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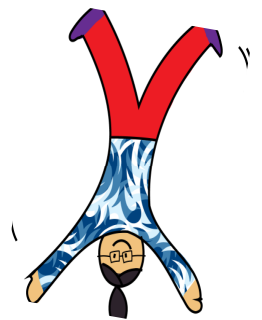
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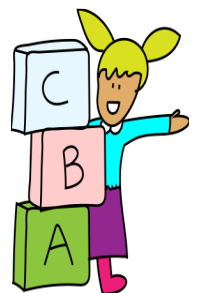


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27. Play, Planning and Place Ministerial Round Table March 2016 convened by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. Scotland's Play strategy aims to put children and young people at the heart of decision making about play, planning and place. A key challenge addressed by the Minister is how to plan effectively to bring about the best outcomes for play, particularly for the children whose right to play is most vulnerable.

28. The Play Return: review of wider impact of play initiatives by Tim Gill, research published by Play Scotland for Children's Play Policy Forum 2016.

29. Play Scotland's playful families Boredom Busters App launched in 2016 an exciting new mobile app that encourages and facilitates parents and their children playing together more frequently and in a greater variety of ways, and **Scottish Home Play Survey 2016** which explored the amount of time children spent playing, the types and variety of play, how parents interacted with their child through play, and the barriers and concerns that surround play for Scotland's children.

30. Play Map work Play Scotland's Getting it Right for Play programme was developed in order to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland in local authority areas, using the Play Map and other associated resources **to support the implementation of local play strategies and policies** for the benefit of children, families and communities. The programme began in 2016 and the first phase evaluation in 2017 shows that this approach has the benefits of being low cost and sustainable so that local authorities can identify ways to develop and extend their work on play. Overall, the programme has benefits nationally and locally to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland. The programme is being used in a number of cities in Europe.

31. Playing Together Symposium 2016 the Scottish Government funded YouthLink Scotland and Play Scotland joint symposium successfully aimed at promoting greater collaboration and partnership working between Scotland's youth and playwork sector.

32. Scotland's Play Charter was launched by Susan Elsley in 2016 and Ruth Maguire MSP lodged a Motion welcoming the Play Charter and in 2017 she led a debate in the Scottish Parliament to welcome and to celebrate Scotland's first national Play Charter – developed by



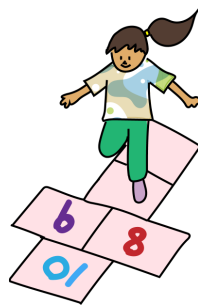
Play Scotland, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Other parts of the world have adopted this model including Calgary and Western Australia.

33. In October 2017 MSP Ruth Maguire congratulated Play Scotland on hosting Scotland's first ever **Play Convention at Murrayfield**, attended by over 400 delegates. Ruth kindly launched the **Play Types Toolkit: bringing more play into the school day**, drawn from Bob Hughes Taxonomy of Play Types, and written by Theresa Casey and Board member Louise Scott-McKie.

"By highlighting the range of types of play that children experience, and their vital contribution to learning and development, this Toolkit will help to make it easier for schools to integrate play into the curriculum. And this can only have a positive impact on the attainment and well-being of children in schools across Scotland"

MSP Ruth Maguire.

The **Nancy Ovens Awards** were also hosted at the Play Convention and supported by the Minister for Children and Young People. The Nancy Ovens Trust was set up in 2003 in memory of **Nancy Ovens MBE**. **A founding member of Play Scotland** she campaigned to improve play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland and UK.



34. The Transformation of play in the UK research 2017 coincided with 30 years of Playday in the UK. The four national play organisations in the UK invited Professor John McKendrick of Glasgow Caledonian University to administer an online survey on their behalf. Over 2000 adults in the UK (almost 1000 responses from Scotland) shared their experiences of play in 1987 (*or when they grew up if they were under 30 years old*) and 2017. The research provides a unique insight into how play has changed through time from the perspective of those who have lived through these changes. See full report on Play Scotland website.

35. 2018 Play Scotland in the Lobby Garden sponsored by MSP Ruth Maguire. Plenty of fun and playful interactions with politicians, staff and visitors. Maree Todd Minister for Children and Young People launched the new Play Strategy publication **Free to Play: A guide to creating accessible and inclusive public play spaces** by Theresa Casey and Harry Harbottle.

MSP Ruth Maguire also launched the innovative **Parents' Play Pack** aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8 to 12 years with ideas for them to **#playeveryday**.

36. Play Scotland joined the **Scottish Alliance for People and Places in 2018**. The Scottish Alliance for People and Places is a collection of organisations working across the place-making and planning sector to constructively influence the Planning (Scotland) Bill. Play Scotland joined the Alliance for People and Places in the lobby garden sponsored by Andy Wightman. Play Scotland have worked both with the Alliance and with other supporters to promote amendments to the Bill that support our vision for all children to have equal access to play

opportunities in Scotland and meaningful children's participation in the planning process.

37. In 2018 Play Scotland was really pleased to jointly host with the Bruce Family Centre the **Shetland Play Convention** – it was a wonderful, playful, life enhancing and extremely well attended event - a highlight of the year along with **GoLive at Glasgow Green**.

38. In September 2018 we were thrilled to host **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People and author **Richard Louv** at our Anniversary Seminar **Nurturing Nature Play in Scotland**.



39. The **2018 Play Council meeting in Inverness** was full of enthusiastic members who heard **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People passionately supporting play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all the age ranges in Scotland- including the adults! Cath Prisk spoke movingly of the research carried out by the global movement for **Outdoor Classroom Day**.

40. Play Scotland was delighted that Minister Maree Todd was able to attend the **Four Nations Play Symposium in Cardiff** hosted by the Welsh Minister for Children, Older People & Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

41. We **celebrate our 20th birthday** with the following step forward for play in Scotland:

MSP Monica Lennon's Amendment 227, (to second stage Planning Scotland Bill) which would introduce the play sufficiency assessment. Play is vital to children's physical and mental health as well as to the building of social networks and a sense of community. Amendment 227 highlights the importance of that space and will allow councils and the Government to be held to account if the space is reduced or if we see that not every child has access to a space to play.

