 GMT
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@vertigopolka, @rubyscooby, @Mikie2 - awesome, thank you so much!! I'll be publishing some suggestions on how to get more people on board shortly.

@natalia - are you offering free drinks? I am! Let's battle and see who gets the biggest meetup!
<evil grin>

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 12:55:49 GMT
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Hello everyone! We have a little less than two weeks left until February 28th, so it's time to start making some noise and make sure everyone in your area knows about the event! We will soon start some serious promotion, but you can help as well. Today I'll share some suggestions for promotion in your local community.

Tech clubs

In most big cities you will find FabLabs, TechShops, Hackerspaces etc. These people love creating things and are usually very interested in

Schools

Are there any design schools, jewelry workshops, product design departments on universities in your area? You can try reaching out through their student associations, or look for contact information on their websites.

Online

Use Meetup to find related communities in your area and send them a friendly note to invite them to your meetup. I looked in the Amsterdam area and found tons of '3D printing', 'Design', 'Rapid Prototyping', 'Jewelry' communities - you name it. It only takes a few minutes and you're related to mailing three groups per day. Remember to be personal, respectful and don't spam!

Shops, clubs etc.

Our designers have created a flyer that you can leave on message-boards in shops, clubs etc (see the image above). Just download the PDF, write the time and location on it and leave it somewhere. Again: be respectful and ask for permission.

What did you do?

How did you promote your event? Did it work? Please share!

Bart

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [Rakentaja](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 13:29:47 GMT
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Hi!

I'm attending Helsinki meetup. We have two people attending and would love to have some more shapers

Place is open, but I've studied at Helsinki University of Technology and I think I can arrange us to meet somewhere at Otaniemi Campus (at Espoo) if needed.

-Rauno

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 17:01:47 GMT
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Thanks Rauno!

I see that Julian joined you as well. He worked for Shapeways Eindhoven and is eager to help out, I'm sure the two of you can make the event grow.

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [Stein](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 17:47:27 GMT
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Hello People!

I'm Stein and I'll be the host for the meetup in Arnhem (Netherlands). I hope to meet more shapers who live in the neighbourhood but at this point my meeting is still kinda lonely. Since november last year I started my own design company specialized in personalized 3d printed products but I will tell everything about it at the meetup.

The event will take place at "Het Proeflokaal, de nieuwe waag". Parking will not be a problem because it is right in front of the Markt. Parking space for several hundreds of cars.

So to all dutchies, Join!

-Stein de Haan-

UPDATE: I Just figured out that this sunday there is an event about 3D printing in cafe Dudok, Arnhem. I will also join this event and will try to get some people to join mine but it could be difficult to have two simulair events within a short period of time. The other event is a reading with Siert Wijnia (Directeur Ultimaker) and Rick Companje (Doodle3D). I Think it is intresting so other Shapers feel also free to join this one

Source: <http://www.3dprintcafe.nl/home/>

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [edddy](#) on Wed, 13 Feb 2013 17:05:27 GMT
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franÅ§ais:

je reviens Å l'instant de la citÅ© des sciences avec plein de bonnes nouvelles:
nous aurions le carrefour numÅ©rique pour nous de 19h Å 21h et la possibilitÅ© d'avoir des boissons, un espace amÅ©nagÅ© avec des fauteuils, une table pour prÅ©senter nos prod et mÅ©me un Å©cran de projection si besoin.
Et bien sÅ»r un accÅ»s au FabLab pour les curieux

english:

I return to the "cit  des sciences" with lots of good news:
we would have the "carrefour num rique" for us 19h to 21h and the possibility of having drinks,
a space furnished with armchairs, a table to present our prod and even a projector screen if
needed.
And of course access to the FabLab for the curious

so, if you're ok, Paris have his place:
Cit  des sciences
carrefour num rique (niveau -1)
metro porte de la Villette
le 28 fevrier de 19h   21h

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2013 14:16:24 GMT
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Good job edddy! I *so* wish I could join you guys in Paris this time!!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [MichaelShepherdDesign](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2013 10:23:35 GMT
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As the Meetup day is fast approaching I was so wondering when/how do we get the samples. I'm
hosting the Meetup in Perth (far away!) It would be embarrassing if they don't arrive on time.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [vertigopolka](#) on Tue, 19 Feb 2013 17:35:48 GMT
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Hey Chicagoans!, let's get this party started!

