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Useful organisations and information

The Playday website www.playday.org.uk will be regularly updated with information about the campaign, including event listings, resources for event organisers, information for journalists, and results of the Playday research.



Play

Play England

Play England promotes excellent free play opportunities for all children and young people. It provides advice and support to promote good practice, and works to ensure that the importance of play is recognised by policy-makers, planners and the public. National and regional staff are available to provide advice and support to Playday event organisers. www.playengland.org.uk or 020 7843 6300

Play Wales

Play Wales is the national organisation for children’s play. It is a charity that provides advice, support and guidance for all those in Wales who have a concern or responsibility for any environment where children and young people might play. Play Wales upholds children’s right to play and believes that freely chosen play is critically important in the healthy development of all children and young people. All children are entitled to quality play provision within their communities and Play Wales works strategically to achieve this goal on their behalf. www.playwales.org.uk or 029 2048 6050

To find your local authority visit www.direct.gov.uk, www.upmystreet.com or www.northernireland.gov.uk

Play Scotland

Play Scotland works to promote the importance of play for all children and young people, and campaigns to create increased play opportunities in the community. Play Scotland is engaged in political lobbying, developing strategic resources, workforce development and research into play provision.

www.playscotland.org or 0131 440 9070

PlayBoard Northern Ireland

PlayBoard is the lead agency for the promotion and development of play in Northern Ireland. The organisation works strategically to lobby and advocate for the child's right to play.

www.playboard.org or 028 9080 3380

Charter for Children's Play

Following consultation with the play and children's sectors, Play England has revised the Charter for Children's Play, which sets out a vision for play, outlining the basic principles of what play means for children and what we should all do to promote their right to enjoy it. The charter has been widely adopted and can be used as a tool to support your campaign.

Play England has also published *Making it Happen: Implementing the Charter for Children's Play*. The booklet is a practical guide for those using the charter and sets out some real actions that people can take to improve play opportunities in their local areas.

www.playengland.org.uk/resources

ChildcareLink

For childcare organisation listings and your local Children's Information Service, phone ChildcareLink on 0800 2346346.

www.childcarelink.gov.uk

Children's Play Information Service (CPIS)

A specialist information resource providing information on aspects of children's play. CPIS produces fact sheets on a variety of play topics, which can help you to organise your Playday event and wider campaign.

www.ncb.org.uk/library/cpis or 020 7843 6303/6026

Free Play Network

A network of individuals and organisations, which aims to promote the need for better play opportunities for children.

www.freeplaynetwork.org.uk or 020 8440 9276

Kids

Offering access to a variety of play, leisure and social opportunities for disabled children aged 5–19 years.

www.kids.org.uk or 020 7359 3073

Local play networks and associations

To find your nearest local play network or association contact the Children's Play Information Service (CPIS) by calling 020 7843 6303/6026.

Playful Communities

The Playful Communities website provides information, advice and resources for individuals, local community groups, third sector organisations and others who are developing play provision in their local neighbourhood. As well as helping you ensure your project covers the key aspects of high-quality play provision, community development and design, the website also contains resources to help you convince others that local people should be involved in play provision, and shows how to highlight the benefits this can deliver to children, families and the community. There is information about fund-raising, keeping children safe and how to promote your project including using social networking. Playful Communities is part of Play England's Community Play Programme.

www.playfulcommunities.org.uk or 020 7833 6838

Play Shaper

Play Shaper helps the professionals who plan, design, build and manage communities understand the importance of children's play and their role in creating more child-friendly public spaces.

The Play Shaper website is crammed with useful information for local authorities and the full range of their partners, to support the development of effective and sustainable approaches to play across the whole public realm. Play Shaper is being delivered by a partnership led by Play England with Playwork Partnerships and SkillsActive.

www.playshaper.org.uk or 020 7843 6300

SkillsActive

After being involved in a Playday event, you might be inspired take the first steps towards a career in playwork. SkillsActive is the sector skills council for active leisure and learning, and can advise on training and employment opportunities.

www.skillsactive.com or 020 7632 2000

Play safety

Children 1st

For more information on protection and safety of children and young people in Scotland.

www.children1st.org.uk or 0131 446 2300

Health and Safety Executive

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is the non-departmental public body of the UK government responsible for regulating risks to health and safety in the UK. They provide specific guidance on managing risk in play provision.

www.hse.gov.uk or 0845 345 0055

NSPCC

For more about safeguarding children at events.

www.nspcc.org.uk or 0808 800 5000

Play Safety Forum

The Play Safety Forum brings together organisations interested in play safety including those from the voluntary, statutory and private sectors. They have produced *Managing risk in play provision: A position statement* to support the work of those involved in play provision. *Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation guide*, was launched in January 2009 by Play England, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Play Safety Forum. The guidance advises play providers and play space designers on how to manage risk in play provision, and promotes a sensible and practical approach that will help children experience adventure and challenge in their local play space. You can download the publication and order copies at www.playengland.org.uk/resources. The Play England policy team convene the Play Safety Forum.

playpolicy@ncb.org.uk or 020 7843 6300

RoSPA

RoSPA provides information on playground management and the safety of indoor and outdoor play areas. It also has a list of helpful publications to aid in understanding and maintaining play safety.

www.rospace.com/playsafety or 01367 244600

General directories

Directgov

For all kinds of government information and services including details of how to contact your local authority.

www.direct.gov.uk

UpMyStreet

To find wide-ranging information about an area by easy postcode search, including contact details for relevant local authority departments.

