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This conference will explore the next steps for making the recommendations of the Ministerial Review of Play happen.

It will provide delegates with the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the review and the Welsh Government's response
- Contribute to case study workshops which relate to the six themes identified in the review
- Hear about children's views in relation to play satisfaction.

Between 2019 and 2022, the Welsh Government undertook a collaborative review of its work with respect to play policy. Led by the Welsh Government's Play Policy Team, a cross-professional steering group of play and playwork specialists, policy officials from across the Welsh Government and independent academic advisors took part in the review.

The steering group considered the evidence and issues across the six review themes:

- Cross-policy working
- Play Sufficiency Duty and funding
- Spatial justice and societal involvement
- The regulation and registration of playwork settings
- The play and playwork workforces
- Play and education policy.

The Ministerial Review of Play steering group report includes 15 key recommendations and suggested milestones for making the recommendations a reality. The report emphasises that there is an urgent need to implement these recommendations to improve opportunities for children's play in Wales.

Who should attend?

The conference is aimed at: play sufficiency officers, childcare and playwork practitioners, local government elected members, and those involved in health, education, active travel, town and community planning.

Delegate rates

- Members in Wales: £55
- Delegates outside of Wales: £95

Keynote speakers

- Professor Helen Dodd – Professor of Child Psychology at Exeter Medical School and UK Research and Innovation Future Leaders Fellow
- David Dallimore – independent researcher and consultant
- Julie Morgan, MS – Deputy Minister for Social Services
- Rebecca Johnson – Head of Early Childhood Education and Care, Childcare and Play Policy, Welsh Government.

Information about workshops will be available soon.

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