

playwork Partnerships



October 2009 – March 2010

Playwork Partnerships Professional Development Programme October 2009 - March 2010

Welcome to Playwork Partnerships' Professional Development Programme (PDP) for Playwork Tutors and Trainers, Assessors and Playworkers. We hope that you will take every advantage of the forthcoming opportunities to develop your knowledge and skills in playwork and playwork training.

We hope that through this training and development programme we will be able to meet some of your local requests for support. However, if there is a gap please contact us so that specific training can be planned to meet your local needs.

Funding Support

We are committed to providing training days that are cost effective. You may be able to approach your local Sure Start / Early Years Partnerships for funding to support attendance at any of our professional development events.

How to Book

To book a place on any of the tutor support days outlined below simply complete and sign the booking form at the end of this booklet and post or fax it to us at Playwork Partnerships.

- New Playwork Level 2 Training Day (CACHE)
- Level 3 Playwork Theory Training Day for Assessors and Trainers
- Making it Stick! - how to create memorable and challenging training
- Making the Most of the Indoor Environment
- Playwork and the EYFS – how to evidence for Ofsted

To book a place on any of our tutor or student training residential events outlined below, you will need to reserve a place and request a full tutor or student application form from Playwork Partnerships.

- **Playing on the Range** Student Training
- **Playing on the Range** Tutor Training
- **Playing with the Elements** Student Training
- **Playing with the Elements** Tutor Training
- **Everyone Can Play** Tutor Training

Should you have any further queries regarding this programme or any other playwork training queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below. You can also contact our Training Officer Karen Benjamin on 01242 715110 or email at kbenjamin@glos.ac.uk

Best wishes in playwork,

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Playwork Trainers

Name: Karen Benjamin

Organisation: Playwork Partnerships

Job Title: Playwork Training & Development Officer

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Karen Benjamin is an experienced playwork trainer and NVQ assessor and verifier with PACT (Play & Playwork Training and Consultancy) and is the co-ordinator and lead trainer for this Professional Development Programme.

She has an extensive background in playwork and has managed an adventure playground for disabled children in Glasgow. She has delivered on all levels of playwork training as well as having written many bespoke training courses for delivery in Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and the Black Country. On a national level Karen has been involved in the development of current level 2 qualification in playwork, as well as recently joining the Strategic Advisory Board for Play England.

Karen originally trained in drama and theatre and has used these skills to write several pieces of theatre for conferences and training, depicting a variety of aspects in working with children and young people from inclusion to the importance of play.

Currently working as Training and Development Officer for Playwork Partnerships based at the University of Gloucestershire, Karen is involved in the national Play Shaper programme and in co-delivering Play Ranger training.

Other trainers working on this programme are:

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| Playing on the Range: | Dan Rees-Jones,
Outdoor Play Development Officer at Playwork Partnerships |
| Playing with the Elements: | Martin Maudsley,
Outdoor Play Consultant |
| Everyone Can Play: | Ally John,
Playwork Consultant & Trainer with Alison John and Associates (AJA) |
| Level 2 and 3, EYFS and Indoor Environments: | Ali Wood,
Playwork trainer and NVQ assessor and verifier with PACT (Play & Playwork Training and Consultancy) |
| Making it Stick: | Pete Duncan,
Experienced trainer, writer and playworker with Co-train. |

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NEW!!! CACHE Level 2 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Playwork TRAINING DAY (for Tutors & Trainers)

A support day for tutors and trainers on the new CACHE Level 2 Playwork qualification.

The day will introduce the new units, cover the content of the syllabus and consider the assessment requirements for this full qualification.

Opportunities will be given for tutors and trainers to share methods of delivery with some input on fresh ideas. There will also be discussion around the reflective practice element that candidates will be required to undertake.

Cost: £140, including course materials, lunch and refreshments
Time: 10am – 4pm
Dates: **Course 1** Thursday 19th November 2009
Course 2 Tuesday 12th January 2010
Locations: **Course 1** Manchester (venue Tbc)
Course 2 Gloucestershire (venue Tbc)

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

Please visit our website www.playwork.co.uk for confirmation of venue details

Level 3 Playwork Theory Training Day (for Assessors & Trainers)

A training day on playwork theory and practice suitable for playwork assessors and trainers who wish to update or refresh their knowledge. There will also be the opportunity to look at best practice in using observations to assess holistically.

