

# PETC UK JUST A FEW STEPS AWAY

A Playwork Education and Training Council (PETC) is a forum where the playwork sector can discuss issues of strategic importance on all aspects of playwork education, training, and qualifications. PETCs are occupied by playwork employers, training providers, and representatives of relevant national organisations.

Over the last year, The Playwork Foundation and Play England have worked together to successfully re-establish PETC England. PETC Scotland is currently in the process of becoming established whilst PETC Wales and PETC Northern Ireland remain in operation.

To account for the different legislative and regulatory frameworks of each country, and to establish a more strategic UK-wide approach to playwork training and qualifications, it is hoped that it will soon be possible to convene a UK PETC - a forum for the 4 national PETCs. This will not supersede the national PETCs but enhance opportunities to make playwork education, training, and qualifications more cohesive with a greater degree of transferability in the future.

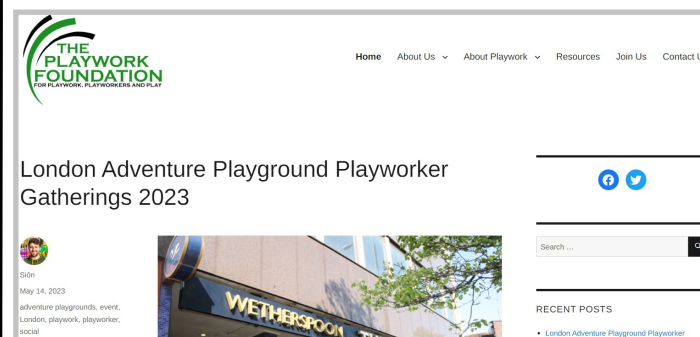
## LEVEL 2 PLAYWORK APPRENTICESHIP

The Playwork Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group, with the support of The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE), has been supporting the development of a Level 2 Playwork Apprenticeship in England.

The Standard and the End Point Assessment plan (EPA) have now been approved by IfATE. If you would like further information, please contact the Chair of the Trailblazer Group, Joan Fisher:

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# READ ALL ABOUT IT: A PLATFORM FOR YOU



Our Communications Subcommittee has been hard at work refreshing and updating our website [playworkfoundation.org.uk](https://playworkfoundation.org.uk).

Improvements include a simplified layout, better scores for accessibility, and re-categorised/re-tagged posts, briefing papers, and articles that should now be easier to find.

That means we're ready to provide a platform for your playwork news, case studies, reports, reflections, findings... whatever it is you want to share with the world. Simply, email [info@playworkfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@playworkfoundation.org.uk).

## HELP SHAPE OUR SECTOR IN LESS THAN 5 MINUTES

The Playwork Foundation exists to promote playwork and, where possible, support the playwork community. To do that we need to be able to reach playworkers wherever they are and listen to their experiences.

Please take 5 minutes to complete our online survey to help shape our work over the coming years.

Visit: [bit.ly/eastb23](https://bit.ly/eastb23)



Thank you for taking the time to read our Glasgow Gazette. Don't forget you can join our Chair, Siôn Edwards, and trustee, Penny Wilson, most Monday afternoons for Playwork in Progress - a free, online reflective practice session over Zoom. Scan the code or visit [bit.ly/PlayworkIP](https://bit.ly/PlayworkIP) to join the mailing list.



Don't forget to visit [playworkfoundation.org.uk/join](https://playworkfoundation.org.uk/join) to enjoy FREE membership for 2023/24.

*Diolch / Thank you*

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# CEUD MÌLE FÀILTE

*Rydym yn falch iawn o fod yn Glasgow ar gyfer 22ain Cynhadledd Byd Teirblwydd y Gymdeithas Chwarae Ryngwladol (IPA) ym Mhrifysgol Caledonian.*

*Rydym hefyd yn falch o gael 7 Ymddiriedolwr yn cynrychioli'r Sefydliad Gwaith Chwarae yn y gynhadledd. Cadwch lygad am eu henwau yn y rhaglen:*

- Karen Benjamin
- Jackie Boldon
- Siôn Edwards
- Anne-Marie Mackin
- Tanny Stobart
- Penny Wilson
- Ali Wood

*Sganiwch y cod QR i ddod o hyd i Lyfr y Crynodau, y rhaglen lawn, a gwybodaeth ddefnyddiol arall.*

*I ddathlu dyfodiad IPA i Brydain Fawr, rydym wedi gwneud aelodaeth i'r Playwork Foundation AM DDIM! Ymunwch heddiw a mwynhewch 2023/24 fel aelod o The Playwork Foundation yn rhad ac am ddim - edrychwn ymlaen at eich croesawu.*

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We are delighted to be in Glasgow for the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Play Association (IPA) Triennial World Conference at Caledonian University.

We're also proud to have 7 Trustees representing The Playwork Foundation at the conference. Keep an eye out for their names in the programme:

