

# Green Urban Paths

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EXPLORE THE CITY



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## **TARGET GROUP**

1. Audience of all ages (families, couples, adults, children...).
2. Interest in cultural heritage (oral tradition). People with a creative profile.
3. People committed to nature and sustainability.
4. Participation in the activities.

## **MESSAGE**

Discovering and valuing our natural and cultural environment through oral storytelling and interpretation.

## **THE GAME AS AN INTRODUCTION**

**Zip, Zap Zup game.** Explanation of the game, to break the ice.

The way to play is to make a circle where, one person sends a slap or a "boost" or "energy ball" to another person while saying "Zip," the one who receives it sends it to another person saying "Zap," the one who receives it this time, sends it to another person saying "Zup" and so on alternately. Body movements can be included.

It can also be done as an elimination game, if they make a mistake they are eliminated and, the last three, will be the winners of the game.

## **Character:**

Adelina is the main character and the one who tells, at each stop, the stories and anecdotes referring to that same place and to the people who have to do with it. She is an older woman who has lived in Ibi and knows the town and many of its inhabitants very well. She has a very open character, is sociable, enterprising and, above all, has a very good memory!

**(Outside the market)**



**Adelina:** Good morning, I am Adelina from Ibi. For my friends I am "La Menudeta".

Do you know why they used to call me that?

**(The audience shakes their heads in denial)**

Well, in the old days, in the villages, it was common to give people nicknames. Besides, I didn't grow up as I should have, I was a little girl, my father said I didn't grow up because I talked so much. That's what I did, and I did it all the time!

Another thing, does anyone know this village? Yes, no...?

Well, if you feel like it, I'll tell you my story. I was born near here many years ago, I came to Ibi a few years later. When I grew up, I got married and stayed for good. Do you know what I did for a living? Although it wasn't easy to start a business (even less so if you were a woman), I set up a shop where we sold everything, including home-grown fruit and vegetables! A few years later, I retired and closed the business.

I don't know how I did it with five children, in-laws in my care and a husband who was a bit delicate, but in the end, it all worked out fine.

**(Answers someone from the audience)**

- You have been very brave! Other women were not so lucky.

- With perseverance and effort everything can be achieved!

Well, now that you know a little about me, I am going to tell you a little about my adopted town. What is Ibi like? Well, what can I tell you? Ibi is a hard-working and enterprising town, first there were family businesses, ice cream parlours, toy shops? And, nowadays, there are important companies that work with plastic.

Does anyone know the story of Amparo or Amparito? No?

**(The audience shakes their heads in curiosity)**

Now we are going to visit the market and there I will tell you its history, what do you think?

Now, starting with the market, we are going to visit five very interesting places in Ibi, I will explain each one to you and, afterwards, you will be able to ask questions, tell curiosities, anecdotes? I'm sure they will surprise you!

**(Already on the market)**

**Character:**

**Amparo or Amparito** is a woman in her 60s who was born and still lives there with her family. She has worked in the village market since she was very young. She is a short, hard-working woman with a big heart.

- Well, look, Amparo, at that time, Amparito, was a little girl who spent the day at the market because her father "Durano" had a bar there. Amparito grew up among shops and shopkeepers. Her games, and even her homework, always took place there.

If you want to know something good about this situation, here goes!

**(The following explanation is made in a low voice, as if whispering a secret)**

The good thing was that Amparito was appreciated by everyone and every time she went round the market stalls, there was always someone who gave her a piece of bread, some almonds, some olives, some typical local sweet.... In her own way, she was happy in those days.

**(Raising his voice enthusiastically)**

What luck! Isn't it?

Do you want to know what happened to Amparito?

**(Audience showing more curiosity)**

She grew up, fell in love and today runs a bar in the same place, with her husband, daughter and grandchildren. A bar in the market, familiar and close.

Does anyone know the name of this bar today? If you don't know it, visit it, it's worth a visit.

Since my time, this market has not stopped growing and evolving. Nowadays, it is a point of reference in Ibi, for its familiarity, proximity and sustainability.

Oh, by the way, did you know that over the years it has won several awards for its quality?

So, if you want quality and proximity? The market is waiting for you!

Everything they make is very good, I recommend the tapas and the "coquetes fregides". Try them, really!

Well, let's go on, did you like this story?

**(Audience nods in agreement)**

Well, if you feel like it, I'll also tell you the story of "Uncle Canya", but for that, let's visit the ecopark.

Let's get going!

**(Already in the Ecopark the stop is made)**

**Character:**

**Tio Canya** He was an elderly man, who lived in Ibi all his life. He was a patient man, who always gave good advice. One of his many qualities was his ability to fix broken or damaged objects.