The right to play is embedded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Amendment 227 is therefore completely in keeping with Scottish Government commitments to incorporate those principles into domestic law. A similar approach has been taken in Wales, where a duty has been placed on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children.

Amendment 227 Planning Authority to assess sufficiency of play opportunities in its area – November 2018 AGREED!

Marguerite Hunter Blair
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Partnership Workshops

We have listed some of our partners we have worked with over the years, apologies if we have missed anyone.

(Re)Imagining Youth
Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Services
Aberdeen Play Forum
Aberdeen University
Aberlour
Active Schools Network Scotland
Agnes Nairn, University of Bath
All 32 Local authorities in Scotland
Andy Dalziell, Institute of Neuro-Physiological Psychology (Scotland)
APPG Westminster Fit and Happy Childhood
Arthur Battram
ARUP
ASH Scotland
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Nesting Primary, Shetland
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Parent Action for Safe Play (PASP)
Parenting Across Scotland
Pat Kane, Play Champion
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Planning Across Scotland
Play England
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Play Forum Network Scotland
Play Midlothian
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Play Scotland Membership
Play Talk Read
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Prof David Ball
Prof John McKendrick
Prof John Reilly
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Real World Learning
Richard Louv, Author
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Ronnie Hill, Director of the Care Commission
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Cycling Scotland
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David Yearly, RoSPA
Directorate Inspectorate
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Dr Fraser Brown
Dr Harry Burns, former CMO
Dr Helene Guldberg
Dr Lisa Whittaker
Dr Stuart Waiton, Generation Youth Issues
Dr Sue Robertson, NHS Scotland
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Dundee University
Early Years Scotland
Edinburgh College
Edinburgh Play Forum
Education Scotland
European Championships 2018
Evolution Skatepark, East Ayrshire
Fields in Trust
First Steps Community Centre
Forestry Commission Scotland
Girl Guides Scotland
Glasgow Bike Station
Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014
Glasgow Connected Arts
Glasgow Get Together
Glasgow Resource Store
Gorgie Farm, Edinburgh
Greenspace Scotland
Grounds for Learning
Growing up in Scotland
Health & Safety Executive
Heather Dunn, Newtongrange ASC
Henry Mathias, Care Inspectorate
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Inspiring Scotland
Institute of Sport, Parks and Leisure (ISPAL)
International Play Association
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Isobel Mair Family Centre
Issy Cole-Hamilton
Jeanette Fich Jespersen, Kompan
Jennie Bristow, Author
Judy Murray, Play Champion
Kathleen Marshall, former Children's Commissioner
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Scotland's Play Council
Scottish Book Trust
Scottish Child Safety Alliance
Scottish Childminding Association
Scottish Government
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Out of School Care Network
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Scottish Play Policy Forum
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sportscotland
SPPA
Starcatchers
Stuart Lester, Gloucestershire University
Stuart Waiton, Cotton Wool Kids
Sue Gutteridge, Stirling
Sue Palmer, Author
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The Green Team Edinburgh
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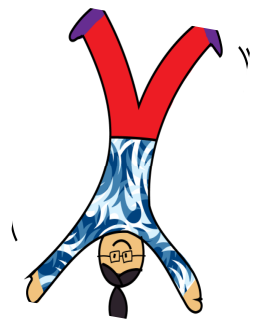
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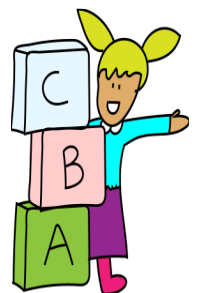


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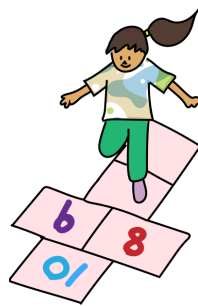
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What we do

Play Scotland leads to ensure that our children have a playful childhood here and now, with their optimum health and wellbeing our ultimate ambition.

Our work programme has been built around achieving 4 key play priorities:

- working to embed play in strategic planning and making the case for a statutory duty for play
- developing strategic resources to support our vision and membership
- carrying out research and surveys to build robust evidence to support the case for play improvements
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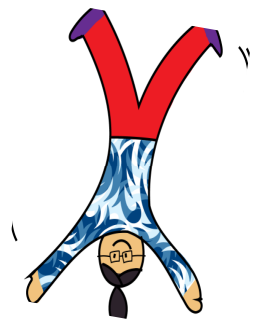
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Children's charity - 1100 members, 9373 twitter followers, 15400 Facebook followers, 19 Pinterest boards, 850 Play Charter pledges, administer Scotland's Play Council and chair Play Council Strategic Group and support local strategic planning for play through Getting it Right for Play toolkit in local authorities, with CPD training and resources available across Scotland.

Regular Information emails from Play Scotland have a cascading reach of over 150 thousand people and organisations, with a quarterly social media reach averaging over a million people and organisations, and resources shared averaging over 550 thousand each quarter.

"Investing in children's play is one of the most important things we can do to improve children's health and wellbeing in Scotland"

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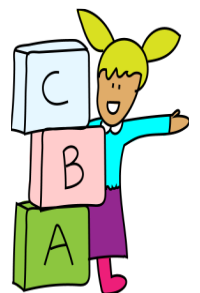


Since being formed in 1998 Play Scotland's members, volunteers, staff and board have worked tirelessly to promote the importance of play for all children and young people, and have campaigned to create increased everyday play opportunities. Our aim is for all children and young people in Scotland to have equal opportunities to participate in diverse and quality play experiences that meet their individual needs.

Play Scotland's work is underpinned by Article 31 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UNCRC General Comment No17 (Article 31) which articulates the "the need to create time and space for children to engage in spontaneous play, recreation and creativity, and to promote societal attitudes that support and encourage such activity."

We know from our Getting it Right for Play programme that **small, everyday actions make the most difference and can help provide MORE**

- support for parents, carers and families to understand the benefits of playing everyday
- focus for children whose article 31 rights require 'particular attention' regarding inclusion and accessibility
- play within key qualifications
- use of local community assets (like school playgrounds, informal play and recreation spaces)
- play at home, in early years and care provision, at school and in the community



Beyond Scotland

Play Scotland continues to work on a four nation's basis with our sister organisations Play Wales, PlayBoard N.I. and Play England and across the UK on the Children's Play Policy Forum and the Play Safety Forum.