The day will focus on play types, elements of the play cycle, the playwork principles and other relevant theory specifically related to Level 3 NVQ criteria and the National Occupational Standards.

Cost: £140, including course materials, lunch and refreshments
Time: 10am – 4pm
Date: Tuesday 1st December 2009
Location: Birmingham, Trefoil House (venue Tbc)

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Playing with the Elements TUTOR TRAINING

This is a two day residential tutor training course on enabling, supporting and facilitating high quality outdoor play opportunities for children in supervised settings. Through a practical and philosophical exploration of the four elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water the course provides information, inspiration and ideas for Playworkers and others who work with children outdoors. This new level 3 playwork course is fully endorsed by SkillsActive.

*Playing with the
Elements*

Applicants need to:

- have at least two years face to face Playwork experience with children, specifying the type of Playwork e.g. open access or registered play provision - if you are a qualified playwork trainer, but do not have two years open access play experience, you may still be able to co-deliver with a practicing play ranger;
- have a minimum of 21 hours practical Playwork experience (over the last year) as evidence that you are continuously updating your professional competence;
- have appropriate training and qualifications, including adult teaching, equalities, and risk assessment. It may be possible to co-deliver with an experienced playwork trainer;
- have 30 hours of delivering level 2 playwork training in the last 2 years - If you are a play ranger, but currently lacking this training experience, if it may be possible to co-deliver with an experienced playwork trainer;
- demonstrate your understanding of the importance of the Playwork Principles;
- give examples of your working commitment to challenging discriminatory remarks or behaviour from playworkers, members of staff or adult learners.

Cost: £350, including accommodation, breakfast, lunch and refreshments, course materials and a Quality Assurance visit and report where applicable.

Times: **Day 1:** 9.45am – 5.30pm **Day 2:** 8.45am – 4.30pm

Date: Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March 2010

Location: Gloucestershire (venue Tbc)

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Playing with the Elements STUDENT TRAINING

This new two day playwork training course is endorsed by SkillsActive at Level 3 and is designed for Playworkers and others who work with children aged 4 – 16 years, who want to enable and facilitate high quality outdoor play opportunities.

*Playing
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Aims of the course are to:

- recognise the importance of children's outdoor play and interaction with natural elements;
- enable direct experiences with each of the natural elements and explore practical elemental activity 'springboards' that can be adapted and modified to different settings;
- provide knowledge, information and guidelines on the principles and best practice of outdoor playwork, including awareness of how to overcome specific barriers;
- explore ways in which any play provision can be improved or added to in order to best facilitate elemental play outdoors;
- introduce conceptual ideas about children's play through considering the importance and significance of the four natural elements.

Applicants need:

- to have undertaken some playwork study at level 2;
- to currently be working with children in a play setting;
- to have undertaken training which includes the Playwork Induction Standard or similar.

Cost: £350, including accommodation, breakfast, lunch and refreshments and course materials.

Times: **Day 1:** 9.45am – 5.30pm **Day 2:** 8.45am – 4.30pm

Date: Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th March 2010

Location: Location & venue Tbc

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Playing on the Range TUTOR TRAINING

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This two day residential tutor training aims to provide information, inspiration and ideas for play rangers and others who work with children and young people outdoors. The course focuses on enabling, supporting and facilitating high quality, open access outdoor play opportunities for children in parks and public open spaces. This new level 2 playwork course is fully endorsed by SkillsActive.

Applicants need to:

- have at least two years face to face Playwork experience with children, specifying the type of Playwork e.g. open access or registered play provision - if you are a qualified playwork trainer, but do not have two years open access play experience, you may still be able to co-deliver with a practicing play ranger;
- have a minimum of 21 hours practical Playwork experience (over the last year) as evidence that you are continuously updating your professional competence;
- have appropriate training and qualifications, including adult teaching, equalities, and risk assessment. It may be possible to co-deliver with an experienced playwork trainer;
- have 30 hours of delivering level 2 playwork training in the last 2 years - If you are a play ranger, but currently lacking this training experience, if it may be possible to co-deliver with an experienced playwork trainer;
- demonstrate your understanding of the importance of the Playwork Principles;
- give examples of your working commitment to challenging discriminatory remarks or behaviour from playworkers, members of staff or adult learners.