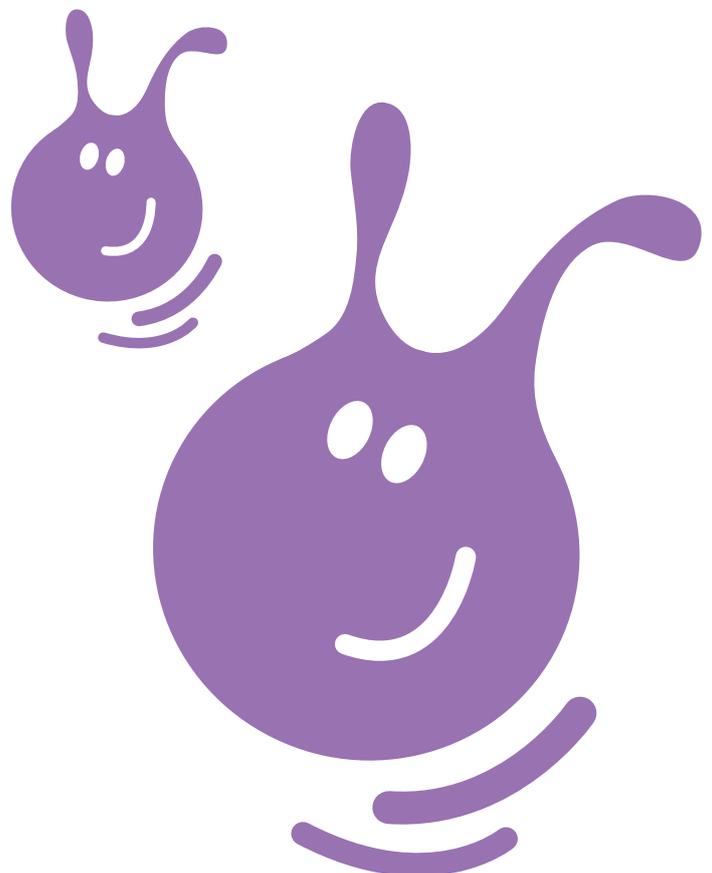
www.upmystreet.com

Campaigning

Playday campaigns

For information about Playday campaigns past and present.

www.playday.org.uk or 020 7843 6300



YouthLink Scotland

The national youth work agency for Scotland.
www.youthlink.co.uk or 0131 313 2488

Youth Scotland

Offering those involved in youth work a range of information, training and support.
www.youthscotland.org.uk or 0131 554 2561

Participation

Participation Works

An online gateway to the world of children and young people's participation.
www.participationworks.org.uk or 0845 603 6725

UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)

Enables young people to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better. Run by young people for young people, UKYP provides opportunities for 11-18 year-olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change.
www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk or 020 7553 9890

Young NCB

A group of children and young people who speak out about the important issues and decisions that affect them. It is open to all children and young people who are 17 or under and live in England and Northern Ireland.
www.ncb.org.uk or 020 7843 6000

Funky Dragon

The Children and Young People's Assembly for Wales. A peer-led organisation aiming to give young people up to age 25 the opportunity to have their voices heard on issues that affect them, particularly by the Welsh Assembly Government.
www.funkydragon.org or 01792 450 000 / 01978 262 370

SCCYP

Offering a participation portal which brings together a wide range of information and resources on participation for those working with children and young people.
www.sccyp.org.uk or 0131 558 3733

Event organising

Contacting your local authority

Your local authority should be your first port of call for further advice and guidelines when

organising your event. To find details of your local authority and its responsibilities, visit www.direct.gov.uk or www.upmystreet.com. If you are planning an event in Northern Ireland, visit www.northernireland.gov.uk.

Emergency services

Ambulance: St John's Ambulance (www.sja.org.uk or 020 7324 4000), British Red Cross (www.redcross.org.uk or 0844 871 11 11) and local ambulance corps have volunteers who can attend local events, usually for a small donation.

Fire: For more information on fire prevention.
www.fireservice.co.uk

Police: For details of your neighbourhood team and how to contact them.
www.neighbourhoodpolicing.co.uk

Environmental health departments

For food safety advice contact your local environmental health department.
www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/enforceessential/yourarea or 020 7276 8829

Food Standards Agency

For further information about keeping food safe.
www.eatwell.gov.uk

Media Trust

Providing comprehensive media and communications online guides, including PR, marketing and dealing with the media. Use its guide *Compiling a media list* to find newspaper, television and radio contact details. Go to the online guides in the training and events section of their website.
www.mediatrust.org or 020 7217 3717

Playday events

For latest Playday news and information, to share tips with fellow Playday organisers and to post details of your event online.
www.playday.org.uk or 020 7843 6300

VolResource

Providing advice for voluntary and community organisations including tips on organising events.
www.volresource.org.uk

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