

Supporting play- including risky play

Thursday 10th April 2025

1.30-3pm

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Meeting ID: 340 469 406 278 Passcode: ERm7sD

Audience: Solihull leaders, Councillors, site managers, all age school and settings, holiday play schemes and out-of-school clubs, DSLs, social workers, play workers, community teams, Family Hubs, and anyone with an interest in the benefits of play.

Host- Lisa Morris ~ Early Years Team Manager

Ali Wood ~ Ali Wood is a freelance playwork consultant. She is the chair of The Young Opportunities Solihull, has co-managed Meriden Adventure Playground and is a trustee of The Playwork Foundation UK. She is co-author of Playwork in Practice: Applying the Playwork Lens Across the Children's Workforce [2024] and Reflective Playwork. Ali brings her research knowledge, and practical application of approaches into practice, to this training session.

Ali will explore the benefits of play and risky play. How should we support children's autonomy so that children can have the opportunity to direct their own play? What is the role of adults in keeping children safe when providing an exciting, inspiring, creative play environment to support children's independence? She will talk about risk benefit assessment and play sufficiency

Ofsted representatives and Myth Busting ~ Jo Holt and Katie Rudge (Ofsted regulatory inspectors). Supporting play as inspectors find out 'What is it like to be a child or learner in this provider?'

Solihull Health, Safety and Risk Service ~ Nicki Evans (Health and Safety Advisor)
Children's play and leisure: promoting a balanced approach

