

Play Development Team

Training Plan 2018 - 2019

ALL COURSES ARE FREE!



All training is run by qualified and experienced playwork trainers. All the training is fun and playful and trainers will do everything they can to meet ALL learner's needs. Please tell us how we can make the training work best for you when you book.

Unfortunately, due to financial constraints the training will be delivered in English only.

However course materials can be requested in Welsh.

Don't see what you want?

We want to give the play sector and everyone working with children and young people what they want, so if you have a training need in play or playwork that we don't cover here let us know and we will do our best to cater for you.

If you have a group of 7 or more we can run most courses especially for you on a date and venue of your choosing, just get in touch to arrange. (Yes, it will normally still be free!)

Please note: As we are the CONWY Play Development Team we always give first refusal on training spaces to those working or living in Conwy. If there are spaces left on courses we may consider organisations based outside of the county.



If you would like any more information or to book onto the following courses please contact:

playdevelopment@cvsc.org.uk or call: 01492 523 857



Remember all courses are FREE!

An Introduction to Play and Playwork (Volunteers in Play - accredited course)

24th May 2018

9.30am – 3.30pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Practical Playwork: Playful Ideas and Suggestions

22nd June 2018

9.30am - 3.30pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Practical Playwork: Dens, Fires and Ropes

4th July 2018

9.30am – 3.30pm

Tu Fewn Tu Allan, Colwyn Bay, LL297SP

Enhancing Your Play Environment

11th July 2018

1pm – 3.30pm

CVSC, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG

Level 2 Award in Playwork Practice (L2APP)

23rd, 26th & 27th July 2018

9.30 am– 4pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Building Dens: Natural Shelters

15th September 2018

9.30am - 3.30pm

Conwy RSPB reserve, Llandudno Junction, N Wales Expy, Conwy LL31 9XZ

An Introduction to Play and Playwork (Volunteers in Play - accredited course)

6th October 2018

9.30am – 3.30pm

Venue To Be Confirmed

Level 3 Award Managing a Holiday Playscheme (MAHPS)

15th, 22nd & 29th October & 5th November

9.30am – 3.30pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Implementing Risk Benefit Assessment in your Setting

13th & 20th November 2018

6pm - 8pm

CVSC, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG

Thinking about Risk and Behaviour: Introducing a new approach to playwork practice

6th November 2018

9.30am - 1.30pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Practical Playwork: Playing with the Outdoors Indoors

10th December 2018

1pm – 3.30pm

Old School Lane Centre, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HL

Creating Playful Communities

21st January 2019

5pm - 7pm

Bodlondeb, Medium Committee Room, Bangor Road, Conwy, LL32 8DU

Exploring Playwork Theory

7th February 2019

9.30am – 3.30pm

CVSC, 7 Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TG

Practical Playwork: Playful Ideas and Suggestions

15th March 2019

9.30am – 3pm

SPYCE institute, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL297TG



Course Descriptions

We can tailor courses to the needs of your group so just get in touch!

An Introduction to Play and Playwork (Volunteers in Play - accredited course)

This course is an introduction to play and playwork that is suitable for volunteers, those thinking of volunteering, employees in childcare, social care, sports and even parents working with children and young people from 2 to 16 years. This course provides inspiration and ideas for supporting freely chosen play in a range of play settings.

Practical Playwork: Playful Ideas and Suggestions

This session will offer lots of ideas of how to surprise and intrigue children and young people. It will ask practitioners to reflect on the play environments they facilitate and give practical solutions to making them more exciting.

*Prior playwork knowledge or attendance at one of our other courses is preferable.

Practical Playwork: Fires, Dens and Ropes

This course will allow learners to consider practical ways to incorporate the natural/ outdoor environment in children's play. We will look at simple practical skills that support building play structures in the outdoor environment including, rope courses, tightropes, tree swings and den building. We will also explore ways of incorporating fire both for cooking and exploration – this will include learners cooking their lunch on the fire. Finally, we will discuss how to balance the risks and benefits of these types of play opportunities in order to provide children with opportunities for self-directed play. This course will be of a practical nature and the course will be delivered outdoors – you will be expected to play whatever the weather!!

*Prior playwork knowledge or attendance at one of our other courses is preferable.

Enhancing Your Play Environment

This course will enable learners to enhance their current play environment through play auditing and self assessment. This course will explore the importance of the playwork curriculum and provide ideas and suggestions of how to provide exciting, varied and rich spaces for children and young people to play.

*It is recommended that learners will hold a current playwork qualification and/or attended an Introduction to Play or a Volunteers in Play training course.

