

PLAY CHARTER

Play is essential for health, happiness and resilience. It supports physical, social, emotional, creative, intellectual, spiritual and cultural development and learning. Children's own identity and their relationships with others are strengthened through play.

Play is a fundamental human right, enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We owe it to all children and young people to make it a priority in every aspect of their lives, irrespective of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, or circumstance.

By endorsing the Play Charter individuals and organisations affirm their support for, and commitment to, the following:

WE BELIEVE

- Play is a vital component of childhood, adolescence and throughout the lifespan.
- Play is varied and can be anything a child chooses it to be.
- Adults have a collective responsibility to protect and promote play opportunities for all children and young people.

WE WILL

- Protect children's right to play.
- Advocate for the importance of play in children's lives.
- Respect children's intrinsic desire to play.
- Promote the value of learning through play.
- Minimise barriers to play.



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