



International Play Association (IPA)
23rd Triennial World Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand
2-5th November 2026

IPA Right to Play Award PROGRAMME

Call for Submissions

The "IPA Right to Play Award" Programme was created to recognise and celebrate projects that utilise innovative and practical ways to implement Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Appropriate projects include activity programs, public awareness campaigns, media products, implemented national or local legislation, design of spaces, and design of play items.

This award was launched at the IPA World Conference in Melbourne, Australia in 1993 and since then awards have been made at every Triennial World Conference. The awards provide an opportunity for winners and nominees to showcase their work to both their community and the world. Nominations are invited from organisations and individuals that represent profit or not for profit organisations.

Award winners will be announced at the 23rd Triennial IPA World Conference hosted in Christchurch, November 2026 and featured on the IPA World website.

Criteria

To gain the award the following criteria must be met:

- Projects must demonstrate how they protect, promote and/or improve the child's right to play.
- Projects must respect and/or enhance local culture.
- Projects should not contradict any article of the UN Convention.
- Projects must have been implemented and assessed, including the impact on the children in the community.
- Projects must not be a commercially available product.
- Projects must have the ability to be replicated in other communities.
- Only one submission is allowed per organisation.
- Submissions must be in English.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a letter of authorisation to exhibit by the sponsoring organisation and to have the project promoted on the IPA World website.
- Project submission form and project submission must meet the deadlines advertised.



How do I apply?

Nominations for Projects that meet the criteria should be made on the Programme Submission form provided that includes a 100-word summary for the website and 2 photos for use on the website. This form is due by email no later than 25th September 2026.

The project is then to be recorded into a submission that provides more detail and is able to be displayed at the conference for participants and for judging to take place.

All submissions that meet the criteria will be exhibited throughout the conference and should be presented in one of the following 2 formats:

- **POSTERS** – Up to three posters. Each poster must be no larger than 100cm x 100cm. All printed text should be clear and at least 1cm high. Table space (directly in front of the poster) is also available for display. Visual material that makes the project self-explanatory is helpful, especially for viewers with English as their second language.
- **RINGED BINDER** - International 'A4' or letter size, 10-page maximum presentation. Clarity of print is important to accommodate those with English as a second language.

In addition a presentation or film may be provided on USB stick, however may not be used at the event but for later social media opportunities, dependent of the technology available at the conference.

How will it be judged?

Judging criteria will focus on innovations which implement Article 31.

Submissions will be judged during the World Conference with strict regard given to the criteria above. The Submission Form reflects those criteria.

All submissions meeting the entry criteria will be exhibited at the conference. Those presented the 'IPA Right to Play Award' will be put on the IPA website (currently under reconstruction).

Where do I have to send my submission?

The IPA Right to Play Award Programme Submission Form is to be sent to:

Tam Baillie

by email attachment to tamb2009@live.co.uk

Accompanied submissions to be exhibited may be brought to the conference in person on the first day of the conference.

Unaccompanied submissions should be sent to arrive between 26-29th October.

Details of where to send unaccompanied submissions will be provided upon acknowledgement receipt of your submission form.

Conference

Conference information can be found at [Home | IPA 2026](#)





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Please supply the details required in English. The answers will be used to assess whether the criteria have been met. Only accepted admissions will be exhibited. Deadline for submission of this form is 23rd September 2026.

Submissions must then be sent to the conference at the address provided or can be brought to the conference if you are attending. No responsibility is accepted for lost submissions. Please ensure you receive confirmation by email or receipt of this submission form.

Name of
Submitter:

Address:

	Zip/Post Code:
Country:	

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Name of project:

Project Assessment Date:

(N.B. Projects must have been implemented and assessed by the submission date)



How does your project protect, promote and/or improve the Child's Right to Play and comply with other Rights under the UN Convention?

What are its innovative aspects?

How does your project respect and/or enhance local culture?

How has your project been assessed, including its impact on children? *(Say by whom and what was the result)*



Describe briefly how your project may be replicated in other communities.

Details of your Submission format: *(See Call for Submissions document for more information)*

Panel/Poster size etc

Media: type, equipment required etc

Ringed Binder; size, number of pages etc

Abstract for website: (100 words max) Please send up to 3 high-resolution (300dpi) photos for use on the website. Photos are to be in JPEG format, labeled with project name, and submitted along with this submission. They should not be embedded in a document.

SEND THIS FORM TO:

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Do not sent the actual project submission to this address, submissions must be brought to the conference if representatives will be in attendance or advise of their intention to mail it and an address will be provided.

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