



The Play Champions Setting Award

What is it?

The Play Champions Setting Award is our way of recognising those amazing settings that have an ongoing commitment to Play and its profound impact on children. Sometimes play is seen as frivolous and low priority and sometimes there is resistance to the idea of play from parents, governing bodies and even Ofsted. This award is for those settings who repeatedly demonstrate that Play is the single most important developmental process in any child's life and a fundamental human right. It is for those settings who stand up for a child's right to play and actively promote and support play by going that extra mile. This award is for those settings that don't just provide amazing play opportunities for their children but actively engage parents and the wider community in the wonderful benefits of play. If this sounds like your setting then please complete the attached form and email to info@inspiredchildren.org.uk

What do you get?

Play Champions will receive a certificate and trophy to display in their setting. They will appear on the Play Champions wall of fame on our website and will receive a life time discount on in-house training from Inspired Children as well as discounts on our forthcoming conferences.

How much does it cost?

Applying for the award is currently free. In the future the award will have a small admin fee to cover postage, printing and trophies but in this first round Inspired Children is covering all of these costs.

What do you need to do?

We wanted to keep the process as simple as possible (so you have more time for playing). There is a short form to complete and then we will process your submission by email. We also reserve the right to contact settings if we need any more information to make the award.

Why do we need Inspired Children's training? Won't other play training be sufficient?

A pre-requisite of the award is that a significant number of the setting staff have attended training by Inspired Children. We are happy to discuss other training you might have attended but as Inspired Children is endorsing this award we need to be completely sure that the information and training on Play that you have received is correct and up to date and sadly this is not the case with all training. If this requirement is a problem please get in touch and we can arrange discounted in-house training for your team.

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1) Name of Setting

2) What Training have your staff attended from Inspired Children?

In order to qualify for this award a significant number of setting staff must have attended at least one training course from Inspired Children and preferably one that was play based. If this is not the case, please contact us to arrange a discounted in-house training session.

Do you have any plans for future training?

3) Why should your setting be awarded Play Champion Status?

Please give a brief statement about your settings' commitment to play. This can be things you already have in place or future plans. It can also be your underlying ethos or mission statement. Basically, what makes you special!

4) What does your setting do to raise awareness of play in the community?

This can include notice boards and displays, parent sessions, open days, work with local schools or intergenerational work.

5) Please provide 2 photographs of your setting "playing"

These will be shown on the Inspired Children website so if the pictures contain children (which would be great) please make sure you have full permissions for these images. Names will not be used.