I've taken the flyer that Bart provided and adapted it for the Chicago Meetup. Download the PDF
here.

It includes a QR code to make it easier for people to sign up via cell phone.

As per Bart, be respectful and ask permission when posting.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 13:04:34 GMT
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@Mikie2: we will be shipping out the samples tomorrow. Be advised though that we cannot afford to send a sample box to every single meetup, only to the largest ones. The meetups are mostly meant as a social event, so even without sample models you should be able to have a good evening

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [magnusgreni](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 15:07:23 GMT
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Hello from Norway!
I'm Magnus, and I finally found a place to meet in Oslo!
Various architects will open their doors for us on the 28, and I'm very grateful for this collaboration:-)

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [juanselobo](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 16:47:01 GMT
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awesome!!! i will be there!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2013 10:55:03 GMT
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@Magnus: wow, that's awesome! Thanks so much for setting that up!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2013 17:38:32 GMT
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Hi Meetup hosts!

Maybe you've already noticed, but we are currently running a site-wide banner for our World Meetup day (see the top of the page). In addition, we'll start some campaigns on Facebook to try and drive more visitors to your events.

Brace for impact!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [lensman](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 02:04:57 GMT
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Attention Toronto and GTA members: There is a Toronto-based group on MeetUp called 3D Printing Group. I joined their group and I have sent a suggestion to them (surely ONE of them must be a member here?!) that perhaps they can host the Toronto Shapeways World MeetUp Day since they have a regular location that they use... Damn long distance from me but if they do it I'm hoping I can attend.

Glenn

EDIT: I just heard from one of the members of that group. It seems that because many of the office employees (where they meet) will be out of town that day they cannot host the Meet... Very receptive to Shapeways Toronto members meeting there in the future, though.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2013 10:08:33 GMT
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Nice initiative lensman, thanks! Don't worry about a location too much though - especially with a smaller group, you can always meet in a bar

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [Bathsheba](#) on Sat, 23 Feb 2013 05:16:30 GMT
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I offered to host the Cambridge, MA meetup. My house is actually in Somerville, but since there's only one other person subscribed anyway I figure why not. It's the next town over.

Anyway, I have a bunch of 3D prints, if you want to check them out and/or bring yours, poke the meetup page. I'll announce the address on Wednesday, it's not far from Union Square in Somerville.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Sun, 24 Feb 2013 11:31:20 GMT
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Hi Bathsheba,

offering your house as a location is amazing, thanks!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [petr](#) on Sun, 24 Feb 2013 21:00:51 GMT
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We're planning on doing a handful of 3D scans of folks and then have a draw (or two or three) as to see who will get printed via Shapeways.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2013 09:26:10 GMT
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Hey Petr,

nice! Which city are you in?

Cheers,

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [Bathsheba](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2013 10:24:56 GMT
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bartv wrote on Sun, 24 February 2013 11:31Hi Bathsheba,
offering your house as a location is amazing, thanks!

I'm too lazy to move my heap o' stuff anywhere else.

Looks like a few more people signed up, so it's on.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [petr](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2013 19:31:07 GMT
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I'm in Portland, OR. I sent a separate email directly to you last week about the meetup. Didn't hear back.

Petr

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2013 19:47:38 GMT
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Hey Petr,

you have an answer in your mail. I got your message yesterday, and things are getting a little busy

Cheers,

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2013 16:56:54 GMT
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Hi all,

with just two more days until the Shapeways World Meetup, it's time for our final update. Things are getting pretty hectic around here, now that we have meetups in over 80 cities with more than 400 participants! We're all *very* excited to see what's about to happen

What can you still do before the meetup?

Please make sure you have selected a location, and add it to the meetup at the top of your page. If the venue is big, explain where people can find you or how they can recognize you.

We're still promoting the event everywhere we can: there is now a banner on every page of Shapeways.com, we have 80 targeted campaigns active on Facebook, and we are reaching out to the press, all to get more people to your meetup! You can still promote the event yourself as well: check out the tips above for some ideas.

Also, post on Twitter or Facebook! For our event's hashtag, see below.

