



Play Policy in the Children's Plan

A summary



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Principle

Children and young people need to enjoy their childhood as well as grow up prepared for adult life

Play

1. £225 million over the next three years to:
 - offer every local authority capital funding that would allow up to 3,500 playgrounds nationally to be rebuilt or renewed and made accessible to children with disabilities
 - create 30 new adventure playgrounds for 8 - to 13-year-olds in disadvantaged areas supervised by trained staff
2. Play strategy by summer 2008.



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- 30 play pathfinders to test innovative approaches to promoting and supporting play spaces and new volunteering schemes that will support play.
- Drawing on lessons from these Pathfinders and evaluations of existing approaches, we will extend capital funding to every local authority in England not already covered by the Play Pathfinders to support the delivery of stimulating local places to play.



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- Review of statutory planning guidance ... to improve the quality of play environments
- Produce guidance for planners on good play space
- Highlight to chief planning officers the importance of outdoor play for children.
- Improve training for planners, highways officers and green space managers.



Making space for play



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Playwork

- Funding to enable 4,000 play workers to achieve recognised play qualifications, and within that to enable a core of professionally qualified new graduate leaders to emerge
- Professional development framework for the play and the out-of-school childcare workforce.



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Children's Workforce

- Re-examine the remits and scope of the organisations undertaking sector skills council, workforce reform and, in the longer term, regulatory roles.
- Explore the scope for bringing within the remit of the Children's Workforce Development Council some groups that are currently supported by other sector skills councils to reinforce the concept of a single workforce.



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