Scotland’s Play Charter Pledge

Scotland is promoting Scotland’s first inclusive Play Charter. This describes a collective **commitment to play** for **all babies, children and young people** in Scotland.

It builds on the Scottish Government’s National Play Strategy and the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approach to supporting children, young people and their families.

The Charter is for parents, play providers, play champions and **everyone** with an interest and/or responsibility for play in Scotland.

Children and young people have the need and the right to play indoors and outdoors in welcoming and stimulating environments. Through play children have fun; develop and learn; assess and manage risk; use their imaginations and create new experiences that contribute to their health; wellbeing and a happy childhood.

The aim of **Scotland’s Play Charter** is to:

- Highlight that every child has the right to play in line with Article 31 of the UNCRC* and raise awareness of the importance of play for all babies, children and young people
- Ensure a commitment to play is more strongly embedded within policies, strategies, key qualifications and CPD training
- Ensure that children and young people are supported in their right to play and that play spaces are valued within communities
- Inspire individuals, play providers and organisations to promote a range of inclusive play opportunities
- Bring back the sight and sound of children playing in our communities

Should you wish to pledge your support to this Charter please send your name, job title, organisation, web address and your logo to sharonmccluskie@playscotland.org

Your details will be shown on our website www.playscotland.org

By supporting the Charter you will be recognised as a Play Champion. Organisations and individuals who pledge their support will be awarded the ‘**Committed to PLAY**’ stamp which can be used on resources and websites.

*United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*