**Course Title: Supporting play- including risky play**

Date of training [Microsoft Teams [free to attend for Solihull providers only]

**Thursday 10th April 1.30-3pm [Microsoft Teams]**

NB ***Meeting to be recorded*** – Need to check this before recording [do not advertise this]

Audience for training >> all ages of children,

All hours care [Out of School clubs- OOSC, HPS- holiday play scheme, DSLs, Solihull Leaders, setting/ school leaders, social workers, LACEs, school advisers, communities team, Family Hubs, anyone in Solihull with an interest in playwork- …..

**Lisa Morris- Early Years Team Manager** in Solihull [lmorris@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:lmorris@solihull.gov.uk)

Speakers:

Lisa M 1.30-1.40pm

**After intros**

**1.40pm [35 mins]**

**Main speaker Ali Wood**

Ali Wood is a freelance playwork consultant. She is the chair of The Youth Opportunities Board in Solihull, has co-managed Meriden Adventure Playground and is a trustee of The Playwork Foundation. 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.

Also input from …

**2.15pm [25 mins] Ofsted representative Myth Busting** – it is not about what you think Ofsted think ! Jo Holt and Katy Rudge ~~with Hayley Lapworth~~

**2.40pm [15 mins] Solihull Health, Safety and Risk Service** – a Health and Safety Advisor Nicki Evans

2.55pm Lisa M conclude

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Suggested content may include:

* **Ali**- gathering all your research and reasons why LA, schools [Leads/ DSL/ site manager], settings [Lead, DSL, site support] , advisers, social workers LAC, etc …need to  reflect on this
* UNICEF
* Playwork
* benefits and child at the heart  etc]
* What is play? And what are the benefits of risky play and the impact of not balancing risk and safety?
* Risk benefit assessment
* and play sufficiency

• **Ofsted**- EY and childcare inspection play & risky play

Doing things because the children benefit not because you think Ofsted will respond favourably.

What is it like for a child here? Why you do what you do?

Adults supporting play, safety and welfare.

• **H+S** – with site managers in mind and not preventing play by being too cautious for children’s good. <https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/sensible-leadership/sensible.htm>

'[Children's play and leisure: promoting a balanced approach](https://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/childs-play-statement.htm).'

The following guidance provides advice for all schools which will be summarised by Nicki but not talked about in great detail

[Common health and safety myths](https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/sensible-leadership/common.htm)

[Getting the balance right](https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/sensible-leadership/getting-balance-right.htm)

[The role of the school leaders](https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/sensible-leadership/school-leaders.htm)

[Is it really health and safety?](https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/sensible-leadership/is-it-really.htm)

L**isa** – EY & childcare registers and benefits of play , being outside, physical and full body play daily [OOSC/ HPS/ EY full day and WA]

Safety and children’s care, learning and development

Sept 2026 national offer of all schools offering 8am to 6pm WA on their own or in partnership with others

Conclusion: Next steps as a result of listening to training today ????? evaluation

Solihull EYC website- [www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc](http://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc)

Evaluation………..

Name

Setting

Role

What did you find most helpful?

What was not as useful?

What will you do as a result of today?

What areas would you like more support with?

Area you aware of the solgrid/ eyc website? Yes/ No <https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/safeguarding-and-welfare/health-and-safety/>

Actions:

LM promote the session along with Nicki and Ali

Each to design their presentation – send to LM as back up or to manage on the day [let Lisa know if we can add this to our website] You can share your own presentation if that suits

LM to create evaluation -and to share it after the event

NB OPAL? <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/> [aware of this in Solihull -FYI not content of training]