What is a Play Champion

Children and young people have the right to play under Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The Scottish Government’s Play Strategy for Scotland and Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) also highlight the need for play to support children and young people’s health and wellbeing.

Become a Play Champion and support Play Scotland’s work to make the child’s right to play a reality in Scotland.

A Play Champion can be:

- **Anyone who works with or for children and young people**
- ** Anyone who is interested in the child’s right to play!**

Planner, Health Improvement Officer, playworker, teacher, childminder, outreach or detached worker, Playground supervisor, Play Development Officer, Childcare Partnership Officer, Active Schools Manager or Co-ordinator, Out of School Care Manager or worker, Early Years or Sure Start Officer, Youth leader, Classroom/Learning Assistant, Playwork/Early Years/Childcare student, Health Visitor, parent, playground designer, health and safety officer, builder and inspector…

A Play Champion will:

- **Promote the Play Charter for Scotland**
- **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 including those with disabilities and disadvantaged groups
- **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**
- **Champion the place of children and young people in the public realm, supporting the sight and sound of children playing in our communities**
- **Highlight that children and young people need opportunities to play indoors and outdoors in welcoming and stimulating environments.**