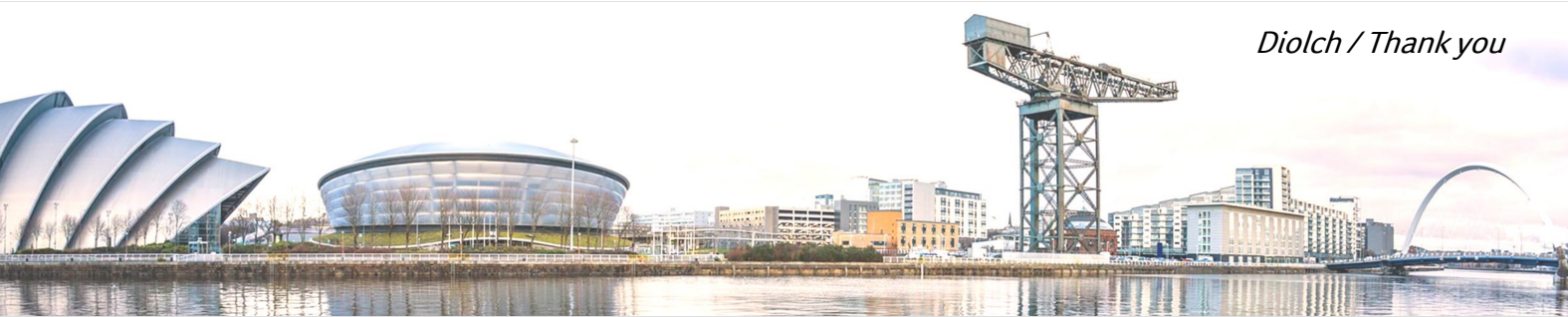
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Scan the QR code to find the Book of Abstracts, full programme, and other useful information.

To celebrate IPA's arrival in Great Britain, we've made membership to The Playwork Foundation FREE! Join today and enjoy 2023/24 as a member of The Playwork Foundation absolutely free - we look forward to welcoming you onboard.

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## TWO NEW PLAYWORK COURSES TO SUPPORT HAF-FUNDED PROJECTS

Since 2021, the UK Government has made funding available through the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) to local authorities in England, to support children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM) during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays.

The main aims of the funding are for children to:

- eat healthily
- be active
- take part in engaging and enriching activities
- be safe and not socially-isolated

The Playwork Foundation and Devon County Council have worked together to create two new training courses to support practitioners delivering the HAF programme to include playwork practice:

1 **PLAYTIME!** a single session introductory three hour course

2 **LET'S TALK PLAY** a five session, ten hour course

PlayTime! is endorsed by Play England and mapped against the Playwork National Occupational Standards at Level 2. Let's Talk Play is currently going through the endorsement process.

Endorsement requires a level of assessment to ensure learner knowledge - this will be achieved by learners completing an assessment paper for each session. Each learner will also receive a full-colour, detailed coursebook to take home.



These courses are administered by Playwork Partnerships, part of the University of Gloucestershire.

For more information about the course, scan the QR code:



## LEVEL 2 PLAYWORK DIPLOMA AVAILABLE

Playwork providers in England and Northern Ireland can now access an up-to-date Level 2 Diploma for the Playwork Practitioner (RQF) thanks to the work of The Playwork Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group and Training Qualifications UK (TQUK).

TQUK is recognised by both the Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation (Ofqual) in England and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland.

The new qualification will support playworkers and others in a variety of out of school settings to deliver a range of playful opportunities. The qualification is available today at [tquk.org](https://www.tquk.org).

## NEW PLAYWORK PEDAGOGY PDA

A new Level 8, 80-credit Playwork Pedagogy Professional Development Award (PDA) is currently being developed in Scotland and will be at the same level as a second year of a degree.

Anne-Marie Mackin, one of The Playwork Foundation's Trustees, is involved in its early development. We look forward to sharing further information when available.

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## WE BACKED THE BID FOR WRECSAM TO BECOME A UK CAPITAL OF PLAY

In 2022, we reported how The Playwork Foundation supported a virtual event convened by The Venture entitled 'Cyfoeth o Chwarae Wrecsam Capital of Play' opened by the Prime Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford MS.

The online conference was in aid of the town's bid to become City of Culture 2025 - a UK-wide competition run by the UK Government's Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) - which had "play" as one of 7 main pillars of the bid. Shortly after the 2022 Eastbourne conference, we received the news that Wrecsam had been shortlisted to the final 4!

Later, in May 2022, to coincide with a judges visit, Wrexham Council, The Venture, Assemble Play, and a host of local artists (including graffiti artists and poets) collaborated to create a 3-day event entitled "Word Play". Held across a pedestrianised part of the town centre and a newly-reclaimed derelict site turned into an urban green space, the event aimed to demonstrate how art and play as living culture can bring communities together. Making the town centre explicitly child-friendly (albeit for a few days) also encouraged more people to visit which supported the local economy.

Although Wrecsam was ultimately pipped to the post by Bradford, preparations for the competition created a momentum and spirit of community that has continued, and work is already underway to bid for City of Culture 2029.

For more information, visit

[www.theventure.wales](https://www.theventure.wales)



Trustee Penny Wilson bringing a touch of Assemble Play to Henblas Street, Wrecsam



Head Judge, Sir Philip Redmond CBE, on the zip-wire at The Venture

## NO BAWLIN, JUST BOSTIN TO BE BACK IN BIRMINGHAM

Before the pandemic, several times a year our trustees would travel from their respective corners of Great Britain and converge on the Arden Hotel in Birmingham for meetings. In March 2020, like everyone else, we switched to Zoom and wondered why we hadn't thought of it before. We practically wiped out our carbon footprint overnight!

On Remembrance Day 2022, however, we returned to the Arden Hotel for our first in-person meeting. We did this to consolidate a number of big topics of discussion which we knew would likely work better when we were all in the same room - one example being to set our priorities for the coming year. It was a great opportunity to catch-up and socialise, as well as to make some big decisions about The Playwork Foundation's future.



Left to right: Siôn Edwards (Chair), Penny Wilson (behind the roller banner), Karen Benjamin (Treasurer), Simon Bazley, Julia Sexton, Simon Rix, Ali Wood (Secretary), Jackie Boldon & Helen Stephenson. Apologies to Tanny Stobart, who had already left to head home, and to Anne-Marie who Zoomed in from Scotland