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Useful organisations and information

The Playday website 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. Visit www.playday.org.uk.



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 produced 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

www.playengland.org.uk/resources

ChildcareLink

For childcare organisation listings and your local Children's Information Service, phone ChildcareLink on 0800 234 6346.

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 between 5 and 19.

www.kids.org.uk

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.

Neighbourhood Play Toolkit

A comprehensive resource for local groups and play services working to increase access to good play opportunities for children and young people in their neighbourhoods. Topics include making groups work, productive meetings, involving children and the community, funding, insurance, design, health and safety, and working with the media. Play England is currently updating this resource with a view to publishing later this year.

www.playengland.org.uk/resources

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

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.teachernet.gov.uk/publications.

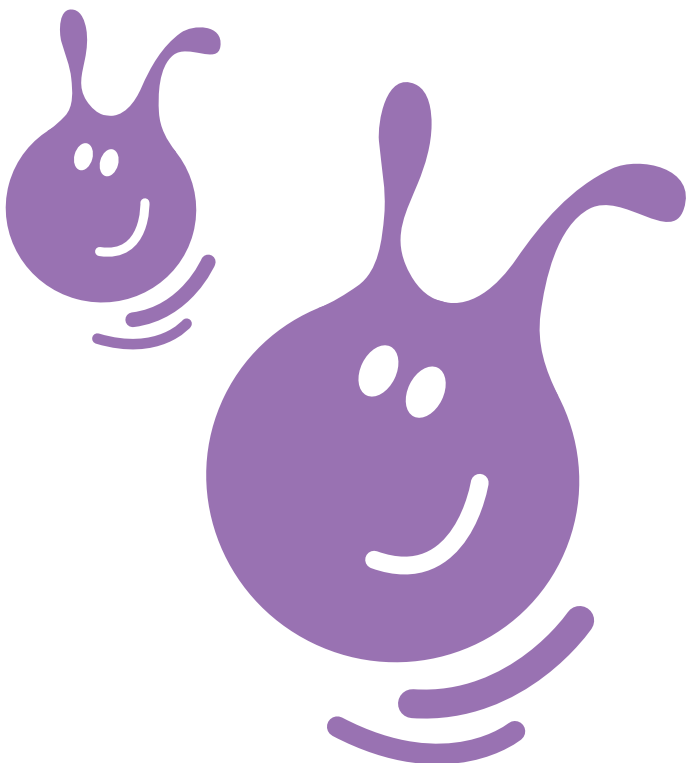
The Play England policy team convene the Play Safety Forum.

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

British Youth Council

For information on campaigning and lobbying aimed at young people.

www.byc.org.uk or 0845 458 1489

Playday campaigns

For information about Playday campaigns past and present.

www.playday.org.uk

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

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

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People (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/laresource/yourarea

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

VolResource

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

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