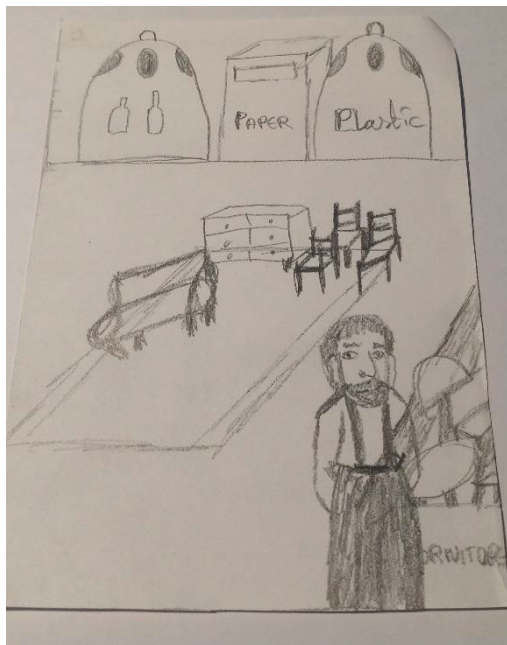


Does anyone know who this character was, or have you heard of him? Well, I'll tell you that uncle Canya was an old man who had very good hands for fixing things and whom many neighbours asked for help when something broke in the house. Whenever he could, he would escape to a nearby rubbish dump and there, after choosing, discarding, checking, etc., he would load up everything he thought could be useful in some way and he would load it with his donkey Casildo and take it home.

What do you think his wife thought of all this and the fact that he filled his house with useless junk? In fact, as you may be thinking, his wife was not amused. But after seeing the inventions that her husband could create, how he gave them a second chance of use, and, above all, the amount of toys that he created and gave to the children (who at that time could not afford them) .... The truth is that, although they had their arguments, they were always a happy married couple.

¿Do you know the best thing of all?

When uncle Canya died, as a tribute, an eco-park was built sometime later, in the same landfill that had brought him so much happiness in life, an eco-park named after him. An eco-park that is still standing today, where he is remembered as the first man to promote the circular economy and recycling.



- Did you like the story?

**(Audience nods in agreement)**

Well, I still have some interesting things to tell you!

Now we are going to visit some social vegetable gardens promoted by the Ibi City Council.

**(Already in the social gardens)**



**Urban gardens:** These are plots in the public parks and gardens of Ibi, where the elderly can go to cultivate, with the aim that the elderly is integrated, have an occupation and agriculture is not lost.

I will tell you, for example, that Ibi has always been a town in which many people were dedicated to industry, but agriculture also had its place. The fields full of almond and olive trees, the vegetable gardens? Do you know how people subsisted in the bad times?

From the land, of course! Because these people could eat in the past, thanks to having a piece of land. What do you think is the current state of agriculture?

Well, as in other places, agriculture is more and more abandoned, young people have more studies and more professional opportunities and they tend to move to earn a living, or they stay in Ibi to work in industries, especially in plastics.

**(Replies someone from the audience)**

- Yes, and as the fields are less and less worked, we have more and more fires. Solutions should be found and put into practice now!

- Is there any good news?

Yes, there is! Today, Ibi has social gardens where, thanks to elderly people, people without resources, people at risk of social exclusion, or simply people who want to work the land and see its fruits in the future, they enjoy these experiences every day.



Oh, and another thing! If you like competitions, sometimes there are some very interesting and creative ones.

Well, well, and...

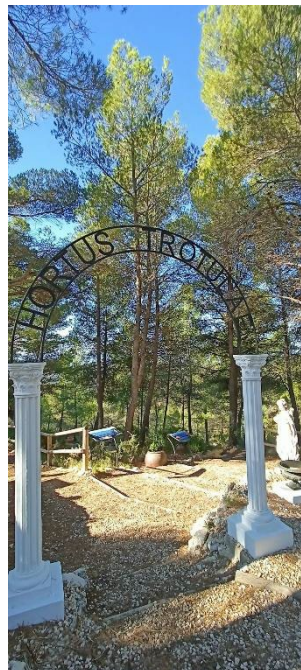
What can we say about the flora of Ibi? Do you know the Botanical Garden of the Torretes Biological Station? You all know that in the past and nowadays, plants have always been very useful, especially for curing certain illnesses.

¿Te gustan las plantas y la flora en general? ¡Ahora vamos a visitar un lugar especial, Torretes!

#### **(The general public replies)**

- How cool!

#### **(Already in Torretes)**



**Torretes:** The Biological Station of Torretes - Botanical Garden of the University of Alicante is located in Ibi, province of Alicante and constitutes an important biological corridor that

connects the central plains with the mountainous regions of the north of the province. It is a living laboratory and a reference model for building more rational and sustainable living environments in our cities.

- I suppose you know that the medieval medicinal gardens and orchards were the source of medicines, food and condiments for the monks and the population of the area.

**(People are asked quietly)**

Do you want to know a curiosity? I'll tell you!

Because of their value, they were installed inside an enclosure surrounded by high walls, fortresses, churches, monasteries, etc.