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Thank you to all our members and friends.

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Brief reflections from past 20 years

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2. **School Grounds in Scotland Research Report** released in 2005 by Play Scotland, based on a survey conducted in 2003 of all schools in Scotland. The report by Dr John McKendrick Scottish Poverty Information Unit on behalf of Play Scotland, Grounds for Learning and sportscotland, recommended improved learning, sport and play opportunities in the school estate.
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6. **Motion and Debate in Scottish Parliament Mr Kenneth Macintosh: The Importance of Play** -That the Parliament welcomes calls from Play Scotland and Barnardo's for a play strategy.



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12. HSE 2012 **CHILDREN'S PLAY AND LEISURE – PROMOTING A BALANCED APPROACH** Regulator Health and Safety Executive (HSE) developed and published a high level statement on children's play and leisure (with the close support of the Play Safety Forum) which recognises the benefits of allowing children to have challenging play opportunities; **the HSE supports risk-benefit assessment**, as a sensible approach to risk management. Risk Benefit Assessment tools are developed by the Play Safety Forum and are available from Play Scotland website.

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14. **Getting it Right for Play Toolkit and evidence base Power of Play**, written by Issy Cole-Hamilton and Jane Crawford for Play Scotland, launched in March 2012. The Minister for Children and Young People Aileen Campbell encourages local authorities and community groups to use the practical toolkit to deliver improved play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland. **The GoPlay Outcome and Evaluation Framework** a practice based logic model describing the outcomes from the play sector was also launched and assists community groups in making the case for play to funders.

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17. **Growing Up in Scotland - What do we know about play?** A briefing paper published for Play Scotland by GUS.

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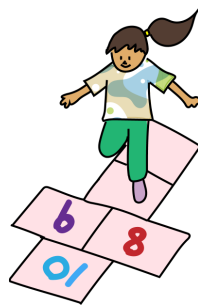
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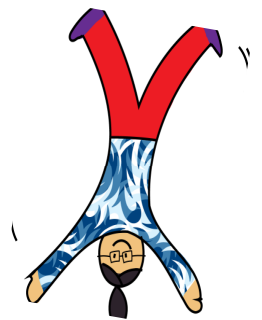
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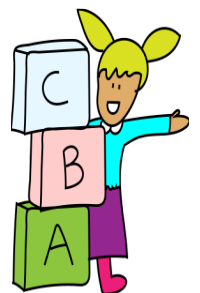


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21. **Play on Pedals project wins the Postcode Lottery Dream fund 2014** a partnership dream to enable 7000 pre-school children in Glasgow to ride a bike before starting school. Play Scotland, CTC national cycling charity, the Bike Club Scotland with Youth Scotland, and Glasgow Bike Station Cycling Scotland form the partnership project which has been an award winning success and is delivered as Play Together on Pedals across Scotland.

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27. Play, Planning and Place Ministerial Round Table March 2016 convened by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. Scotland's Play strategy aims to put children and young people at the heart of decision making about play, planning and place. A key challenge addressed by the Minister is how to plan effectively to bring about the best outcomes for play, particularly for the children whose right to play is most vulnerable.

28. The Play Return: review of wider impact of play initiatives by Tim Gill, research published by Play Scotland for Children's Play Policy Forum 2016.

29. Play Scotland's playful families Boredom Busters App launched in 2016 an exciting new mobile app that encourages and facilitates parents and their children playing together more frequently and in a greater variety of ways, and **Scottish Home Play Survey 2016** which explored the amount of time children spent playing, the types and variety of play, how parents interacted with their child through play, and the barriers and concerns that surround play for Scotland's children.

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31. Playing Together Symposium 2016 the Scottish Government funded YouthLink Scotland and Play Scotland joint symposium successfully aimed at promoting greater collaboration and partnership working between Scotland's youth and playwork sector.

32. Scotland's Play Charter was launched by Susan Elsley in 2016 and Ruth Maguire MSP lodged a Motion welcoming the Play Charter and in 2017 she led a debate in the Scottish Parliament to welcome and to celebrate Scotland's first national Play Charter – developed by



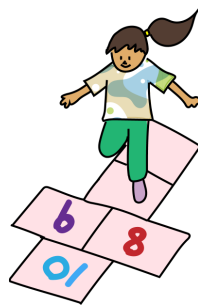
Play Scotland, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Other parts of the world have adopted this model including Calgary and Western Australia.

33. In October 2017 MSP Ruth Maguire congratulated Play Scotland on hosting Scotland's first ever **Play Convention at Murrayfield**, attended by over 400 delegates. Ruth kindly launched the **Play Types Toolkit: bringing more play into the school day**, drawn from Bob Hughes Taxonomy of Play Types, and written by Theresa Casey and Board member Louise Scott-McKie.

"By highlighting the range of types of play that children experience, and their vital contribution to learning and development, this Toolkit will help to make it easier for schools to integrate play into the curriculum. And this can only have a positive impact on the attainment and well-being of children in schools across Scotland"

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The **Nancy Ovens Awards** were also hosted at the Play Convention and supported by the Minister for Children and Young People. The Nancy Ovens Trust was set up in 2003 in memory of **Nancy Ovens MBE. A founding member of Play Scotland** she campaigned to improve play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland and UK.



34. The Transformation of play in the UK research 2017 coincided with 30 years of Playday in the UK. The four national play organisations in the UK invited Professor John McKendrick of Glasgow Caledonian University to administer an online survey on their behalf. Over 2000 adults in the UK (almost 1000 responses from Scotland) shared their experiences of play in 1987 (*or when they grew up if they were under 30 years old*) and 2017. The research provides a unique insight into how play has changed through time from the perspective of those who have lived through these changes. See full report on Play Scotland website.

35. 2018 Play Scotland in the Lobby Garden sponsored by MSP Ruth Maguire. Plenty of fun and playful interactions with politicians, staff and visitors. Maree Todd Minister for Children and Young People launched the new Play Strategy publication **Free to Play: A guide to creating accessible and inclusive public play spaces** by Theresa Casey and Harry Harbottle.

