



Scotland's Play Vision Statement and Action Plan 2025 - 2030



The Children's Version

The Play Vision Statement and Action Plan is the plan that the Scottish Government have made to make play better in Scotland. We made this poster to explain our plan to children and young people.

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Why did we make the Play Vision Statement and Action Plan?

It is important to us to have a plan to make play better because:

- Play is important and all children and young people have a right to play
- Play is good for health and development
- Play helps us feel safe, confident, and independent
- Play helps us express our thoughts and feelings
- Play helps us learn, play makes learning fun, and we learn when we play
- Play helps us to make friends
- No-one is too young or too old to play. Play is good for everyone

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Vision: What we want the future to look like

All children and young people should be able to play, no matter where they live or what they look like. Play should be inclusive, so all children and young people can play safely in their communities.

We want Scotland to be a place where all children and young people can say:

“I can play at home with my family, and it helps us become closer. They know how important it is to play with me.”

“I can play in my neighbourhood, make friends, and enjoy the world around me. There are safe and welcoming places for me to play outside, and my community is happy that I am playing outside.”

“I can play at nursery or school. It helps me learn new things. Teachers let us play as part of our learning to work out new ideas.”

“I play in lots of different ways: by myself and with others, loud and quiet, active and calm, playing pretend, using my imagination, hanging out, and having fun.”

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Actions: Our plan to make it happen

We will give **parents and carers** information about how important play is for children from birth, ways their children and young people can play as they grow, local play spaces, and safe ways to play online so they have the knowledge and confidence to improve their children's play opportunities.

We will work with adults who design and build **public spaces** to make sure that all play spaces are safe, welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all children and young people across Scotland, and that children and their families have a say in what play spaces their local communities need.

We will support **everyone working with children and young people** to promote the importance of play in their growth and learning and to help ensure they have access to play opportunities.

