

Family Play in the Park sessions

Report card

Description

Play in the Park sessions across seven sites within the borough using safe green spaces where children and their families take part in fun, engaging activities. Over 2,500 participants attended the Play in the Park sessions.

Policy instigators and drivers

- Local authority Play Sufficiency Assessment
- Early years strategic plan
- Play holiday provision

People instigators and drivers

- Play Sufficiency officer
- Early years
- Parks department
- Police/fire service
- Sport and leisure

Resources/enablers

- Safer green spaces
- Early year staff
- Marquees (to enable sessions to still run in bad weather)
- Loose parts
- Messy play equipment
- Arts and crafts
- Internal/external providers
- Play holiday provision and early years funding

Process

- Play in the park steering group (Play Sufficiency Officer, early years)
- Facilities booked through parks department
- Play Sufficiency Officer booked key partners to support delivery (for example, fire service, police and countryside)
- Early years staff facilitated activities such as, messy play, loose parts and crafts
- All activities are low cost to give families idea of things they can also do at home

Challenges

- Due to weather some sessions were cancelled for safety reasons
- Access to some of the parks
- Staffing

Outputs/outcomes

- Providing play opportunities in deprived areas
- Giving families ideas of low-cost play activities they can do at home
- Promote the value of play and the play department
- Bringing different stakeholders together to promote and deliver play



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