Event hashtag: #SWmeetup

We have settled on using the #SWmeetup hashtag on social media. Please use this in all your communication on social media.

What's going to happen during the World Meetup Day?

Well, whatever YOU want . But here are some practical things:

- To help people find the spot, we've created a 'Shapeways Meetup is Here' flyer for you. Download it [here](#), print it out, and stick it to the door of your venue (don't forget to ask for permission!).
- When people arrive, introduce yourself and explain how the evening is going to work ('everybody buys their own drinks', for example).
- Not everyone who signs up for a meetup will actually show up. It would be very helpful if you could count the number of visitors and let us know afterwards.

Share your event with the world!

We'll be sharing your stories with the entire worldwide community throughout the entire day! During the event, please share stories, photographs and videos on Twitter (use hashtag #SWmeetup), or mail them to community@shapeways.com. We will collect them and repost everything on our Tumblr blog on <http://shapeways.tumblr.com>

Also, it would be grand if we could receive a short report of your evening after the event with a cool picture so we can write a blogpost about what happened everywhere.

Do you have any questions?

Let us know if you need help! Either leave a message here, or mail community@shapeways.com. We're here to help!

Anything else?

Oh yeah, before I forget: HAVE FUN!! I hope you'll meet some great people, learn interesting things and have an awesome evening.

Bart and Natalia

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [natalia](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2013 21:48:32 GMT

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I can't wait -- its gonna be so fun!!

YAY

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [JohnReevesTaylor](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2013 23:14:14 GMT

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We may just have the smallest Meetup in Adelaide Australia. Two of us have agreed that we are

going to Meetup at 10.00 am on the 28th due to the initial low numbers.

Also if you consider the different world time zones our 10.00 am Meetup may make the Adelaide meetup the first to occur in the world. The first sunrise of any new day is in Suva Fiji and at 10.00 am Adelaide time it is only Midday in Fiji.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [fakebusker83](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2013 07:29:01 GMT
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I wasn't expecting a large attendance for a Meetup in the tiny, sunny island of Singapore, but I was taken aback when the final count (as of now) is 18 attendees! This is much more than I could hope for and I'm crossing my fingers that the location can accommodate us! I'd be expecting more will drop by even though they did not sign up on the Meetup page. This is gonna be fun!

-fb

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2013 10:28:46 GMT
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@JohnReevesTaylor how nice and cozy! Please do be sure to send us a picture of your meetup. And congrats on being the first

@fakebusker83 wow! You're now the sixth-largest meetup on our list. Congrats! Singapore is booming!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [SimonePDA](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2013 16:11:33 GMT
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Gearing up in Milan for our Shapeways World Meetup.

We have got the stickers, the brochures and we also have got some late participants. Everything just materialized the day before the event.
We're now 10 expected.

I'm printing out the various signs you supplied here in the Forum to help people find the right spot.

I'll try to cover the event with tweets and pictures.

I'm @SimonePDA on twitter and I'll use the #SWmeetup hastag as instructed.

Busy week here in Italy , but nevertheless it is now time for some chitchat, finger food ad a good drink with other shapers!

simone

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [lensman](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2013 16:20:44 GMT
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TORONTO MeetUp scheduled with six signed up so far: Starbuck's at 15440 Bayview Ave, north of Wellington, in Aurora.

EDIT - Sorry, that should be Second Cup, not Starbucks.

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [irr256](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2013 22:18:45 GMT
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Hi Everyone:

I'll be hosting the Lima Community meeting tomorrow, eleven guests confirmed so far... hopefully more to come.

Since we're kind of late to the party I was wandering if there will be any meetup-specific material online to share with the people coming.

looking forward to a fun evening!

Thanks.

Best regards,

Isaac

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [JohnReevesTaylor](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2013 06:46:45 GMT
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Hi Everybody, Adelaide Australia Meetup underway - I think we were the first and it also the smallest. We were underway at 10:00 am. John and Scott had the smallest MeetUp at The Pantry on Egmont Terrace. Great coffee. Lots of talk about Shapeways stuff.

Heading into the city shortly as the Adelaide Shapeways Meetup continues at Adelaide's FabLab with Ben Dansie and hopefully Karen in attendance.

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2013 09:07:49 GMT
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Hey John and Scott, awesome, I hope you guys had a good time!!

