

Playful Thinking

2021

COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL

Think Bigger: Fix Everything

Melbourne, Australia

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about **play**?

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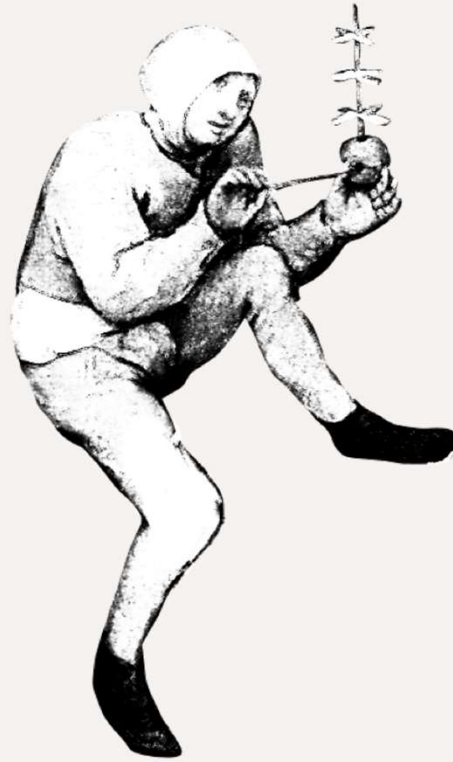
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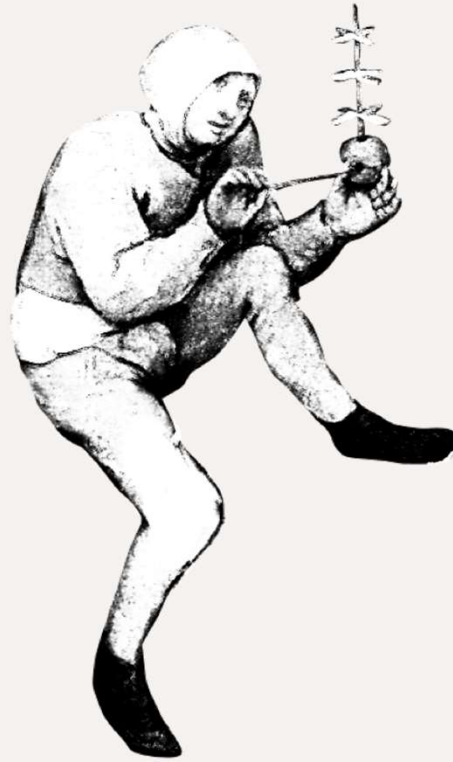
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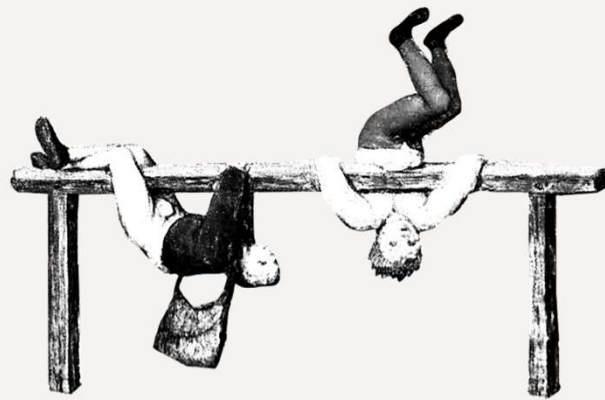
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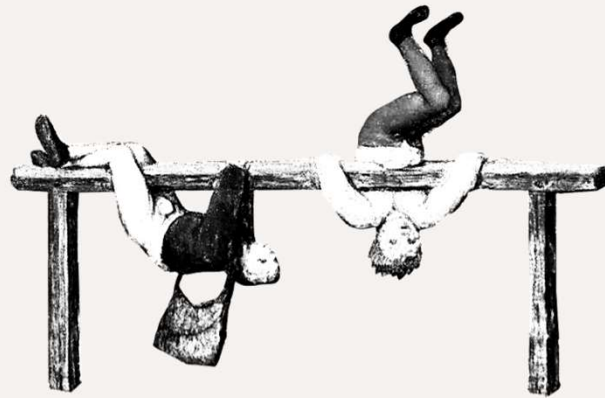
Toys & Tools



Playgrounds



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Games

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Think bigger and fix everything
by thinking more about play

Which are you more like?