Cost: £350 including accommodation, breakfast, lunch and refreshments, course materials and a Quality Assurance visit and report where applicable.

Times: **Day 1:** 9.45am – 5.30pm **Day 2:** 8.45am – 4.30pm

Date: Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2009

Location: University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Playing on the Range STUDENT TRAINING

This level 2 playwork course is fully endorsed by SkillsActive and is a course packed with information, inspiration and ideas for play rangers and others who work with children and young people outdoors in open access play provision.

*Playing
on the
Range*

Aims of the course are to:

- enable learners to gain confidence and competence in facilitating freely chosen play in 'open access' provision;
- enable learners to understand the importance of play ranger projects within the wider community;
- develop learners' ability to effectively monitor and evaluate their play ranger service;
- help learners appreciate the significance of community and project development and the importance of accountability for the play ranger service.

Applicants need:

- to be able to demonstrate current experience of working with children in a play setting;
- to have undertaken at minimum some introductory Playwork Training.

Cost: £350, including accommodation, breakfast, lunch and refreshments and course materials.

Times: **Day 1:** 9.45am – 5.30pm **Day 2:** 8.45am – 4.30pm

Date: Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November 2009

Location: University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Everyone Can Play TUTOR TRAINING

Aim of the tutor training course:

This two day residential tutor training will support new Everyone Can Play tutors to fully understand the course context, content and delivery of this Level 2 SkillsActive endorsed course.

**Everyone
Can Play**

The 2-day tutor training will include:

- Disability Equality Training;
- background and course content including links to the National Occupational Standards;
- in depth planning for all sessions;
- skills practice in delivering aspects of the course;
- use of games and activities to maintain interest from students;
- compulsory assessments for learners;
- information on administration, resources and frequently asked questions;
- the Quality Assurance visit and report where applicable;
- identification of further training needs.

Applicants need:

- to hold a Further Adult Education Teaching Certificate or equivalent;
- experience of working directly with disabled children in a play setting, preferably mainstream;
- to demonstrate an understanding and commitment equalities and to the inclusion of disabled children in mainstream provision;
- to demonstrate your understanding of the importance of the Playwork Principles;
- recent equalities training or willing to undertake training;
- to have experience of delivering level 2 playwork training.

Cost: £350 including accommodation, breakfast, lunch and refreshments, course materials and a Quality Assurance visit and report where applicable.

Times: **Day 1:** 9.45am – 5.30pm **Day 2:** 8.45am – 4.30pm

Dates: **Course 1** Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November 2009

Course 2 Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th February 2010

Location: Gloucestershire (venue Tbc)

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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NEW WORKSHOP!

Making it Stick!

- how to create memorable and challenging training.

A day workshop for tutors & trainers led by Pete Duncan & Karen Benjamin exploring a variety of ways to engage learners, so that training can be fun and effective.

Suitable for all trainers and tutors who wish to expand their ideas and knowledge on the different ways that students learn and how we can support styles of learning through a variety of methods and approaches. The training day will also introduce participants to how the brain works and therefore how we can improve the learning environment for all individuals.

Pete Duncan is an experienced trainer, writer and Playworker. Recent work includes co-designing and running “Training the Trainer” courses for Play Wales and ‘No Fit State Circus’, as well as work with Play England and Children’s Parliaments in Lancashire.

Pete has a reputation for fast paced, innovative, but transferable training!

Karen Benjamin is the Training Officer for Playwork Partnerships and an experienced playworker, assessor and trainer delivering at all qualification levels. With a background in theatre, circus skills and inclusive playwork practice she has written and delivered a variety of practical training days nationally.

Cost: £140, including, lunch and refreshments

Time: 10am – 3.30pm

Date: Thursday 28th January 2010

Location: University Of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Making the Most of the Indoor Environment

NEW WORKSHOP!

Whilst children and young people should be encouraged to play outdoors as much as possible, there is also a great deal of time that they spend indoors, so how can we make those indoor environments as fun, exciting and challenging as possible to provide for a range of children's play opportunities?