I shared your pic on Tumblr:

<http://shapeways.tumblr.com>

Thanks, and have fun at the Fab Lab (say hi to Ben for me).

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2013 12:04:24 GMT
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@irr256 wow! You're at 14 already I've started a last-minute campaign on Facebook for people in your area, I hope it helps to get even more Shapies on board!

<http://www.meetup.com/ShapewaysCommunity/Lima-PE/868662/>

What kind of meetup-specific material are you looking for? Usually people will be bringing their own 3D prints, so there's plenty to talk about.

Also, please do mail your address to community@shapeways.com and we'll still mail you some goodies.

Have fun tonight!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2013 12:17:33 GMT
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@SimonePDA so glad to hear it! I *knew* there would be a lot of interest for design in Milan

@lensman great!

I hope you both have an awesome evening today!!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [SimonePDA](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2013 15:43:39 GMT
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I already packed up everything in a suitcase (il'm bringing some of the prints I made on my RepRap as "proofs" that can them be printed by your gorgeous professional machines). I twitted the picture of all the stuff with the swmeetup hashtag.

In 25 minutes I'll be leaving for the meeting point.

Let's hope everyone shows up.

simone

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [Bathsheba](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 05:44:01 GMT
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The honor of Cambridge has been upheld!

Please note that there were cookies.

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Milano
Posted by [SimonePDA](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 06:56:32 GMT
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From Milano....

Last night meetup was really good. We were not many, just seven, but we did enjoy talking a lot about 3D print technology and how it is changing many aspects of our life.

We gathered in piazza XXIV maggio as planned and after the 30 minutes planned we moved to a Pizzeria nearby.

Then in the Pizzeria we started the real talks about how Shapeways was the key for this meeting and what each of us was expecting from it. Tech talks, biz talks, ideas and so on. We had a designer, a manufacturer of small but clever accessories for home and office, we had an architect, an university researcher, a student, a technical manager, another young student and me (a technical journalist).

Thanks to the availability of Internet in the Pizzeria we also looked at the creative apps that Shapeways offers (like the minecraft or the vase app) discussing how it could be if we were able to develop something as interesting as these apps (biz talks). One of the main points was: an idea on the Internet or something that uses the Internet but it is physical and somewhere with a

real shop? The answer was "depends on what you're aiming at: B2B or B2C", but that was too easy as an answer and our "idea for our future" didn't show up yet.

Anyway, different points of view and different experiences were the fuel for a very interesting evening. We will create a group on Facebook to keep in touch and exchange our ideas and experiences because we're - or at least we think - a small group that has already understood that our future will involve 3D Print and here in Italy, apart from geniuses like our Enrico Dini, not many do realize that 3D Print is a technology that will be pervasive with a very fast and many "unexpected" applications.

We also shared our 3D prints, with some of us still waiting for the first prints from Shapeways arriving in the mail.

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Milano
Posted by [SimonePDA](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 07:00:57 GMT
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Here we're starting the dinner for Milano Shapeways meetup...

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Milano
Posted by [SimonePDA](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 07:07:19 GMT
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and this is the "goodbye shot".

Thanks and greetings from Tianhang, Stefania, Alessandro, Boris, Li, Simone and Gabriele (that took the pictures).

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [lensman](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 12:15:05 GMT
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The Toronto meetup was really small. There were only six signed up and three actually attended! The weather was a bit miserable so we had to force ourselves out of our warm igloos to brave the elements. A quick 20 minute ride by dog-sled got me to the coffee shop meeting rendezvous.

I got to see the (soon to be world record?) smallest Rubic's Cube in the world - at 5mm width - and its 13yr old designer. Unfortunately Shapeways is no longer printing these since the parts are just so darn small!

Anyway, let's hope future meets will have more of an attendance. Maybe a Spring or Summer event? (sorry for you Shapies Down Under!)

Glenn

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [denali3ddesign](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 13:42:24 GMT
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9 of us showed up for the Minneapolis meetup. Nobody else had printed anything yet, so I showed some prints, set up a my laptop and projector and walked everybody thru the Shapeways site.

One of the members snapped these photos (thanks, Scott!)

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Hamburg
Posted by [Dragoman](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 14:34:17 GMT
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Just a short report from Hamburg, Germany.