This

That

How to play:

1. Select a word
2. Guess your partner's choice of word
3. Explain why you chose your word

Which are you more like?

Tree

River

Which are you more like?

Submarine

Helicopter

Play helps us find
and create
meaning



Play Reactive



Choices

Experiences

Identity

Knowledge

Assumptions

Influences

Fears

Desires

Relationships

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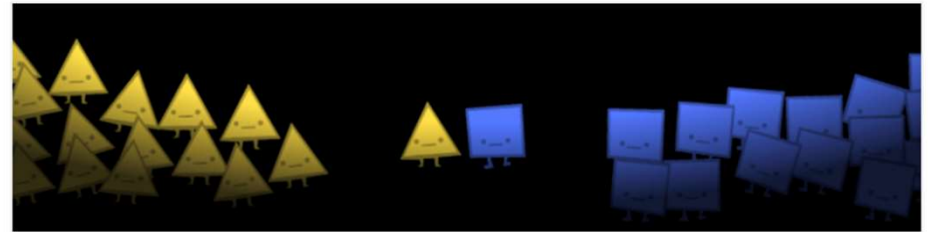


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Hi, I'm **Nicky!** I make shtuff for curious & playful folks.



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Think bigger and fix everything
by allowing play to open us up to
meaningful interactions



**WHAT'S
FOR
DINNER?**





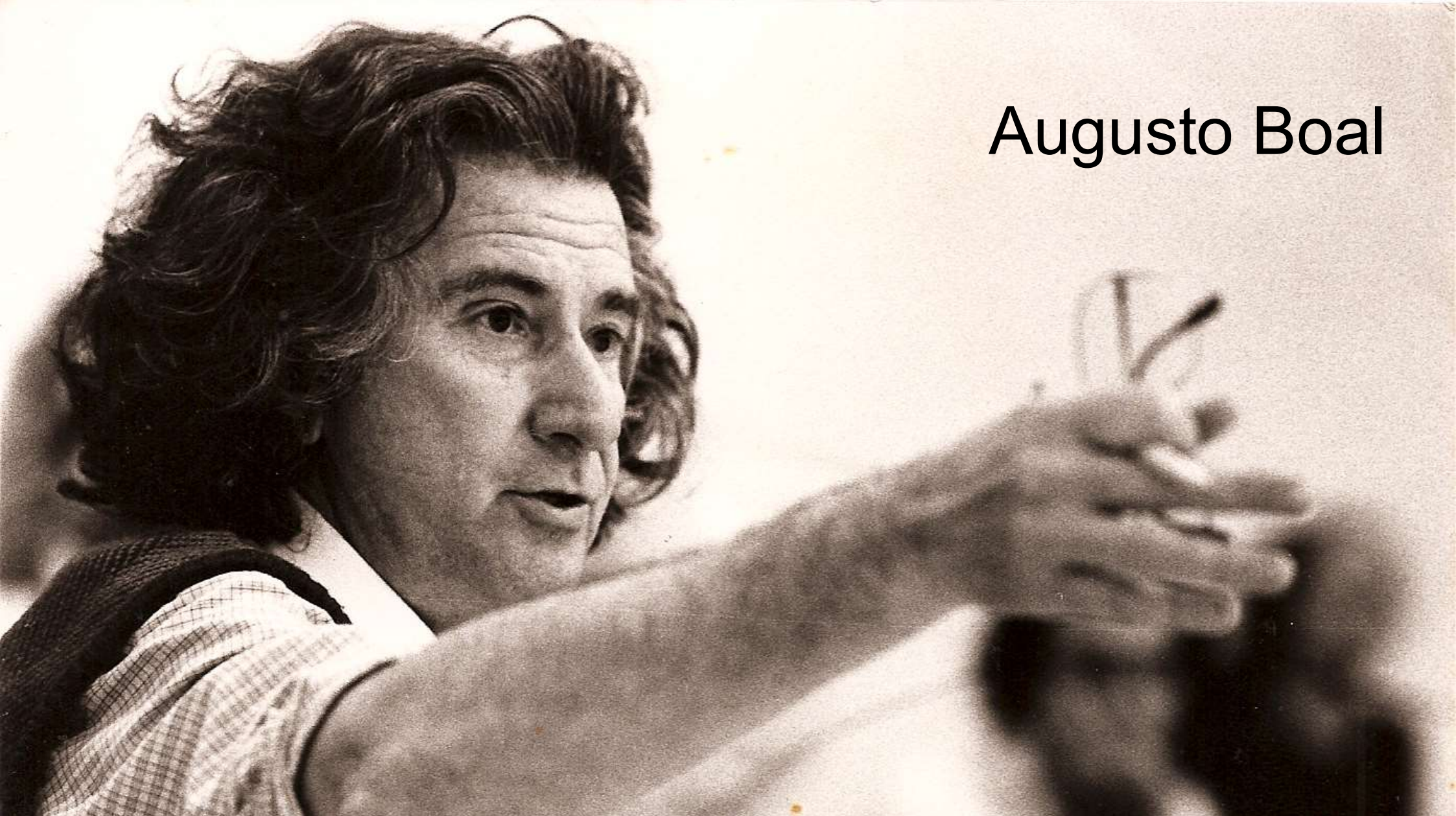
1. Food makes us feel safe
2. Physical connection
3. Using your voice
4. Sharing of yourself
5. Making eye contact
6. Laughing together