They used to consist of 3 parts: Hortus simpliciorum, which was the garden of medicinal plants.

Hortus pomarium, this was the fruit orchard, with cultivated and wild fruits.

And the Hortus viridarium, which supplied cereals and vegetables.

Within the Christian tradition, there are many invocations of plants to saints such as St. John's wort or Marian thistle, some of which we have here. Do you know them?

**(Replies someone from the audience)**

- Another very interesting thing is the "Passionibus Mulierum".

Do these words ring a bell?

**(The public shakes its head)**

In the Women's Garden there is a scientific explanation of menstruation, conception, pregnancy, childbirth, diseases of the uterus and urinary tract, as well as all the plants necessary for the postpartum period, the control of treatment, which are the ones most on display here in this space.

In addition, the Garden of Women is a tribute to other forgotten female figures of antiquity such as Mary the Hebrew, Cleopatra of Alexandria, Hypatia, Anna Comnenus and Saint Hildegard among others, and to more modern women scientists such as Jane Colden, Elisabeth Blackwell, Mariane North and Lynn Margulis.

Interesting, isn't it? Have you seen how many intelligent women there are? It is a good thing that nowadays girls are encouraged to study science, technology... What do you think?

**(Someone from the audience answers...)**

- How strange, a garden dedicated to women!



- Yes, thanks to the fact that girls nowadays are already although there is still a long way to go, we are making progress as a society. Thank goodness! In my day...

Another thing... Do you know the word 'herbero'? I'm sure the locals know it!

**(Some in the audience smile mischievously)**

As some of you already know, it is a tradition to make homemade herbal liqueurs in the north of Alicante, especially in the area of the Sierra de Mariola.

Did you know that herbero is a product originating from Alicante and the south of Valencia?

Its origin is ancient, and it was used as a medicine.

**(Adelina asks quietly)**

¿ Do you want to know how it is used today?

**(The audience smiles more, some of them laugh...)**

- Yes, as many of you are thinking, nowadays it is drunk mainly at local festivals.

Now we will also see outside the "colour scale" with colouring spices such as saffron, safflower, sumac and paprika. It is dedicated to a great writer, cook and pioneer in the defence of women's rights.

Can you guess who we are talking about? Come on, name names!

**(The public shakes its head)**

Well, none other than Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz of New Spain (17th century) who compiled and created sweet and savoury recipes that contributed to Mexican cuisine.

Finally, I recommend a quiet visit to the Botanical Garden of the Torretes Biological Station, especially for those of you who like botany and ethnobotany. For me, it is a very special place to go with the little ones and let them learn about the biodiversity of the area.



Finally, we are going to visit a place very dear to me, El Barranc dels Molins!

Does anyone know it or know where it is?

**(The public replies)**

- Well, let's find out now!

**(Once there)**



**El Barranc dels Molins:** it is located on the outskirts of Ibi. There is a spring of water in it. Years ago, flour and paper mills were built along the course of the ravine. Nowadays, it is a very popular hiking route.

The Barranc dels Molins is located to the north of Ibi. Can anyone tell us what is preserved in this ravine? Yes? No?

**(The audience shakes its head...)**

Well, one of the most important examples of watermills in Alicante is still preserved.

And do you know where it is from? What is its origin?

**(The audience remains silent)**

Well, I will tell you that the origin of the mill dates back to 1343. The oldest written reference to the first known mill dates from this date.

In the 16th century, five more mills were built, and in the 19th century, the Molí Nou and the Molí de Paper, in and around this watercourse in Ibi, had as many as eight water mills.

Do you know what they did?

**(The public is curious)**

They were dedicated to making flour or trading with it. It is believed that in the Barranc dels Molins de Ibi there has existed in the past a mill or structure used for the exploitation of water, because in the surroundings many remains of previous cultures have been found. Almost all of these mills worked until the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

The Molí Nou mill lasted until the 1960s because it was equipped with electric machinery.

¿Do you know La fuente de Santa María?

**(The audience shakes its head and shows interest in the response.)**



Well, the Santa María spring supplied the mills in the ravine and also served to irrigate the vegetable gardens of Ibi and supply the town.

Finally, I would like to tell you that, nowadays, the Barranc dels Molins Natural Park is an accessible leisure area for many people.

Would you like to discover it on an easy hiking route? You'll love it for sure!

By the way, you can take advantage of this route to listen to some curious and disturbing stories! Do you dare?

**(The public is curious)**

- This is the end of my story and my past! It only remains for me to tell you that I have been very happy in this village and I hope that, just as I discovered it, you can do the same, I'm sure it will not leave you indifferent!

**Farewell with a song (bacchanal 9, by the group Pelandruska) to dance together in a circle.**

Pelandruska: is a folk band, they play their own music, klezmer, psicofolc, traditional music...

**SEE YOU NEXT TIME!**

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