MSP Ruth Maguire also launched the innovative **Parents' Play Pack** aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8 to 12 years with ideas for them to **#playeveryday**.

36. Play Scotland joined the **Scottish Alliance for People and Places in 2018**. The Scottish Alliance for People and Places is a collection of organisations working across the place-making and planning sector to constructively influence the Planning (Scotland) Bill. Play Scotland joined the Alliance for People and Places in the lobby garden sponsored by Andy Wightman. Play Scotland have worked both with the Alliance and with other supporters to promote amendments to the Bill that support our vision for all children to have equal access to play

opportunities in Scotland and meaningful children's participation in the planning process.

37. In 2018 Play Scotland was really pleased to jointly host with the Bruce Family Centre the **Shetland Play Convention** – it was a wonderful, playful, life enhancing and extremely well attended event - a highlight of the year along with **GoLive at Glasgow Green**.

38. In September 2018 we were thrilled to host **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People and author **Richard Louv** at our Anniversary Seminar **Nurturing Nature Play in Scotland**.



39. The **2018 Play Council meeting in Inverness** was full of enthusiastic members who heard **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People passionately supporting play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all the age ranges in Scotland- including the adults! Cath Prisk spoke movingly of the research carried out by the global movement for **Outdoor Classroom Day**.

40. Play Scotland was delighted that Minister Maree Todd was able to attend the **Four Nations Play Symposium in Cardiff** hosted by the Welsh Minister for Children, Older People & Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

41. We **celebrate our 20th birthday** with the following step forward for play in Scotland:

MSP Monica Lennon's Amendment 227, (to second stage Planning Scotland Bill) which would introduce the play sufficiency assessment. Play is vital to children's physical and mental health as well as to the building of social networks and a sense of community. Amendment 227 highlights the importance of that space and will allow councils and the Government to be held to account if the space is reduced or if we see that not every child has access to a space to play.

The right to play is embedded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Amendment 227 is therefore completely in keeping with Scottish Government commitments to incorporate those principles into domestic law. A similar approach has been taken in Wales, where a duty has been placed on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children.

Amendment 227 Planning Authority to assess sufficiency of play opportunities in its area – November 2018 AGREED!

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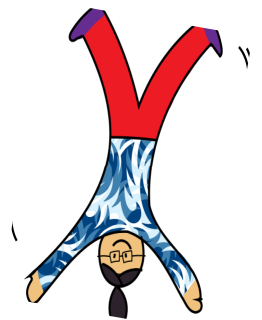
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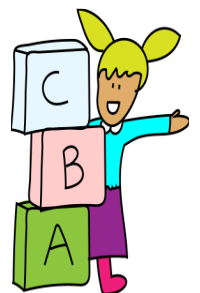


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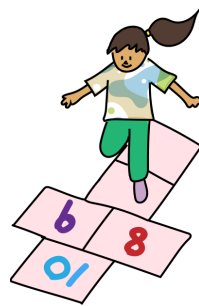
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Bruce Family Centre, Shetland
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Cbeebies Roadshows
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Children's Playground UK
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Pablo Torres, PEDAL
Parent Action for Safe Play (PASP)
Parenting Across Scotland
Pat Kane, Play Champion
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Play generates a culture of childhood (*Gen Comment 17 on article 31 UNCRC*) and ambitious aspirations of building wellbeing, resilience, confidence and competence in our children, families and communities are at the heart of our Play agenda.

What we do

Play Scotland leads to ensure that our children have a playful childhood here and now, with their optimum health and wellbeing our ultimate ambition.

Our work programme has been built around achieving 4 key play priorities:

- working to embed play in strategic planning and making the case for a statutory duty for play
- developing strategic resources to support our vision and membership
- carrying out research and surveys to build robust evidence to support the case for play improvements
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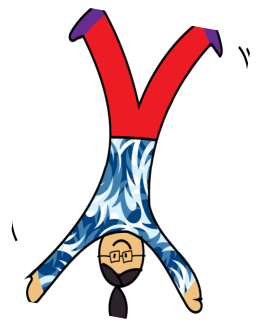
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Children's charity - 1100 members, 9373 twitter followers, 15400 Facebook followers, 19 Pinterest boards, 850 Play Charter pledges, administer Scotland's Play Council and chair Play Council Strategic Group and support local strategic planning for play through Getting it Right for Play toolkit in local authorities, with CPD training and resources available across Scotland.

Regular Information emails from Play Scotland have a cascading reach of over 150 thousand people and organisations, with a quarterly social media reach averaging over a million people and organisations, and resources shared averaging over 550 thousand each quarter.

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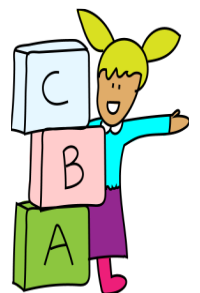


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Beyond Scotland

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Brief reflections from past 20 years

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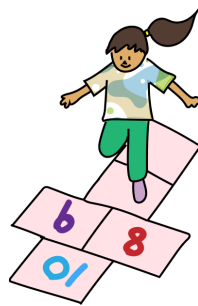
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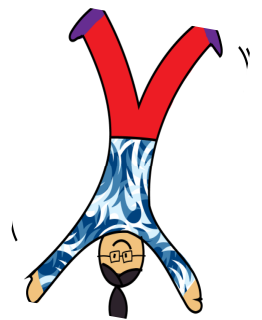
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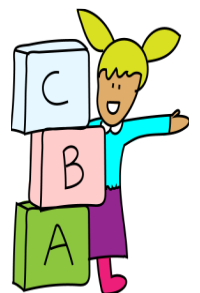


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7. **People Play Together More** delivering inclusive play training and resources in partnership with The Yard Adventure Playground.

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13. Play Scotland is a lead partner in the Playwork Education and Training Council in Scotland and contributed to **SkillsActive UK Play and Playwork Education and Skills Strategy**.

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20. Play Scotland CEO is appointed **Chair of SkillsActive Scotland Executive Committee** in 2013 and **Trustee of SkillsActive** the Sector Skills Council for Playwork.

