

## How can we do this?

We can provide staff experienced in participation, inclusion and playwork free of charge to your community. We can work directly with children, young people, parents and professionals for short-term projects (approximately 8 weeks).

Each community will have a designated lead worker from our team who would help organise the work and be a link person for any queries.

A planning meeting will take place prior to the work and a final meeting will take place at the end of the project. A follow-up meeting will also take place within 12 weeks to help maintain momentum.

## How is the community work funded?

Barnardo's Somerset Play & Participation Service has received a grant from Somerset County Council to continue our service this year enabling us to build on our track record of working with:

- Schools
- Town and District Councils
- Community Learning Partnerships
- Housing Associations

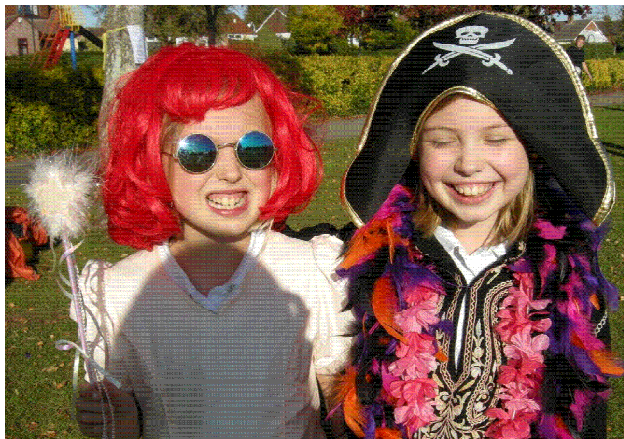
## What type of work can be offered?

- Outdoor play sessions in parks or natural woodlands
- Community events / Play Days
- Consultation with children and young people to design or redevelop play spaces

We can also offer workshops and training which may cover:

- Outdoor play
- Risky play – such as tree climbing and water play
- Assessing risk
- Engaging children and young people in consultations

The short-term project could include just one of these elements or a combination. Alternatively, if you already have your own ideas for improving play in the community, we may be able to support you to achieve these.



## Who can apply?

In your community, do children:

- find it hard to join in play with other children?
- feel unsafe in their neighbourhood?
- have nowhere to go and play?

If the answers are YES then we would like to hear from you.



We are keen to hear from communities directly, but can also take enquiries from those working with communities.

We will assess the level of need which will include children's access to good, safe, outdoor play opportunities.

## What do we need from Communities?

The project will aim to address a problem, a need or a gap in play opportunities within the community.

We want communities to tell us what their needs are, what they would like help with and how much time they can commit to.

To make the project successful and have the greatest impact we need communities to be committed right from the start.

We will also need your energy, enthusiasm and help to advertise the work and attract as many community members as possible.

## How to apply

Please get in touch and we will send you a simple form to complete, once we receive this back from you we will get in touch again within 2 weeks.

We can post or email forms, please either call: 01749 330533 or email: [spps@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:spps@barnardos.org.uk)

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### Wants to help your community invest in play



### Is there enough play in your community?

### Can we help you to improve play opportunities?