

Pinc and Blew

(Play Inclusive and Buildings, Landscapes, Eating Wisely)

Play Scotland is developing Pinc into 'Pinc and Blew', a national training programme to provide support to 'play people' throughout Scotland.

Pinc and Blew focuses on providing and developing support for

Inclusive play

Environments for play -
making best use of and developing environments

Healthy eating and lifestyles

Key target audiences are active schools coordinators and playworkers. Pinc and Blew will develop an associated quality award which settings can work towards.

This is an exciting and innovative project which is being further developed in 2008. If you would like to contribute to the development of the project or access resources please contact Susan McIntyre at susanmcintyre@playscotland.org or 0131 440 9070

'Pinc helped us to explore experiences that children could share without adult direction or interference and showed us how we could facilitate choice.'
(Project Manager)



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Pinc at Play Scotland

Information on Play Inclusive (Pinc) resource and training

Training Resource

Play Scotland offers Pinc training on inclusive play. This links with the resource 'People Play Together More' and has a particular focus on environments for play and ways in which adults can support play without controlling.

People Play Together More: a handbook for supporting inclusive play

This latest Pinc handbook was developed at The Yard adventure playground, Edinburgh, and is full of practical advice on topics such as:

Cheap and interesting play resources.

Ways of setting up for play indoors and outdoors.

Tailoring opportunities to meet individual needs.

Techniques to support children to play together.

Tools for consulting children.

There are tips for quick reference, core text with more detailed information and activities staff teams can do together to try out the approaches. The advice is about supporting the free play of children of all abilities and needs.



For more information, or to order a copy of People Play Together More for £14.99, visit www.playscotland.org or contact Play Scotland on info@playscotland.org

Background

Play Inclusive (Pinc) started out as an action research project of The Yard Adventure Playground, Edinburgh (www.theyardscotland.org.uk). It was developed in response to changing needs – supporting inclusion and increasing moves to include disabled children in mainstream provision.

From 2002-07, playworkers worked with schools, after school clubs and community provision, to explore ways of supporting inclusion through, and in, play. In each setting play projects were delivered, involving lots of loose parts such as tyres, wood, junk art, fabric and dressing up clothes which children could use to create their own play.

'People play together more. There's more happiness. People that don't play together have been and different ages playing together. You could see by people's faces they were enjoying it' (Girl, age 10)

Key findings

A sense of being included is dependant on friendships and fun.

Flexible, junk materials support inclusive play.

Varying the indoor or outdoor layout could open up new possibilities for play.

Opportunities could be tailored to meet a range of needs.

Adults could facilitate communication and support children's 'frames' of play (the storylines and props which maintain a game).

Support and training on play is needed and valued by a wide range of professionals working with children.

Full findings from the 04-07 phase of work are in a report available on the Play Scotland website – http://www.playscotland.org/whatwedo_information.html People Play Together More gives practical advice based on these findings.