

Inspiring Scotland - Go Play Programme

INTRODUCTION

Go Play is a new programme being run by Inspiring Scotland and is funded by the Scottish Government. Over the next 2 years it aims to expand the play sector in Scotland in order to improve the quality of children's lives through play. By investing in play it hopes to support the sector in Scotland to create a more robust infrastructure, to improve play services in areas of the greatest need, to make community spaces more play friendly and to explore new and creative approaches to play.

Key Facts

Registered charities offering play opportunities for 5 to 13 year olds.

Application deadline 5pm on Friday 6th November 2009

Grants awarded early 2010 to March 2011

FUNDS AVAILABLE

A total of £4 million will be invested in 2010/2011. There is no limit on the amount any individual group can apply for but applicants must be able to prove that they will be able to use the money effectively. Investment will be phased between early 2010 and March 2011.

ACTIVITIES

In order to apply, organisations must:

- Have an innovative or creative approach to providing play activities.
- Be working with local communities to reduce the risks that stop parents and carers letting children play freely.
- Have developed a creative way of helping children to set their own agenda for play.
- Want to use Scotland's natural assets to help children explore the outdoors through play.
- Provide national or regional infrastructure support to the play sector in Scotland.

WHO CAN APPLY

Organisations will be eligible to apply if:

- They are a registered charity in Scotland, and
- They provide play opportunities for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 13.
- They are delivering free play opportunities in any of the following Local Authorities where children and young people are deemed most at risk of missing out on the benefits of free play: Dumfries and Galloway; Dundee City, East Ayrshire, Glasgow City; Highland; North Ayrshire; North Lanarkshire; and West Dunbartonshire but investment is **not** restricted to these areas.

Organisations which are run on a commercial basis or whose primary activities are sport-led or based around use of existing playing fields are **not** eligible. Standard playground equipment which is not part of a broader play initiative is also **not** eligible for funding.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS & DEADLINES

The first step in the application process is to contact Inspiring Scotland to talk to a Performance Advisor about the charity and its plans and whether they are eligible for funding from the Go Play Programme. Following this, application forms will be issued and the closing date for applications will be **5pm on Friday 6th November 2009**. Final decision on investments will be made by the end of the year and it is anticipated that the first funding will be given early in 2010.

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