

Project name: Wirral Play Games
Lead agency: Wirral Play Council
Area: Merseyside
Website: www.wirralplaycouncil.org.uk

Project brief:

Community Play Rangers provides 30 free, open access play sessions, each week, for children aged 5 – 13 in different parks and play areas across Wirral.

PlayPoint provides 5 free, open access play sessions for children aged 6 – 13 in venues such as community centres and youth clubs across Wirral.

Summer Playschemes provides over 20 free, open access play sessions for children aged 6 – 14 during the summer holidays.

Special Needs Scheme provides free after school activities and holiday respite for children with special needs.

The idea for the Wirral Play Games has been introduced from the children wanting to take part in activities relating to the 2012 Games.

Lead Organisation: Wirral Play Council

Wirral Play Council (WPC) is a charitable organisation, formed in 1974, that provides an all-year round service to resource groups and organisations that work with children and operates from the Wirral Play Development Centre in Berner Street, Birkenhead.

Every summer, the WPC organises over 20 free open-access playschemes across the Wirral for children aged 5-14 years of age, as well as holding a national Playday event, in Birkenhead Park, for up to 600 children, some with special needs.

The Wirral Play Council also currently runs two Big Lottery funded projects; Community Play Rangers, which facilitates play sessions in areas where there is inadequate play provision, and PlayPoint (Play Practitioners Project) which runs daily indoor play sessions, locally.

Also based at the Play Development Centre is the Wirral Play Council Special Needs Group, who run evening sessions and a Saturday morning session, each week, for children with various specific needs as well as operating daily throughout most school holidays.

Wirral Play Council has a wide variety of member groups who make use of the many services that we provide. These services include; a low-cost arts & crafts shop, scrapstore, play equipment hire, as well as room hire for play training, etc.

Membership is open to all groups, childminders, and statutory bodies (including Wirral Borough Council departments) involved in the development of children's play on the Wirral.

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