21. **Play on Pedals project wins the Postcode Lottery Dream fund 2014** a partnership dream to enable 7000 pre-school children in Glasgow to ride a bike before starting school. Play Scotland, CTC national cycling charity, the Bike Club Scotland with Youth Scotland, and Glasgow Bike Station Cycling Scotland form the partnership project which has been an award winning success and is delivered as Play Together on Pedals across Scotland.

22. Play Scotland becomes a **SQA approved training centre 2014** and the **Level 8 PDA Strategic Planning for Play is approved by SQA**. Training wing **PlaySTAC** established 2016.



23. **Four Nations Play Symposium Scotland** hosted by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People at the Transport museum in Glasgow in 2014.

24. At the Child in the City Conference in Ghent 2015 Play Scotland and John Howie jointly presented on the Play Strategy pilot **Play Map** work and the **Place Standard** delivered by NHS Health Scotland, Architecture & Design Scotland and Scottish Government. The Place Standard is a tool that helps communities, public agencies, voluntary groups and others to work together to design places and spaces that improve health and reduce health inequalities by providing a simple framework to structure conversations about place. A key element is

about Play and Recreation and involves children and young people having conversations and working with the tools to assess their communities and make recommendations.

25. In 2015 **National Play Strategy Conference - Playful Places** organised by Play Scotland and the Play Strategy Implementation Group, and hosted by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. The conference showcased the impact of the initiatives and research from the Play Strategy to over 200 delegates from across the children's sector.

26. The Care Inspectorate launched their new position statement on Risk in January 2016 at a Play Scotland event. **A Positive Approach to Risk in Play** marked a significant change in the regulator's approach to a more holistic risk-benefit model.

27. Play, Planning and Place Ministerial Round Table March 2016 convened by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. Scotland's Play strategy aims to put children and young people at the heart of decision making about play, planning and place. A key challenge addressed by the Minister is how to plan effectively to bring about the best outcomes for play, particularly for the children whose right to play is most vulnerable.

28. The Play Return: review of wider impact of play initiatives by Tim Gill, research published by Play Scotland for Children's Play Policy Forum 2016.

29. Play Scotland's playful families Boredom Busters App launched in 2016 an exciting new mobile app that encourages and facilitates parents and their children playing together more frequently and in a greater variety of ways, and **Scottish Home Play Survey 2016** which explored the amount of time children spent playing, the types and variety of play, how parents interacted with their child through play, and the barriers and concerns that surround play for Scotland's children.

30. Play Map work Play Scotland's Getting it Right for Play programme was developed in order to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland in local authority areas, using the Play Map and other associated resources **to support the implementation of local play strategies and policies** for the benefit of children, families and communities. The programme began in 2016 and the first phase evaluation in 2017 shows that this approach has the benefits of being low cost and sustainable so that local authorities can identify ways to develop and extend their work on play. Overall, the programme has benefits nationally and locally to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland. The programme is being used in a number of cities in Europe.

31. Playing Together Symposium 2016 the Scottish Government funded YouthLink Scotland and Play Scotland joint symposium successfully aimed at promoting greater collaboration and partnership working between Scotland's youth and playwork sector.

32. Scotland's Play Charter was launched by Susan Elsley in 2016 and Ruth Maguire MSP lodged a Motion welcoming the Play Charter and in 2017 she led a debate in the Scottish Parliament to welcome and to celebrate Scotland's first national Play Charter – developed by



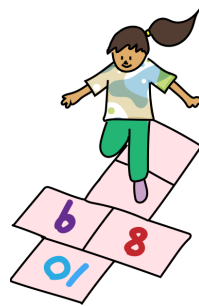
Play Scotland, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Other parts of the world have adopted this model including Calgary and Western Australia.

33. In October 2017 MSP Ruth Maguire congratulated Play Scotland on hosting Scotland's first ever **Play Convention at Murrayfield**, attended by over 400 delegates. Ruth kindly launched the **Play Types Toolkit: bringing more play into the school day**, drawn from Bob Hughes Taxonomy of Play Types, and written by Theresa Casey and Board member Louise Scott-McKie.

"By highlighting the range of types of play that children experience, and their vital contribution to learning and development, this Toolkit will help to make it easier for schools to integrate play into the curriculum. And this can only have a positive impact on the attainment and well-being of children in schools across Scotland"

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The **Nancy Ovens Awards** were also hosted at the Play Convention and supported by the Minister for Children and Young People. The Nancy Ovens Trust was set up in 2003 in memory of **Nancy Ovens MBE. A founding member of Play Scotland** she campaigned to improve play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland and UK.



34. The Transformation of play in the UK research 2017 coincided with 30 years of Playday in the UK. The four national play organisations in the UK invited Professor John McKendrick of Glasgow Caledonian University to administer an online survey on their behalf. Over 2000 adults in the UK (almost 1000 responses from Scotland) shared their experiences of play in 1987 (*or when they grew up if they were under 30 years old*) and 2017. The research provides a unique insight into how play has changed through time from the perspective of those who have lived through these changes. See full report on Play Scotland website.

35. 2018 Play Scotland in the Lobby Garden sponsored by MSP Ruth Maguire. Plenty of fun and playful interactions with politicians, staff and visitors. Maree Todd Minister for Children and Young People launched the new Play Strategy publication **Free to Play: A guide to creating accessible and inclusive public play spaces** by Theresa Casey and Harry Harbottle.

MSP Ruth Maguire also launched the innovative **Parents' Play Pack** aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8 to 12 years with ideas for them to **#playeveryday**.

36. Play Scotland joined the **Scottish Alliance for People and Places in 2018**. The Scottish Alliance for People and Places is a collection of organisations working across the place-making and planning sector to constructively influence the Planning (Scotland) Bill. Play Scotland joined the Alliance for People and Places in the lobby garden sponsored by Andy Wightman. Play Scotland have worked both with the Alliance and with other supporters to promote amendments to the Bill that support our vision for all children to have equal access to play

opportunities in Scotland and meaningful children's participation in the planning process.

37. In 2018 Play Scotland was really pleased to jointly host with the Bruce Family Centre the **Shetland Play Convention** – it was a wonderful, playful, life enhancing and extremely well attended event - a highlight of the year along with **GoLive at Glasgow Green**.