This workshop will explore a range of ideas and materials that will enhance the indoor space, however big, and support children's play.

Suitable for practitioners this would also be a useful workshop for trainers wishing to develop their knowledge of a variety of play spaces and how to practically convey playwork theory around loose parts and play types.

Cost: £140, including, lunch and refreshments
Time: 10am – 3.30pm
Date: Thursday 26th November 2009
Location: University Of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Playwork and the EYFS

NEW WORKSHOP!

It is current legislation that play settings registered with Ofsted meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for children in the early years, from birth to the 31 August after their fifth birthday.

This workshop will look at how play settings can support the EYFS as a secondary setting for those children whilst still working to the playwork principles, and how to provide evidence for Ofsted.

Suitable for practitioners this day would also be useful to trainers who wish to develop their own knowledge to support their students.

PLEASE state when applying if you are a trainer or a practicing playworker.

Cost: £140, including, lunch and refreshments
Time: 10am – 3.30pm
Date: Tuesday 17th November 2009
Location: Birmingham, (venue Tbc)

Closing date for application forms is one month before the event

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Terms and conditions

Bookings and Applications

Booking and application forms for courses must be received at Playwork Partnerships one month before the training date, after which no additional bookings can be made.

Confirmation of Booking

Confirmation letters will be sent out **two weeks** prior to the training date and will include a location map and other relevant information.

Cancellation by Delegates

Notification of any cancellation must be made in writing and received ten working days prior to the training event for a full refund. Cancellations received less than ten working days prior to the event will be charged at the full amount.

Cancellation by Playwork Partnerships

Playwork Partnerships reserve the right to cancel a training event, at any time if insufficient numbers are not received.

Equality of Opportunity

Playwork Partnerships strives to uphold its commitment to Equality of Opportunity in line with the University of Gloucestershire's Equal Opportunities Policy and through the SkillsActive Code of Practice. If you have any specific access requirements please tell us about them on your booking form so that we can make any necessary arrangements.

Data Protection

Personal data collected on the booking form will only be used for the purposes of course administration and distributing Playwork Partnerships information. Data will not be passed on to any other organisation. All data stored is done so in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you do not wish to receive further information about Playwork Partnerships activities, please let us know in writing. Your details will then be deleted.

Certification

A certificate of attendance will be sent out after each training event giving the name of the delegate, the date, location and the training attended.

Please allow 4 weeks to receive your certificate.

**All information provided is correct at the time of going to print but is subject to alteration.
Please visit our website to keep up to date with professional development information.**

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Booking Form

Training Request(s)

Please book me a place for the following:

Please tick the relevant box(s)

- Playwork and the EYFS – 17th November 2009 – Birmingham
- New Playwork Level 2 Training Day – 19th November 2009 - Manchester
- Making the Most of the Indoor Environment – 26th November 2009 - Gloucestershire
- Level 3 Playwork Theory Training Day – 1st December 2009 - Birmingham
- New Playwork Level 2 Training Day – 12th January 2010 - Gloucestershire
- Making it Stick! – 28th January 2010 - Gloucestershire

Please reserve me a place and send me an application form for the following:

Please tick the relevant box(s)

- Playing on the Range, Tutor Training – 22nd & 23rd October 2009 - Gloucestershire
- Playing on the Range, Student Training – 4th & 5th November 2009 - Gloucestershire
- Playing with the Elements, Tutor Training – 4th & 5th March 2010 - Gloucestershire
- Playing with the Elements, Student Training – 16th & 17th March 2010 - Tbc
- Everyone Can Play, Tutor Training – 10th & 11th November 2009 - Gloucestershire
- Everyone Can Play, Tutor Training – 17th & 18th February 2010 - Gloucestershire

Delegate Details

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Access/dietary requirements:

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Payment Details

Please tick one of the following payment methods:

- I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to the 'University of Gloucestershire'
- I would like to be invoiced for £_____

Please provide details of person/organisation to be invoiced plus order reference:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Purchase Order Ref (if required): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I confirm that the information detailed above is correct and that I agree and understand the booking terms and conditions.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return your booking form to:

The Playwork Training Administrator

Playwork Partnerships

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