Four people announced they would come, five actually were there. Nice evening, chatting, showing stuff, exchanging experiences. Good mix of experienced makers, newbies and simply interested people, artists, jewelers and model makers.

A follow-up date has been scheduled

Greetings
Dragoman

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Hamburg
Posted by [bartv](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 15:03:35 GMT
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Hey Dragoman,

great! I'll do my best to promote it for you.

Did you guys take any pictures? I'd love to share them on our Tumblr page.

Thanks again!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28 - Hamburg
Posted by [rubyscooby](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 16:33:15 GMT
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Shapeway Meetup in San Francisco was a blast! We had 21 people attend. We got to see some really cool stuff that people had made along with the Shapeway samples. We had so much fun we want to turn it into a Monthly meeting!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [bib993](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 16:41:56 GMT

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The Paris meetup was cool! That was fantastic to meet shapies colleagues and share our experience.

@magic: Keep up the "no holes in hollow models" fight

A blog post with some photos can be found here:

Original in French; <http://www.impressions3d.com/2013/02/28/shapeways-world-meetup-paris-2013/>

Translated by Google in English: http://translate.google.fr/translate?sl=fr&tl=en&js=n&prev=_t&hl=fr&ie=UTF-8&eof=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.impressions3d.com%2F2013%2F02%2F28%2Fshapeways-world-meetup-paris-2013%2F

Looking forward to the next one!

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [eddy](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2013 20:57:56 GMT

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sorry for the late, there is the pictures of the Paris Shapeways Meetup:

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [eddy](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2013 21:04:58 GMT

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [eddy](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2013 21:08:52 GMT
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and the demo pack, arrived this morning, fault to a misunderstood, but gone be useful for the next Blender User Group Paris:

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [irr256](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2013 22:09:03 GMT
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Hi everyone!

We had a very fun time at the museum on Thursday, the attendance was about 15 people and most of all we talked about 3D printin technologies, shapeways apps and what would they would like to print.

I've already posted the pictures in this adress:

<http://fab.pe/blog/2013/03/04/ecos-del-meetup-de-shapeways-2-8-de-febrero/>

The upside: Despite the rush and not promoting so much, we got over ten attendants who were

very interested and engaged during the event.

The downside: Due to traffic issues, some attendants came in late and in other cases the museum personnel was not helpful at giving directions to the site, we hope to get that fixed soon.

Thanks a lot!

Isaac

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [bartv](#) on Tue, 05 Mar 2013 12:36:15 GMT

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Thanks eddy and irr256! I just added some of your pictures to our Tumblr page:

<http://shapeways.tumblr.com/tagged/SWmeetup>

I also sent out an invitation to fill out a short survey about the World Meetup event, so that we can try and do better next time. You'll find it here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DmT1VEH8fETVHxD7-fduGGIDBEP/Cxq3mIOmsrgH-fDE/viewform>

It's very short, so it won't take you more than a few minutes to complete it.

Also, please remember that you can start a Shapeways meetup whenever you like! Just let us know and we'll help you out any way that we can.

Have fun!

Bart

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28

Posted by [natalia](#) on Tue, 05 Mar 2013 16:54:18 GMT

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WOW! So many great meetups and photos from around the world!!

Here's one from the New York meetup:

Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [magnusgreni](#) on Tue, 05 Mar 2013 20:14:51 GMT
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Thanks for your support, stickers and samples, Bart:-)

The meetup in Oslo was really nice. We ended up being 7 curios people...
A Landscape architect, an architect, two industrial designers and three visual artists!
Anders Hansen (StudioHansen) and I went through Shapeways.com from a to z and shared our enthusiasm and pursuit for the perfect shapes;-)
I'm sure everyone had a good time.

What to come: A research unit in the Norwegian broadcast company nrkbeta.no are interested in an interview about experience and possibilities in the world of 3D printing! I'm looking forward to that..

.. My dreams come 3d;-)

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Subject: Re: Shapeways World Meetup Day: February 28
Posted by [bartv](#) on Wed, 06 Mar 2013 08:40:29 GMT
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Thanks Magnus! I've added your story to our Tumblr blog as well:

<http://shapeways.tumblr.com/tagged/SWmeetup>

Cheers,

Bart
