

Guiding Principles of Playwork

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1. Working to the Child`s agenda
2. Don`t rush in or rush to judgement
3. Identify and remove barriers to Play
4. Porchmouth principle: based on providing basic materials and avoiding rigid programmes of activity
5. Loose Parts
6. Reference Points - “ Remember when”
7. Helping to develop human potential
8. Appropriate responses to play cues
9. Building self-esteem
10. Cultural Awareness- cultures within cultures, sub-cultures within sub-cultures
11. Ongoing commitment- building relationships
12. Reflective Practice - learning by observing- letting children do things for themselves, learning from mistakes.

