



# WEBINARS FOR **OUT OF SCHOOL**

**SECTOR WORKERS**

Join **The Playwork Foundation** for a series of free, interactive, and playful webinars starting in **October 2024**.

The sessions will explore play and playwork theory and practice, including areas such as the Playwork Principles, the play cycle, intervention styles, play types, loose parts & MUCH more!

These workshops are aimed at anyone working with children in out-of-school and other playwork settings.

**FREE!**

**TOPICS TO  
INCLUDE:**

Theories of play

Playwork theories

Playwork practice

Inclusion



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Date	Session title	Presented by
23/10/24	<b>What is play?</b> Discover the true essence of play through the eyes of children – prepare to be surprised!	Karen Benjamin & Helen Stephenson
06/11/24	<b>What is the role of a playworker?</b> Uncover the unique role of a Playworker in supporting children's self-directed play – it's unlike any other!	Helen Stephenson & Ali Wood
04/12/24	<b>The Play Cycle</b> Discover the Play Cycle to help understand what's happening when children play and your role within it.	Karen Benjamin & Ali Wood
11/12/24	<b>Play Types</b> Learn how to identify different types of play and unlock a whole new language to explore children's play.	Ali Wood & Julia Sexton
08/01/25	<b>How not to cheat our children - Loose parts</b> Discover how 'Loose Parts' can enrich children's play without breaking the bank	Penny Wilson & Siôn Edwards
22/01/25	<b>What makes a play environment?</b> Drawing on your own play memories, learn how to create environments where play thrives!	Penny Wilson & Siôn Edwards
05/02/25	<b>A Playworker's Guide to Risk</b> Explore how to balance risk and challenge in settings using dynamic risk assessments, risk-benefit assessments and the playwork approach.	Simon Bazley & Helen Stephenson
26/02/25	<b>Intervention Styles</b> When should – and shouldn't – we intervene in children's play and why? This session will explore our impact and involvement in supporting play	Ali Wood & Karen Benjamin
12/03/25	<b>Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing at work</b> Share and discover stress-relief methods with fellow OOSC workers to boost mental health and wellbeing at work.	Anne-Marie Mackin & Helen Stephenson
26/03/25	<b>The benefits of play for brain development</b> Explore the vital role of play in brain development and the consequences of play deprivation for children	Julia Sexton & Helen Stephenson
02/04/25	<b>Barriers to play - Thinking differently</b> Explore how culture, disability, identity, and difference can be embraced to create inclusive play spaces where children can play their own way.	Siôn Edwards & Nicholas James
30/04/25	<b>Article 31, UNCRC</b> Explore how children's rights can be incorporated into Out of School Care practice, with a focus on Articles 12 and 31.	Anne-Marie Mackin & Julia Sexton

All sessions are currently scheduled to be delivered on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8pm** (subject to change). Sessions are free-of-charge and delivered on a voluntary basis by members and Trustees of The Playwork Foundation. Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis at [www.playwork.foundation/oos](http://www.playwork.foundation/oos).