



Flintshire Summer Playschemes

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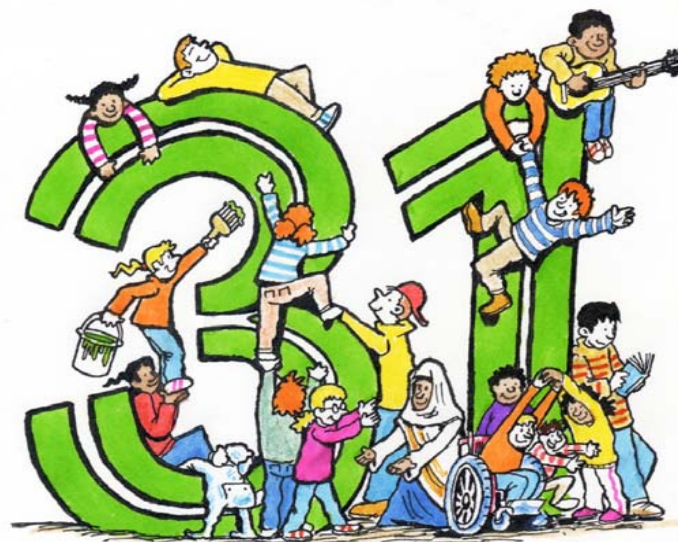


Why do We Provide the Summer Playschemes in Flintshire?

On 30th September 2013 the [International Play Association](#) (IPA) launched a worldwide campaign to build awareness and understanding of the importance of play in the life of all children.

It aims to break down the increasing barriers in children's living conditions that have a negative impact on children's space and time for play.

The catalyst for this campaign is the adoption of the [General Comment on Article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (UNCRC) by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.



Play in Flintshire

- » Section 11 of the [Children and Families \(Wales\) Measure 2010](#) places a Duty on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children in their area.
- » The Play Sufficiency Duty comes as part of the Welsh Government's anti-poverty agenda which recognises that children can have a poverty of experience, opportunity and aspiration, and that this kind of poverty can affect children from all social, cultural and economic backgrounds across Wales.

Flintshire Summer Playschemes 2014

- The Summer Playschemes in Flintshire provide opportunities for all children aged between 5 to 12 years to play out in their own community
- Flintshire is the only local authority in Wales to provide a countywide playscheme in partnership with local Town and Community Councils and Welsh Government (Via the Flintshire Families First grant)
- 3,576 children were registered across the county for summer 2014, the 18th year. There were **18,998** attendances recorded
- 45 children with disabilities were enabled and supported to attend their local playscheme and play with their peers, via the Flintshire Buddy Scheme

The Flintshire Summer Play Team....Providing a 'unique and invaluable work experience'



Evaluation – What Children Say!

I most enjoyed!

- “Making new friends!”
- “Meeting up with friends!”
- “Freedom to choose what we wanted to play!”
- “Waterslides and water games!”
- “Making dens and getting muddy!”
- “New games!”
- “Having FUN!”

Children's Survey 2014





What do Parents and Carers Think?

Families want “more of this type of provision” “more often” and that their children attending have “increased self esteem”, “improved self confidence”, “meet up with friends” ,”make new friends” and develop “increased social skills”. Mostly “they have fun” and “become happier and healthier”

Parents and Carers Survey 2014

Summer Playscheme 2015

- » **Subject to the confirmation of the Families First grant for Summer Playschemes 2015:**
- » **The county Summer Playscheme programme will be delivered for the 19th year on the same basis as in 2014**
- » **A minimum of three playschemes will be delivered in partnership with Urdd Gobaith Cymru through the medium of Welsh**
- » **The Quayplay scheme, held at Connah's Quay Sports Centre will be delivered in partnership with Connah's Quay Town Council**

Summer Playscheme 2016

The Play Development team will consult with all local Town and Community Councils, children and young people and volunteer organisations with regard to delivering Summer Playscheme in 2016.

The Play Development Team will explore a number of options to assist local communities to continue to deliver summer play schemes.

- » Local Town and Community Councils 'commissioning' the Play Development team to deliver Summer Playschemes
- » Engagement with Local Town and Community Councils to assist them to deliver Summer Playschemes
- » Recruitment of local community members and volunteers to deliver Playscheme in 2015 to ensure that the necessary skills are available within local communities to deliver Playschemes
- » Engagement with 3rd sector and volunteer organisations to support or deliver community based play provision
- » Explore alternative funding opportunities and charging models



Any Questions?

Thank You
Diolch yn Fawr