



Somerset Play Forum

Somerset Play Forum Newsletter

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Welcome to our first Somerset Play Forum newsletter for a number of years. We felt that this would be the best way to let everyone know about forthcoming meetings, events and news from the play community. In the future, we will post these newsletters on the Somerset Play Forum website bi-monthly and send out a reminder and link to all members.

Upcoming Play events:

Sat 10th Sept

Bruton Dovecot Fair & Funday from 12noon 'til late. Jubilee Park, Bruton, BA10 0NA

Tues 13th September

SPF network meeting, Taunton (11am to 1pm)

Sat 24th Sept

Love2Play Free Fun Activities

Curry Rivel, Primary School, TA10 0HD

For more information call 01458 253255 or email kayemorgan@greenbee.net

SPF Network Meeting - Tuesday 13th September:

Our next network meeting will take place at the Tangier Scout and Guide HQ, Castle Street, Taunton from 11am-1pm. We hope to see lots of you there!

Website www.somersetplay.org.uk:

We are currently updating the website and hope to have everything working as it should be very soon.

Conference 2012:

Planning for our next Somerset Play Forum conference is underway; the conference will be held in Taunton in Spring 2012. We hope to announce more details following the next network meeting.

Forthcoming Conference in the South West:

Play in Primary Schools: Head to Head conference

Tuesday 29 November 2011, Bristol

A conference aimed at school leaders, school governors and those that shape the environments that children learn in. The conference will be introduced by Catherine Prisk, Director of Play England with keynote speakers and workshops that bring together practical experience and research findings.

More info - <http://www.playengland.org.uk/events/head-to-head-conference.aspx>

Useful links:

Youth & Community Group Grants of up to £5,000 are available to start or sustain youth clubs or drop-in provision, particularly in areas affected by public sector cuts. To find out more or apply for funding Tel: 01823 410134 or Email: youthservice@somerset.gov.uk

The True Colours Trust through its small grants programme is inviting applications for grants of up to £10,000 from small organisations in the UK, to help them develop and deliver programmes for disabled children, their siblings and families. Applications can be submitted at any time.

www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants_application.aspx

Children's Risky Play from an Evolutionary Perspective

The Anti-Phobic Effects of Thrilling Experiences <http://www.epjournal.net/filestore/EP092572842.pdf>

Safety and Health Practitioner Article - July 2011 School trips digest to ease bureaucracy burden - how the government has simplified health and safety guidance to schools. <http://www.shponline.co.uk/news-content/full/school-trips-digest-to-ease-bureaucracy-burden>

Somerset Play Forum Grants 2011:

Somerset Play Forum is pleased to announce awarding over £4,500 for play activities across Somerset

All the successful projects / events will provide play that offers a free choice of activities, is free of charge and free for children & young people to come and go between activities.

Exmoor Community Youth Club was awarded £400 to support its Summer Camp in August. Mike Warner, Trustee said, *'We are very grateful for the grant. Without it, the trip would not be taking place.'*

Other projects that received funding:

- Crowcombe Baby & Toddler Group – £400 for 'Play Day Go Wild!'
- South Somerset District Council - £800 for National Play Day at Ninesprings
- Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership - £720 for 'Wilder Woods on the Go!'
- Curry Rivel School - £400 for 'Love2Play'
- Sedgemoor Play Day - £800 for National Play Day at Apex Park
- CLOWNS - £617 for 'Family Fun Day'
- Chilthorne Domer Youth Sports Club - £400 for Chilthorne Domer Play Day

For more information on any of these awards please contact us.

Forthcoming Training in Somerset:

SCIL - Managing Risk and Promoting Risky Play

http://www.scilearning.org.uk/channel/view_resource/id/127564

This course aims to offer solutions to allow a balanced approach to risk management. Themes covered will include:

Providing ideas for offering risky play whilst identifying its benefits

Understanding the importance of encouraging children and young people to assess risk themselves

SCIL - Level 3 Award in Induction to Playwork

http://www.scilearning.org.uk/channel/view_resource/id/129924

This course is suitable for experienced level 3 Playworkers who need to update their qualification to encompass playwork principles, experienced level 3 Early Years practitioners that wish to work in a playwork setting, playworkers that need to be working towards a full level 3 in playwork and also learners that work in a play environment as mentioned above.

Positive Link:

Savlon and Play England, in conjunction with Natural England, have launched an interactive map to help families find great places to play outdoors where they live, check it out!

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/our-work/play-map.aspx>

If you would like any events, news, training opportunities etc. included in our next

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