

Children and Young People's Services



Nottinghamshire
County Council

A Quick Guide to the Play Service

Our Plans

We work to:

- "Building a Future" County Strategy
- Childcare Act
- Notts Play Strategy
- Children & Young Peoples Plan
- Notts Participation Strategy

Other Links:

- National Awarding Bodies (Playwork Training)
- Children's Centres
- Extended Services around schools
- Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
- Local Strategic Partnerships
- New Opportunities Fund

Our Focus:

- Age group 5 and over (some childcare development may involve provision for younger children)
- Empowering local communities
- Focus on greatest need
- Aims to be inclusive

Our Partners

- District/Borough Councils
- Notts Children's Fund
- Play Forums
- Children and young people
- Play Nottinghamshire



We are:

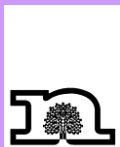
- play development team
- out of school co-ordinator team
- playwork training team

We:

- support the child's right to play
- bring play to communities
- raise the quality of play
- promote inclusive play
- promote the value of play

We support:

We provide, support, develop and sustain a diverse range of quality play opportunities to meet the needs of children and young people (aged 5 and over) in Nottinghamshire.



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PLAY SERVICE

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PLAY DEVELOPMENT

OUT OF SCHOOL

PLAYWORK TRAINING

A countywide team of Play Development Workers:

- Develops community playschemes
- Runs a bank of playworkers
- Runs Play Projects (Hawtonville and Eastwood)
- Organises Play Days
- Provides grant aid to Playschemes
- Organises midday Play Training
- Organises play projects with schools
- Organises a Playground Play Project
- Supports the Play Forum network
- Is part of "Play Nottinghamshire"
- Organises Forest Schools
- Supports environmental play
- Promotes anti-racist playwork
- Supports the Breaks in Partnership scheme
- Runs a Positive Play Project
- Is developing Saturday Clubs for disabled children and young people

An Out of School co-ordinator in each District:

- Develops out of school care clubs
- Supports out of school clubs to stay running
- Raises quality in out of school care
- Promotes inclusive playcare through the "Hands Up for Inclusion" scheme
- Supports District Out of School networks
- Supports inclusion of children with additional needs
- Works to attract new playcare workers
- Run child protection training
- Support the Breaks in Partnership scheme
- Supports the initiative to establish childcare centres on school sites
- Works in partnership with schools to support the Childcare Element of the Extended Services in and around Schools agenda

A countywide Team of Playwork Tutors delivers:

- Qualification training in Playwork focusing on need and local communities
- Courses include
 - Level 3 NVQ/Diploma
 - Level 2 Cert. in Playwork
 - Level 1 Induction to Playwork
- Courses developed include:
 - Therapeutic Play
 - Play and Adventure
 - Forest School
 - Everyone Can Play
 - Soul Seeking
 - Playworkers Against Racism
 - 1:1 Support Worker Course
- Tutor training (for Playworkers)
- Play Workshops
- Midday Play Training for Schools
- A Training "Toolkit" for playworkers

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