Play opens us up
to
self-expression

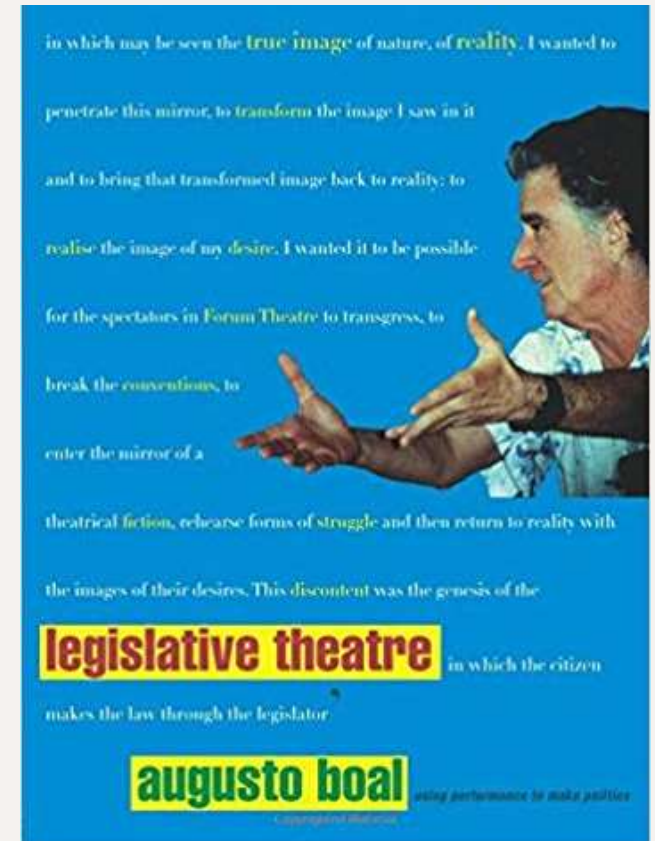
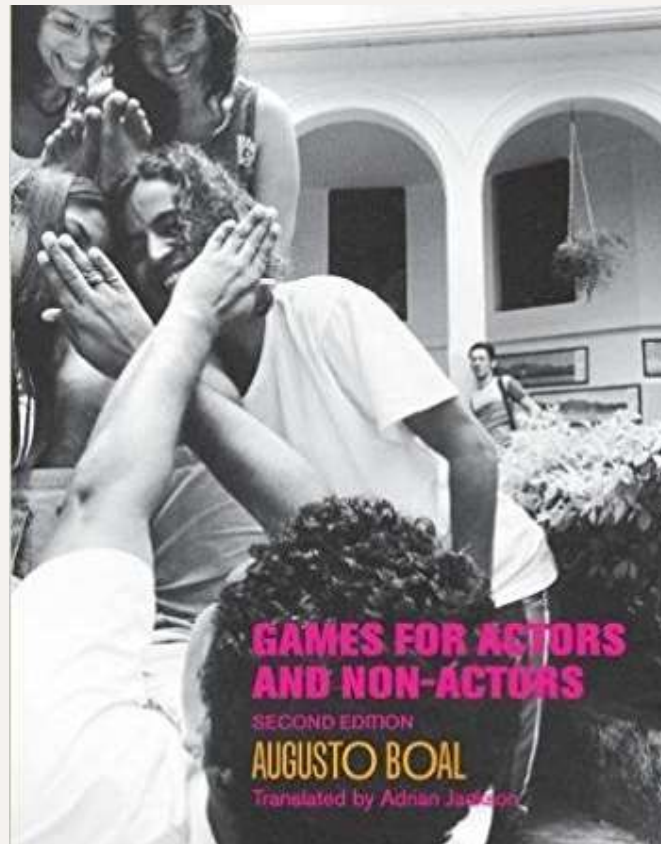
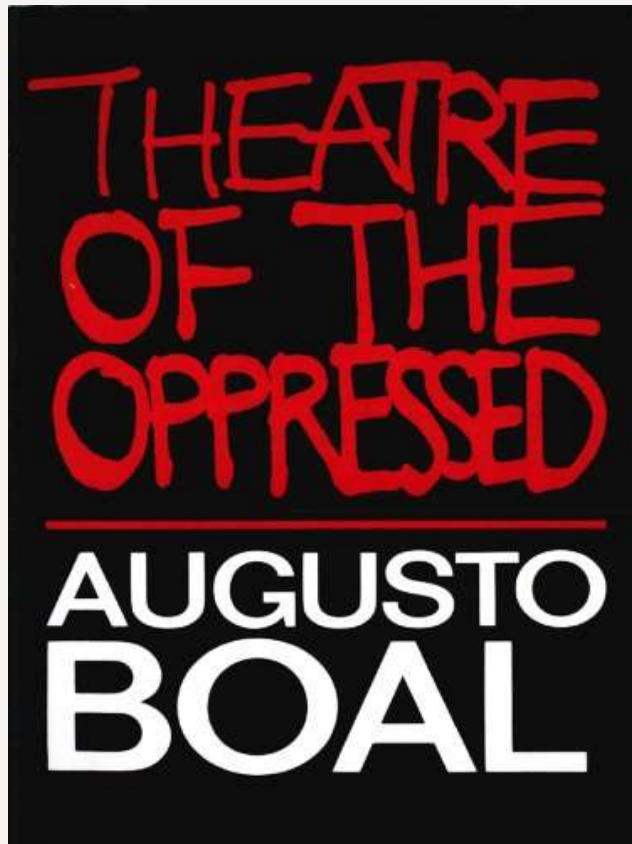