38. In September 2018 we were thrilled to host **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People and author **Richard Louv** at our Anniversary Seminar **Nurturing Nature Play in Scotland**.



39. The **2018 Play Council meeting in Inverness** was full of enthusiastic members who heard **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People passionately supporting play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all the age ranges in Scotland- including the adults! Cath Prisk spoke movingly of the research carried out by the global movement for **Outdoor Classroom Day**.

40. Play Scotland was delighted that Minister Maree Todd was able to attend the **Four Nations Play Symposium in Cardiff** hosted by the Welsh Minister for Children, Older People & Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

41. We **celebrate our 20th birthday** with the following step forward for play in Scotland:

MSP Monica Lennon's Amendment 227, (to second stage Planning Scotland Bill) which would introduce the play sufficiency assessment. Play is vital to children's physical and mental health as well as to the building of social networks and a sense of community. Amendment 227 highlights the importance of that space and will allow councils and the Government to be held to account if the space is reduced or if we see that not every child has access to a space to play.

The right to play is embedded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Amendment 227 is therefore completely in keeping with Scottish Government commitments to incorporate those principles into domestic law. A similar approach has been taken in Wales, where a duty has been placed on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children.

Amendment 227 Planning Authority to assess sufficiency of play opportunities in its area – November 2018 AGREED!

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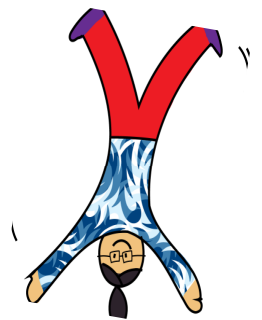
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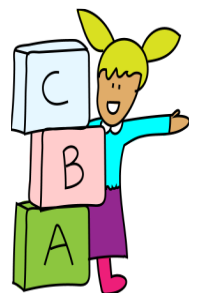


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4. **Play Scotland publishes Local Authority Play Provision survey in Scotland 2006** by Dr John McKendrick, Delma Byrne and Marguerite Hunter Blair, which informed and supported Play Scotland's call for a statutory duty for play.
5. Working with Barnardo's, Play Scotland supported **Petition PE913 To Play or Not to Play** 2006 calling for a Play Strategy that recognises the right of all children to a safe accessible and challenging play environment.

6. **Motion and Debate in Scottish Parliament Mr Kenneth Macintosh: The Importance of Play** -That the Parliament welcomes calls from Play Scotland and Barnardo's for a play strategy.



7. **People Play Together More** delivering inclusive play training and resources in partnership with The Yard Adventure Playground.

8. **Scottish Play Policy Forum** formed in 2008 to build a broad champion base for Play, chaired by Sue Palmer with 32 member organisations - Happy 4 Life!

9. **2008 Scottish Play Commission- Raising the bar.** Play Scotland published findings and recommendations calling for a national Play Strategy, launched by Adam Ingram Minister for Children and Young People at Scottish Parliament and **£4million Play Fund** announced.

10. **Cross cutting policy framework for Play takes shape in 2008** with Improving outcomes and children's quality of life through play, a priority in the Early Years Framework; in Health- Equally Well; in anti-poverty strategy - Achieving our Potential and in Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning.

11. **Play Scotland chair national Play and Risk Debate for Scottish Government** and organise a Play and Risk debate Question Time in the Scottish Parliament November 2010.



12. HSE 2012 **CHILDREN'S PLAY AND LEISURE – PROMOTING A BALANCED APPROACH** Regulator Health and Safety Executive (HSE) developed and published a high level statement on children's play and leisure (with the close support of the Play Safety Forum) which recognises the benefits of allowing children to have challenging play opportunities; **the HSE supports risk-benefit assessment**, as a sensible approach to risk management. Risk Benefit Assessment tools are developed by the Play Safety Forum and are available from Play Scotland website.

13. Play Scotland is a lead partner in the Playwork Education and Training Council in Scotland and contributed to **SkillsActive UK Play and Playwork Education and Skills Strategy**.

14. **Getting it Right for Play Toolkit and evidence base Power of Play**, written by Issy Cole-Hamilton and Jane Crawford for Play Scotland, launched in March 2012. The Minister for Children and Young People Aileen Campbell encourages local authorities and community groups to use the practical toolkit to deliver improved play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland. **The GoPlay Outcome and Evaluation Framework** a practice based logic model describing the outcomes from the play sector was also launched and assists community groups in making the case for play to funders.

15. Play Scotland published first research briefing- **Play in Staffed Provision: The Scottish Experience** by Dr J McKendrick et al 2012 demonstrating the importance of free play and play in staffed provision.

16. **Petition PE1440 2012 lodged by Sharon McCluskie** on behalf of Play Scotland calling for a **Statutory Duty for Play** opportunities for children of all ages and abilities. Play Scotland were supported by Dr Sue Robertson BMA and Theresa Casey President IPA in giving evidence to the Petitions Committee. This resulted in a commitment for a national Play Strategy.

17. **Growing Up in Scotland - What do we know about play?** A briefing paper published for Play Scotland by GUS.

18. **General comment No. 17 (Article 31) (2013)** an explanatory note on the right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts is published and endorsed by UK Commissioners for Children and Young People. The General Comment outlines measures governments are urged to take to ensure implementation of the rights in article 31 for all children.



19. **Play Strategy for Scotland: Our Vision Play is a life-enhancing daily experience for all our children and young people and Action Plan launched 2013** by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People and implementation group formed.

20. Play Scotland CEO is appointed **Chair of SkillsActive Scotland Executive Committee** in 2013 and **Trustee of SkillsActive** the Sector Skills Council for Playwork.

21. **Play on Pedals project wins the Postcode Lottery Dream fund 2014** a partnership dream to enable 7000 pre-school children in Glasgow to ride a bike before starting school. Play Scotland, CTC national cycling charity, the Bike Club Scotland with Youth Scotland, and Glasgow Bike Station Cycling Scotland form the partnership project which has been an award winning success and is delivered as Play Together on Pedals across Scotland.

22. Play Scotland becomes a **SQA approved training centre 2014** and the **Level 8 PDA Strategic Planning for Play is approved by SQA**. Training wing **PlaySTAC** established 2016.



