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Play Flintshire!

Flintshire County Summer Playscheme Programme 2021

**In partnership with local town and community
Councils and Welsh Government**

General Training: Monday 12th – Friday 16th July, 2021

Connah's Quay Central Park



Members of the Flintshire Play Team meet the Welsh Children's Commissioner, Sally Holland, at the Urdd Eisteddfod, Flint, June 2016.

Introduction

Welcome to Playscheme training 2021. Firstly, can I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment to our seasonal play team and to welcome you to the Play Development team in Flintshire.

All training will take place at Connah's Quay Central Park in the community centre and scouts' hut for presentations and outside in 'all weathers' for practicals. Please wear practical clothing & footwear and bring a change of clothing with you as necessary.

Your training will be delivered by teams from within the Flintshire Play Unit and visiting specialised trainers. The aim is to provide you with essential information, relating to all aspects of play-work in Flintshire. This training programme has been planned to prepare and enable the team to provide the highest quality of playwork provision across the county for the children and communities in Flintshire, within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Janet Roberts

Flintshire Play Development Officer



2019 QuayPlay Team on Fancy Dress Day.

Background to the County Summer Playscheme Programme 2021

- 2021 will be the 26th year for the Local Authority to provide the county-wide summer playscheme programme, held at over 50 sites across Flintshire County. Some playschemes have existed long before that with Quayplay at Connah's Quay in its 47th year!
- This year there is even greater demand for localised play provision for children.
- As in previous years, all schemes will be provided in partnership with local Town and Community Councils across Flintshire. Our other funding partners are Welsh Government & Action for Children.
- Playscheme will run for 6 weeks from the 19th July - 27th August, with sites having 3,4,5 or 6 weeks of the scheme.
- The play sessions will be provided for children aged between 5-12 years and are fully inclusive, free of charge and provided by a team of over 70 seasonal play-workers.
- All play-workers are employed via a rigorous recruitment process, which includes an application, interview, personal and medical reference, and enhanced DBS Disclosure process.
- The play-workers provide a child-led service where trained play-workers facilitate open access play. Play-workers provide opportunities to participate in informal, spontaneous, creative and social play activities.
- Play-workers are not expected to lead comprehensive and structured sessions and should not force children to participate in activities they do not want to do.
- Flintshire is the only local authority in Wales to provide a county wide playscheme programme in partnership with local

town and community councils. The summer playschemes provide the 'corner-stone' for our play provision in Flintshire

and also provide an invaluable 'kick-start' for many generic and community-based play projects.

- Naturally, this year's playscheme will be different to those before it due to the COVID19 pandemic. However, our team has worked to manage and minimise risks to ensure that the delivery of play sessions will be safe.

Monday 12th July 2021

9:30 am - 16:00 pm

Possible Summers

Simon Bazley

Area Team Welcome

Play Development Team

Area Team Training

This session will provide you with an opportunity to get to know your supervisor & team and also what is expected of you in your role during the summer.

You Will:

- Understand the roles of Playscheme Supervisors and Community Play Team Members
- Understand appropriate conduct on social media
- Learn about the work of the Play Development team in Flintshire
- Learn procedures and daily routines used at Playscheme

- Learn to maintain proper records & files
- Learn to effectively monitor and evaluate your play sessions
- Dignity at work & respect
- Flintshire County Council – employee responsibilities
- Data protection & confidentiality
- Receive uniforms



Quayplay Team 2018.

Tuesday 13th July 2021

10:00 - 16:00

**Adapting activities for inclusion,
facilitating all children's UN right to
play.**

Play Development Team

Autism Awareness

Alex Lowery

**Be Brave: The Power of Performing
Arts for Children**

Trefor L Roberts



Wednesday 14th July 2021

10:00 - 16:00

Working with playing children

Ben Tawil

Sports Day and Team Games

Play Development Team

Thursday 15th July 2021

9:15 - 16:00

**Being Playfully Resilient in
Challenging Situations**

Lyn Williams

**Health & Safety in the Delivery of
Play Services in Flintshire**

**Training presentation and practical activity, COVID-19
precautions**

Flintshire Health & Safety Advisor, Dave Berry

Friday 16th July 2021

9:30 – 16:00

CHILD PROTECTION & Safeguarding

Trevor Jones and Janet Roberts

Area Team Training

Distribution of Kit to Teams

Questions & Answers!



2019 Supervisor Team.

FYI - Flintshire Buddy Scheme, 2021

This will be the 16th year of the 'Flintshire Buddy Scheme' enabling disabled children aged 5 - 15 years, to access their own local play provision during the summer, via the summer playscheme programme. Our aim in the Play Development team in Flintshire is to continue to 'break down barriers' that prevent children and young people from attending play provision, as is their 'right'.

The Buddy Scheme, funded by the local authority in partnership with the Welsh Government and local Town and Community Councils, is recognised as being a model of 'good practice', both regionally and nationally, in providing a truly inclusive service, providing appropriate support, via the Buddy Team.

There is **no** referral process and **no** criteria. We work closely with families to identify any 'barriers' and how best to 'work around them'. However, we work closely with partner agencies to ensure that families have all the necessary information.

This will be the 15th year for some of the children involved, whose play experiences have proven to have had a positive impact, for both them and their families.

Team members ('Buddies') will contact families before the scheme and meet children on site at each session. In previous years children have accessed an average of 2 - 3 sessions per week depending on the logistics.

The Buddy is mindful of the child at play and **does not** interfere with the natural play process, but **does** provide support where necessary and maintains a close relationship with the family, for the duration.

Of course, all team members will welcome and engage with the children attending the Buddy scheme and support their 'one to ones' on site.

Flintshire County Council - Play Flintshire Team

We are a dedicated team working within the Leisure Services section. We have a wealth of experience, particularly with regard to achieving success via a partnership approach to play provision. Working with local town and community councils, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Action for Children and the Welsh Government.

- Preparation for Playscheme 2021, began at the end of August, 2020! Preparation for Playscheme 2022 begins again in September and is 100% dependant on the success of the team this year!
- 30 Town and Community Councils across the county are working in partnership with us to provide summer playschemes – with high expectations!
- We are a professional Play Development team and well regarded locally, regionally and nationally. The Summer Playscheme and the Flintshire Buddy Scheme are recognised nationally and used as a model of good practice for other organisations – please maintain this professionalism this summer!

Children across Flintshire are looking forward to your arrival on site next Monday morning! Be there bright, early and full of enthusiasm! – Please maintain that level for children and each other for the duration of your employment!

We Hope you Enjoy Your Training!

Enjoy your summer!!!

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