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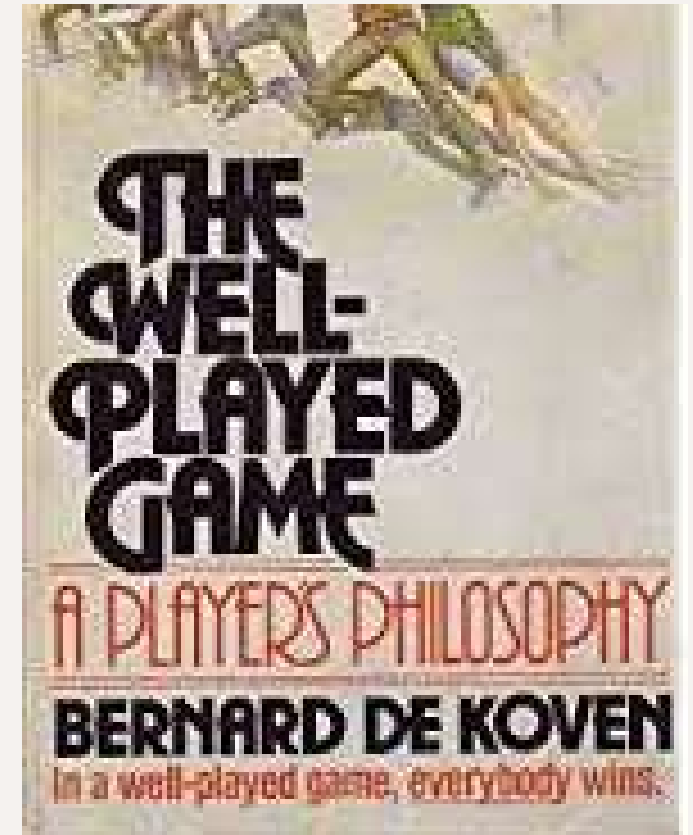
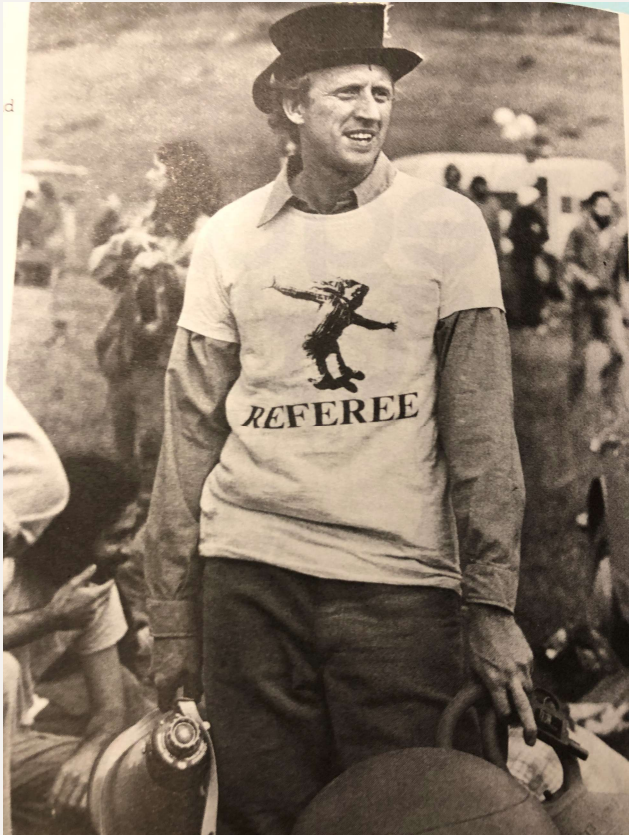


