Playwork Principles
(Simplified Version)

Everyone is born to play, it’s our DNA. It’s an essential part of life and growing up.

Play is the business of children and young people, they are the BOSS!

Playworkers support play from before it even starts until after it finishes. The play process effects every decision that a playworker makes.

Playworkers will keep their distance unless asked to play or absolutely needed to support the play. Risk is important for children and young people’s development and as Playworkers we should work to balance the risk and benefits.

Playworkers think and ask themselves, “What am I doing? How do I impact the playspace? How do the children impact me?”

Playworkers will think about what they are doing and why and keep up to date with new ideas and knowledge.

Playworkers help create and support the creation of enriched play spaces for ALL children and young people.

Play, and children and young people’s right to play is at the heart of everything a playworker does. Playworkers stand up and protect play and a child’s right to play.