23. **Four Nations Play Symposium Scotland** hosted by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People at the Transport museum in Glasgow in 2014.

24. At the Child in the City Conference in Ghent 2015 Play Scotland and John Howie jointly presented on the Play Strategy pilot **Play Map** work and the **Place Standard** delivered by NHS Health Scotland, Architecture & Design Scotland and Scottish Government. The Place Standard is a tool that helps communities, public agencies, voluntary groups and others to work together to design places and spaces that improve health and reduce health inequalities by providing a simple framework to structure conversations about place. A key element is

about Play and Recreation and involves children and young people having conversations and working with the tools to assess their communities and make recommendations.

25. In 2015 **National Play Strategy Conference - Playful Places** organised by Play Scotland and the Play Strategy Implementation Group, and hosted by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. The conference showcased the impact of the initiatives and research from the Play Strategy to over 200 delegates from across the children's sector.

26. The Care Inspectorate launched their new position statement on Risk in January 2016 at a Play Scotland event. **A Positive Approach to Risk in Play** marked a significant change in the regulator's approach to a more holistic risk-benefit model.

27. Play, Planning and Place Ministerial Round Table March 2016 convened by Aileen Campbell Minister for Children and Young People. Scotland's Play strategy aims to put children and young people at the heart of decision making about play, planning and place. A key challenge addressed by the Minister is how to plan effectively to bring about the best outcomes for play, particularly for the children whose right to play is most vulnerable.

28. The Play Return: review of wider impact of play initiatives by Tim Gill, research published by Play Scotland for Children's Play Policy Forum 2016.

29. Play Scotland's playful families Boredom Busters App launched in 2016 an exciting new mobile app that encourages and facilitates parents and their children playing together more frequently and in a greater variety of ways, and **Scottish Home Play Survey 2016** which explored the amount of time children spent playing, the types and variety of play, how parents interacted with their child through play, and the barriers and concerns that surround play for Scotland's children.

30. Play Map work Play Scotland's Getting it Right for Play programme was developed in order to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland in local authority areas, using the Play Map and other associated resources **to support the implementation of local play strategies and policies** for the benefit of children, families and communities. The programme began in 2016 and the first phase evaluation in 2017 shows that this approach has the benefits of being low cost and sustainable so that local authorities can identify ways to develop and extend their work on play. Overall, the programme has benefits nationally and locally to take forward the Play Strategy for Scotland. The programme is being used in a number of cities in Europe.

31. Playing Together Symposium 2016 the Scottish Government funded YouthLink Scotland and Play Scotland joint symposium successfully aimed at promoting greater collaboration and partnership working between Scotland's youth and playwork sector.

32. Scotland's Play Charter was launched by Susan Elsley in 2016 and Ruth Maguire MSP lodged a Motion welcoming the Play Charter and in 2017 she led a debate in the Scottish Parliament to welcome and to celebrate Scotland's first national Play Charter – developed by



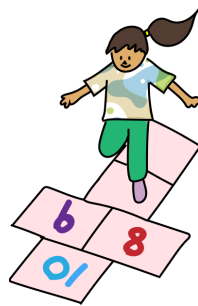
Play Scotland, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Other parts of the world have adopted this model including Calgary and Western Australia.

33. In October 2017 MSP Ruth Maguire congratulated Play Scotland on hosting Scotland's first ever **Play Convention at Murrayfield**, attended by over 400 delegates. Ruth kindly launched the **Play Types Toolkit: bringing more play into the school day**, drawn from Bob Hughes Taxonomy of Play Types, and written by Theresa Casey and Board member Louise Scott-McKie.

"By highlighting the range of types of play that children experience, and their vital contribution to learning and development, this Toolkit will help to make it easier for schools to integrate play into the curriculum. And this can only have a positive impact on the attainment and well-being of children in schools across Scotland"

MSP Ruth Maguire.

The **Nancy Ovens Awards** were also hosted at the Play Convention and supported by the Minister for Children and Young People. The Nancy Ovens Trust was set up in 2003 in memory of **Nancy Ovens MBE**. **A founding member of Play Scotland** she campaigned to improve play opportunities for children and young people in Scotland and UK.



34. The Transformation of play in the UK research 2017 coincided with 30 years of Playday in the UK. The four national play organisations in the UK invited Professor John McKendrick of Glasgow Caledonian University to administer an online survey on their behalf. Over 2000 adults in the UK (almost 1000 responses from Scotland) shared their experiences of play in 1987 (*or when they grew up if they were under 30 years old*) and 2017. The research provides a unique insight into how play has changed through time from the perspective of those who have lived through these changes. See full report on Play Scotland website.

35. 2018 Play Scotland in the Lobby Garden sponsored by MSP Ruth Maguire. Plenty of fun and playful interactions with politicians, staff and visitors. Maree Todd Minister for Children and Young People launched the new Play Strategy publication **Free to Play: A guide to creating accessible and inclusive public play spaces** by Theresa Casey and Harry Harbottle.

MSP Ruth Maguire also launched the innovative **Parents' Play Pack** aimed at parents and carers of children aged 8 to 12 years with ideas for them to **#playeveryday**.

36. Play Scotland joined the **Scottish Alliance for People and Places in 2018**. The Scottish Alliance for People and Places is a collection of organisations working across the place-making and planning sector to constructively influence the Planning (Scotland) Bill. Play Scotland joined the Alliance for People and Places in the lobby garden sponsored by Andy Wightman. Play Scotland have worked both with the Alliance and with other supporters to promote amendments to the Bill that support our vision for all children to have equal access to play

opportunities in Scotland and meaningful children's participation in the planning process.

37. In 2018 Play Scotland was really pleased to jointly host with the Bruce Family Centre the **Shetland Play Convention** – it was a wonderful, playful, life enhancing and extremely well attended event - a highlight of the year along with **GoLive at Glasgow Green**.

38. In September 2018 we were thrilled to host **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People and author **Richard Louv** at our Anniversary Seminar **Nurturing Nature Play in Scotland**.



39. The **2018 Play Council meeting in Inverness** was full of enthusiastic members who heard **Maree Todd** Minister for Children and Young People passionately supporting play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all the age ranges in Scotland- including the adults! Cath Prisk spoke movingly of the research carried out by the global movement for **Outdoor Classroom Day**.