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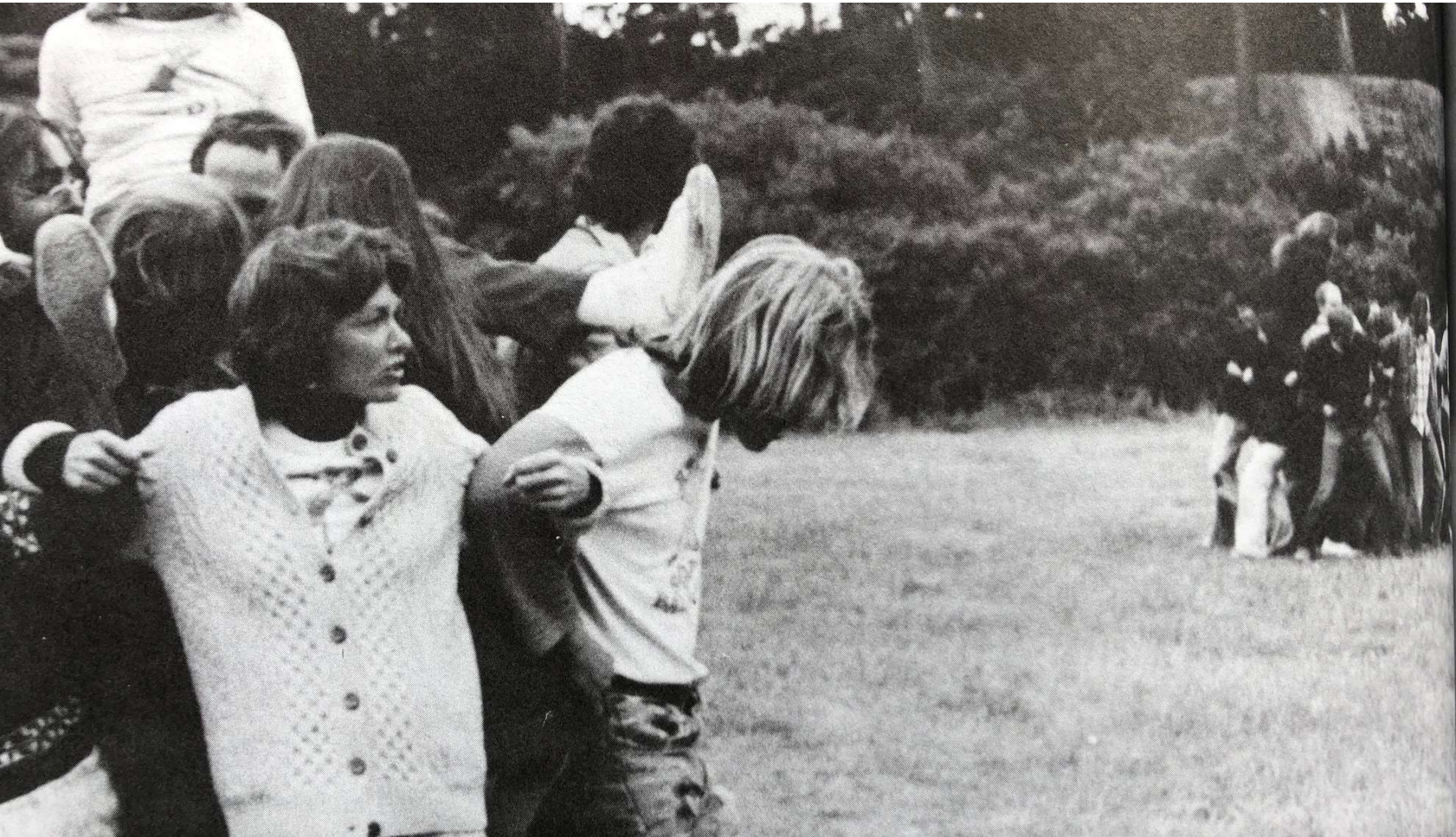
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by being a Spectactor

