



Common Threads

...building a community of evidence-based playwork practitioners

Who are we?

Common Threads is a world-wide community of playwork practitioners, trainers, development and support workers, authors, academics and theorists which exists to promote playwork theory and practice.

Playwork practice is a distinct set of methods which can be used by adults in any setting with children and young people of all ages to support playfulness. We provide training in these methods and publish resources which support playwork theory and practice. We offer information and support to anybody using, or who is interested in using, playwork practice.



Common Threads is currently made up of about 8,000 members, 50 trainers who deliver our courses both across the UK and abroad and a (small!) handful of office-based folk who keep the show on the road. We invite anybody who works with children to join us to work for more playfulness in children's lives!

How do we do it?

We are a social enterprise. This means that we make a charge for some of the things we do in order to put the profits back into providing support and information for our members, developing projects which promote playwork to the wider field of working with children and young people and the general public, and supporting worthwhile grass-roots projects both in the UK and abroad.

Join us!

Membership is free and is currently open to anybody who works with children in a paid or voluntary capacity and wants to work with others to encourage more playfulness in children's lives. Join us for free digital copies of Playwords, bi-termly email updates, support and information on issues affecting play and playwork, opportunities to take part in relevant national and international debates, information and signposting to other sources of support, regular consultation on how we use our profits, free digital copies of playwork theory and research papers.

If you would like to be part of the campaign for more playfulness in children's lives and enjoy the benefits of free membership please see our website:

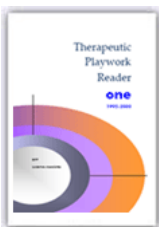
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Unique resources to support people who work in children's play



◆ The Buskers Guide series — straightforward and even light-hearted theory — with great cartoons!

◆ Playwords - our unique independent magazine for everybody working in children's play - is free to all our members



◆ Play Theory - key texts to support students of play and playwork or practitioners who want to add a bit of 'why's' to the 'wherefore's'!



◆ Professional Development - resources for practitioners and trainers to help keep practice up-to-date.



Our training

We develop and deliver our own training courses based on current theory and up-to-date research. All our training courses contain unique audio-visual materials which we have commissioned specially to illustrate key learning points, and comprehensive handout packs with reading lists. We also issue certificates for all of our courses and offer special discounts on supporting publications which are relevant to each course.

Voted Best Playwork Training Provider 2010

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