40. Play Scotland was delighted that Minister Maree Todd was able to attend the **Four Nations Play Symposium in Cardiff** hosted by the Welsh Minister for Children, Older People & Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

41. We **celebrate our 20th birthday** with the following step forward for play in Scotland:

MSP Monica Lennon's Amendment 227, (to second stage Planning Scotland Bill) which would introduce the play sufficiency assessment. Play is vital to children's physical and mental health as well as to the building of social networks and a sense of community. Amendment 227 highlights the importance of that space and will allow councils and the Government to be held to account if the space is reduced or if we see that not every child has access to a space to play.

The right to play is embedded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Amendment 227 is therefore completely in keeping with Scottish Government commitments to incorporate those principles into domestic law. A similar approach has been taken in Wales, where a duty has been placed on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children.

Amendment 227 Planning Authority to assess sufficiency of play opportunities in its area – November 2018 AGREED!

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Partnership Workshops

We have listed some of our partners we have worked with over the years, apologies if we have missed anyone.

(Re)Imagining Youth
Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Services
Aberdeen Play Forum
Aberdeen University
Aberlour
Active Schools Network Scotland
Agnes Nairn, University of Bath
All 32 Local authorities in Scotland
Andy Dalziell, Institute of Neuro-Physiological Psychology (Scotland)
APPG Westminster Fit and Happy Childhood
Arthur Battram
ARUP
ASH Scotland
Association of Play Industries
Barnardo's
Barnardo's Scotland
BBC Children in Need
Bernard Spiegall
Bikes for Good
Bob Hughes
Bookbug
Bristol Playing Out
Bristol Scrapstore
British Red Cross Scotland
Broxburn Family Centre
Bruce Family Centre, Shetland
Capability Scotland
Care and Learning Alliance
Care Inspectorate
Cath Prisk, Outdoor People
Cbeebies Roadshows
Chief Medical Officer Scotland
Children in Scotland
Children's Commissioner for Children and Young People
Children's Parliament Scotland
Children's Play Policy Forum UK
Children's Playground UK
Children's University Scotland
Children's Wood, Glasgow
Community Link Childcare
Councillor David Alison, Highland Council
Coupar Angus Cycling Hub
Nancy Ovens Trust
National Association of Toys and Libraries
National Network of Outdoor Learning
National Playbus Association
National Voluntary Children's Forum (NVCF)
Nesting Primary, Shetland
NHS Health Scotland
Pablo Torres, PEDAL
Parent Action for Safe Play (PASP)
Parenting Across Scotland
Pat Kane, Play Champion
Pather Community Action Group
Peeples
Perry Else
Planning Across Scotland
Play England
Play First Scotland
Play Forum Network Scotland
Play Midlothian
Play on Pedals
Play Scotland Membership
Play Talk Read
Play Wales
PlayBoard N.I.
Playday Supporters
PlayLINK
Playwork Education Council Scotland
Playwork Education Council UK
Playwork Partnerships, University of Gloucestershire
Possibilities for Each and Every Kid - PEEK
Prof David Ball
Prof John McKendrick
Prof John Reilly
Prof Rodger Mackett
Project WildThing
Real World Learning
Richard Louv, Author
Robin Harper OBE
Robin Sutcliffe, Sutcliffe Play
Roger Hart, University of New York
Ronnie Hill, Director of the Care Commission
Royal Zoological Society
Scotland's Play Charter Supporters

Cycling Scotland
Cycling UK
David Yearly, RoSPA
Directorate Inspectorate
Dr David Whitebread
Dr Fraser Brown
Dr Harry Burns, former CMO
Dr Helene Guldborg
Dr Lisa Whittaker
Dr Stuart Waiton, Generation Youth Issues
Dr Sue Robertson, NHS Scotland
Dundee and Angus College
Dundee University
Early Years Scotland
Edinburgh College
Edinburgh Play Forum
Education Scotland
European Championships 2018
Evolution Skatepark, East Ayrshire
Fields in Trust
First Steps Community Centre
Forestry Commission Scotland
Girl Guides Scotland
Glasgow Bike Station
Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014
Glasgow Connected Arts
Glasgow Get Together
Glasgow Resource Store
Gorgie Farm, Edinburgh
Greenspace Scotland
Grounds for Learning
Growing up in Scotland
Health & Safety Executive
Heather Dunn, Newtongrange ASC
Henry Mathias, Care Inspectorate
Holyrood Communications
Inspiring Scotland
Institute of Sport, Parks and Leisure (ISPAL)
International Play Association
International Play Association Scotland
Isobel Mair Family Centre
Issy Cole-Hamilton
Jeanette Fich Jespersen, Kompan
Jennie Bristow, Author
Judy Murray, Play Champion
Kathleen Marshall, former Children's Commissioner
Kompan
Scotland's Play Council
Scottish Book Trust
Scottish Child Safety Alliance
Scottish Childminding Association
Scottish Government
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Out of School Care Network
Scottish Parliament MSPs
Scottish Play Policy Forum
Scottish Qualifications Authority
Scottish Rugby
Sheila Dobie OBE
SkillsActive
Smart Play Network
sportscotland
SPPA
Starcatchers
Stuart Lester, Gloucestershire University
Stuart Waiton, Cotton Wool Kids
Sue Gutteridge, Stirling
Sue Palmer, Author
Susal Elsley, Consultant
Sustrans
Tailor Ed Foundation
Tam Baillie, former Children's Commissioner
TELUS Spark
The Big Lottery
The Green Team Edinburgh
The Yard Scotland
Theresa Casey, Independent
Tim Gill, Author
Together Scotland
Tom Hodgkinson, Editor of The Idler
UK Play Research Network
UK Play Safety Forum
Universal Youth Work
University of Strathclyde Glasgow
Wendy Russell, Gloucestershire University
West Lothian College
West of Scotland College
Youth Link Scotland
Youth Scotland
Zero Tolerance

Learning and Teaching Scotland
LicketySpit
Living Streets
Loanhead ASC, Midlothian
Ludicology
Made in Me
Marianne Rugård-Järvstråt
Meynell Walters
Michael Angelo Circus Skills



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