Play helps us to
create
community

The New Games Foundation

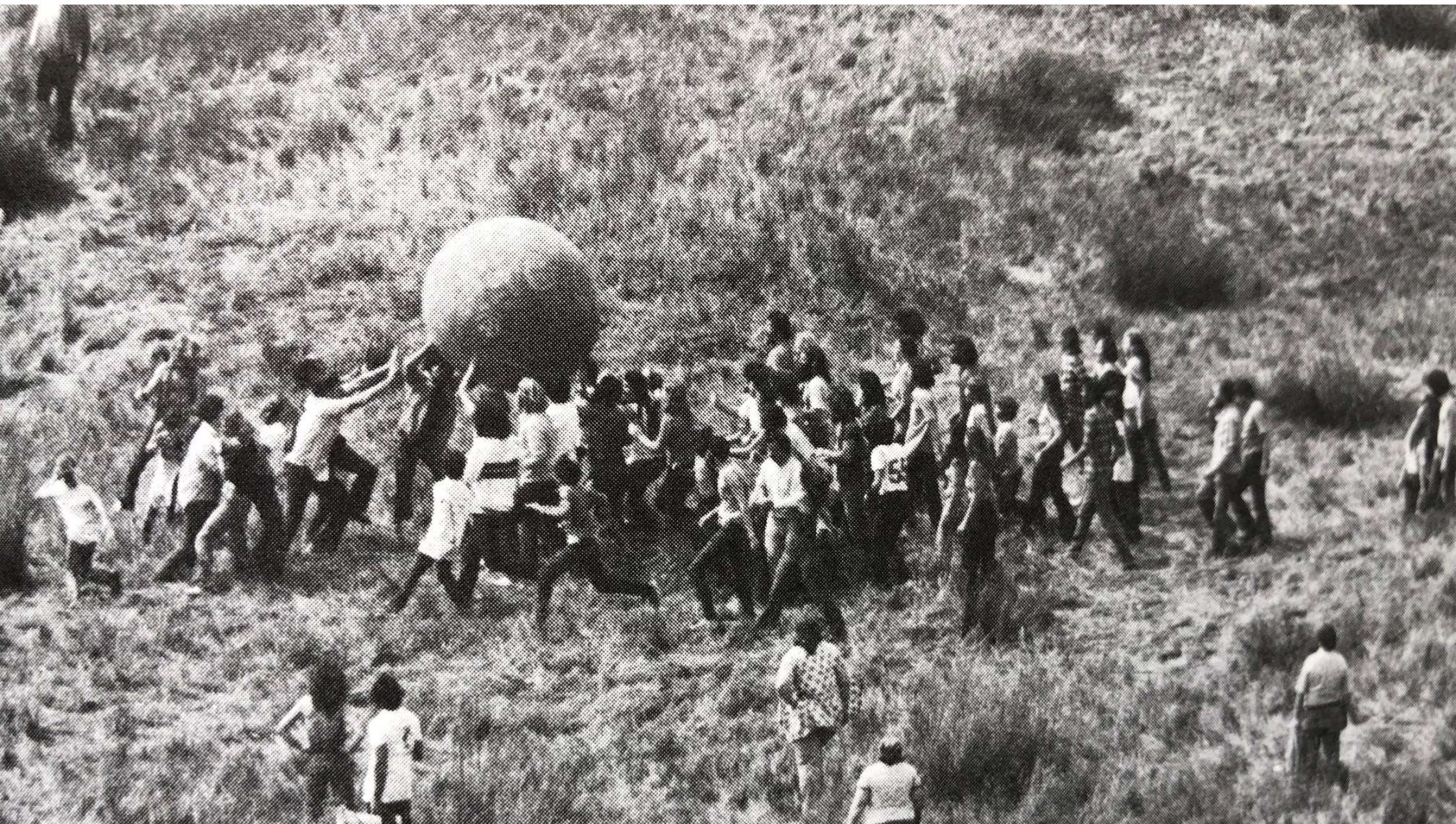












The Play Community

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The game changes to suit the players.

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The Willingness to Play

Trust

Safety

Boundaries

Familiarity

Find the well-played game

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Think bigger and fix everything
by cultivating play communities







How to play:

1. Say a word each, simultaneously
2. Say a new word each, simultaneously
3. Keep saying words until you say the same word at the same time

Play is deeply intertwined with human life, helps us to find and create meaning, opens us up to ethical self-expression and can guide us to create compassionate and connected communities.

Thank you

Q&A

