

So, we're talking about how we could describe our temporary interventions as 'Guerrilla Play Activities', when Erica says "There's a garden near my house where there used to be a Gorilla hanging out in a tree- you could see it from the street." and that gets us thinking....

Maybe if they've still got it, we could go and take a picture of it, and use it as a symbol for our guerrilla play idea.....

So, at the end of the meeting, we set off to see if her friend still has his Gorilla. When we get there, he's busy painting his front door, so we ask "Do you still have your Gorilla?"



Yes, he has, but he apologises that the Gorilla has been a bit neglected, since the tree it used to live in got chopped down, and it has been a bit abandoned in a corner of the garden. Anyway, he fetches said Gorilla, and we dust it down, and decide that we will take it over to the park opposite to get some photos of it on the play equipment.....



We take some photos, and within a minute some of the children in the park have come over, and are asking us why are we in a park with a gorilla, and can they play with it too, and will it be here again tomorrow.....



And it strikes us that this Gorilla does indeed symbolise what we have been discussing, and maybe we will be using it again- perhaps some temporary spray painted footprints here, and a "Have you seen this Gorilla?" poster there....



...and we could take the Gorilla and friends on trips to other places too...

A simple idea, emerging from discussions, quickly acted upon to see what happens when it is taken out into the public realm, which in turn provides opportunities to talk to other people... it's all about investing in people, not in 'stuff'