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Rider Spoke: games meets bikes meets London city streets

A new Barbican exhibition aims to explore "how games and new communication technologies are creating new social spaces"

Blast Theory, the folks who merged the city of Manchester with an internet-based game in Uncle Roy All Around You and mixed the mechanics of TV hit series 24 with player-generated avatars in Day of the Figurines are at it again. Their latest mixed-media adventure is Rider Spoke, already under way at the Barbican in London.

From the release:

Take a cycle ride in the streets around the Barbican. A games console mounted on your handlebars will guide you as you roll through the City of London. Slip down an alley and find yourself in a quiet corner. Make a recording then move on glimpsing traces of other players, eavesdropping under a bridge or from the top of a multi story car park.

It's a kind of Geocaching hide-and-seek treasure hunt, via bike. The aim, according to the website, is to explore the places where gaming meets communication to create new social spaces.

More on Blast Theory is here.