Level 2 Award in Playwork Practice (L2APP)

This transitional level 2 qualification qualifies learners who have relevant level 2s in childcare, teaching or sports to work on summer holiday playschemes. Approved by CSSIW, this qualification enables workers to start the transition between other sectors and play. The course offers an introduction to play and playwork as well as practical training on working on a playscheme. The online application form is available at:

bit.ly/MAHPSform

* Because this course is a level 2 qualification learners are required to complete practice hours and coursework.

Building Dens: Natural Shelters

This course is perfect for anybody who wants to get stuck in with natural materials such as trees, branches, wood and leaves and build dens with children in their setting. We will explore the use of the natural environment and how this can support children's opportunities to play.

Level 3 Award in Managing a Holiday Playscheme (MAHPS)

This Level 3 Award intended to qualify those registered with Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) as the Person in Charge of a holiday play scheme. The qualification includes two units:

- Application of the Playwork Principles to a holiday play scheme
- Legislative and regulatory requirements involved in leading and managing a holiday play scheme

As well as supporting the professional development of staff managing short-term provision to meet the National Minimum Standards (NMS) and CSSIW legal requirements it will provide the benefit of developing an understanding of the importance of play to children's development and how it may be facilitated in a variety of settings. The online application form is available at: bit.ly/MAHPSform

Implementing Risk Benefit Assessment in your Setting

This course will highlight the importance of risk benefit assessment and the process in which to implement it in your setting. This course will examine policies and procedures which reinforce a risk-benefit approach. Learners will be provided with the confidence, support and advocacy tools to begin to implement a risk benefit approach in their setting.

*It is essential that learners hold a current playwork qualification and/or attended an Introduction to Play or a Volunteers in Play training course.



Thinking about Risk and Behaviour: Introducing a new approach to playwork practice

This course uses Play Wales's innovative new ABC model to look at risk – benefit assessing children's behaviour rather than individual activities. The guidance paper this training is implementing is intended to support dynamic risk assessment by practitioners when working with playing children. It recognises that, whilst children's play behaviours can be complex and present themselves in many different forms, the ways in which serious harm might occur are likely to be similar across different forms of behaviour. For example, the ways injury could occur, and the factors that practitioners need to take into consideration, are likely to be similar whether children are climbing a tree, swinging on a rope or sliding down a mud bank.

As a result Play Wales have developed guidance to support risk-benefit assessment that can be applied to a wide range of behaviours – rather than having many different activity-based assessments that in practice duplicate one another.

*This guidance is intended to complement other risk-benefit assessment systems, therefore prior knowledge of risk benefit assessment is essential for this course.

Practical Playwork: Playing with the Outdoors Indoors

This course will allow learners to consider practical ways to incorporate the natural/ outdoor environment into an indoor environment for children's play. Learners will discuss and examine the importance of natural elements within children's play. We will provide plenty of practical tips to ensuring that your play environment is rich and varied for children's play even if your setting has limited space. *Prior playwork knowledge or attendance at one of our other courses is preferable.



Creating Playful Communities

This workshop is aimed at Town and Community and County Councillors, Housing Associations, Planning, ERF and any one else who's job role impacts on community spaces. The workshop will explore ideas around what is a playful community and how can they be created using design, spaces and attitudes.

Exploring Playwork Theory

This course will introduce and examine current playwork thinking and theory. It will challenge learners to reflect on their own practice by introducing a range of playwork concepts that will, more often than not, provide more questions than answers. This course will inspire learners and provide a greater understanding of children's play. *It is essential that learners hold a current playwork qualification and/or attended an Introduction to Play or a Volunteers in Play training course.

Free but still Valuable!

Our courses often get filled up and there can be waiting lists for them. If you are no longer able to attend a course you have booked on to please let us know ASAP so we can offer your place to someone else. The CVSC Conwy Play Development Team is funded by Families First, this funding allows us to run courses for free which would normally be costly to volunteers and organisations, please help us to continue to do so by only booking on a course if you are going to attend.

Play Development Training Booking Form

Name:		
Organisation:		
Telephone:	Mobile:	Email:

How did you hear about the course? (please circle)

Social media	Play development training plan
EYDCP training plan	Play development mail
CVSC mail	Word of mouth
Other:	

Have you attended training delivered by CVSC play development before?

(please circle)

Volunteers in Play (VIP)	Exploring Playwork Theory
Enhancing your Play Environment	Playful Ideas and Suggestions
Fires Dens and Ropes	Playing with the Outside Inside
Implementing Risk Benefit Assessment in your setting	Other:

Do you have a playwork qualification – YES/NO

If YES, please outline below

Do you have any specific requirements to make the course better for you?

Whilst this course is free we are limited with capacity so if you are unable to attend please contact the team so we can make your space available to someone else

Thank you for completing

Please return to care@playwork.org.uk