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Kenzo plants seeds of affection with social map initiative

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Promotional image for Flower the World

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French fashion house Kenzo is creating a widespread international poppy field online with the launch of a social media campaign.



Using Google mapping technology, #FlowerTheWorld lets consumers "plant" a poppy seed anywhere on Earth, leaving a message behind with their bloom. This effort reinforces the brand's messaging around its Flower by Kenzo scent, which frequently focuses on the unexpected urban places a poppy can grow.

Spreading the love

#FlowerTheWorld was introduced via the Kenzo Parfums Facebook page, directing consumers to the Flower by Kenzo microsite.

There they are invited to "participate in the world's biggest poppy field." After a click, consumers are taken to a page powered by Google, which shows a world map with poppies scattered throughout.



Flower the World

The participants can plant their own poppy. An optional step allows them to add a photo from Facebook or Instagram or upload one from their device. They can then add their name and a message message up to 150 characters.

To place it on the map, consumers can either enter an address or place it on the map by manually dragging the map

underneath a flower icon.

In addition to sharing their own message, consumers can view other messages from around the world, making them part of a global community of Kenzo fans.

Kenzo recently released a five-part video series that brought its Flower fragrance on a world tour (see story), making this campaign a fitting extension.

Other luxury brands have found inventive and engaging ways to leverage Google's mapping capabilities.

British fashion house Burberry engaged consumers in branded peer-to-peer communications through a partnership with Google where users could send loves notes around the world.

The label created a microsite for the Burberry Kisses campaign that let consumers send and view notes that had been sent. Burberry was likely trying to convert its followers' closest companions to brand enthusiasts (see story).

This initiative may have a similar effect for Kenzo, getting its brand fans to spread the word about its fragrances to their followers.

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