

WORLD PLAY DAY 2019



PLAY IS A RIGHT



Play is a Right!

In 2019, it is WPD's 20th anniversary. Let's join hands and claim that *Play is a Right!*

- Right to **connect**
- Right to **have fun**
- Right to **explore**
- Right to **move**
- Right to **participate**

Play energises you. When you play, you connect, collaborate, communicate and learn to be creative.

PLAY IS EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT!



28TH MAY...

THIS IS THE WORLD PLAY DAY!

Created by the International Toy Libraries Association (ITLA) it is a day to celebrate every child across the world's right to play.

In Freda Kim's words, founder of World Play Day (WPD), "the reason for promoting a World Play Day is to emphasize the importance of play in all our lives and particularly in the lives of our children. Children learn to talk through play, they learn to make friends through play, they get exercise through play; they also acquire the basic skills for formal education such as concentration, imagination, self-expression and the retention of useful facts. Let a child play today and ensure his happy, useful and healthy future."

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FREDA KIM,
WPD FOUNDER



PLAY IS A RIGHT!

RIGHT TO CONNECT



CONNECT...

PLAY AMONGST
GENERATIONS...

PLAY AMONGST
CULTURES...

BE INVOLVED...

BE CLOSE...

BE UNITED THROUGH
PLAY!

ACTIVITIES

Find out about play in other countries. Explore and play with toys and games from other cultures. Maybe you'll find out there are several similarities all over the globe!

Play is part of your heritage. Find out about play in other generations. Explore and play with toys and games with which your parents and grandparents played. Maybe you'll find out there are simple materials that can be turned into wonderful toys and initiate great games!

Connet with eyes: You walk in the area, all people mix but in your way you just contact with your eyes, not with anybody touch just the eyes.



PLAY IS A RIGHT!

RIGHT TO HAVE FUN



HAVE FUN...

PLAY TO BE HAPPY...

PLAY TO RELAX...

BE CHEERFUL...

BE ENTHUSIASTIC...

BE PLAYFUL!

ACTIVITIES

Children play to have fun, relax and be happy! Play develops several competences but for children the pleasure and fun play brings is the most important matter.

Ask children what they like playing the most. Share the information you get with their families and invite them to share that experience with their children.

Ask children to explain how they feel when playing. Give them words or picture cards to help them identify the feelings they have. Use words/pictures such as delighted, excited, happy etc.



PLAY IS A RIGHT!

RIGHT TO EXPLORE



EXPLORE...

PLAY EVERYWHERE...

PLAY ALL AROUND!

BE CURIOUS...

BE OPEN TO THE UNKNOWN...

BE ADVENTUROUS!

ACTIVITIES

Ask children when and where they would like to play. Then try to find a way to "make their dream come true"!

If you end up in the nature, pick up leaves and stones and make a sculpture or a mud cakes, etc. In school maybe you can play with some traditional toys like a top that spins, yo-yo etc. At the streets, how about playing hide-and-seek! Laugh, enjoy and let children grow happier!

Let children experience risks, in a protective environment. Climb trees, search for toys in the woods, make toys with natural elements. This way they will become competent in protecting themselves and the adventurous spirit will help them to thrive in future situations!



PLAY IS A RIGHT!

RIGHT TO MOVE



MOVE...

PLAY UP AND DOWN...

PLAY TO THE LEFT AND
TO THE RIGHT...

BE ACTIVE...

BE TIRED...

BE HEALTHY!

ACTIVITIES

Play involves physically moving around. In a time where children's obesity is an huge problem in all societies, planning for and encouraging active play is crucial. There are several games and toys that can have a particular impact on this: balls, skipping ropes, pipes and hula hoops.

Find your nearest toy library where you can borrow games and equipment to play outdoors. You'll get tired, but healthier and happier!



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RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE



PARTICIPATE...

PLAY TO SHOW YOUR VOICE TO THE WORLD...

PLAY TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND DREAMS...

BE PRESENT...

BE HEARD...

BE A CITIZEN!

ACTIVITIES

Children are the true experts in play. Ask them to share what they feel and think about play and do an exhibition with the answers at your toy library or at school.

Invite them to your toy library and ask for their opinion about the space, the materials, the activities that are carried out.

In schools, ask them to do a "play map" and identify where they play and where they'd like to play!

The key is: hear their voice, encourage active citizenship and show you value their input.



A WORLDWIDE EVENT

Nowadays, more than 40 countries around the globe celebrate WPD. It is recognized on the UNICEF South Africa Calendar of events and ITLA is working on having it officially recognized by the United Nations. Countries that celebrated WPD in the last years:

- Europe: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey
- Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and United States
- Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines and Taiwan
- Oceania: Australia, New Zealand
- Africa: Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe



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