

Play Designers and Landscape Architects

The Children's Play Information Service (CPIS) holds a database of play designers, including landscape architects, independent play designers, and play equipment manufacturers that provide a design service. This document lists all entries on the database.

Choosing a suitable play designer requires careful consideration. *Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces*, published by Play England, Department for Children Schools and Families and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (2008) gives advice on what to look for in a play designer, and a summary has been sent together with this list.

More information about the guide can be found on Play England's website
<http://www.playengland.org.uk>

Please note that the CPIS cannot recommend or endorse any individual or organisation.

Independent play designers

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For over five years, Stuart has developed an expertise in all aspects of the design and use of school and early years outdoor space. He is accredited as a Learning Through Landscapes professional, all his designs follow the guidelines set out in Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom and Play England's Design for Play. He incorporates in his designs ideas about natural play and links to the natural environment.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - school grounds - early years settings - learning outside the classroom - natural play - design - training - consultancy*

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Audax Design provides a complete service in community engagement, grant application and design of play landscapes. This includes providing advice on development proposals as a member of Inspire East's Design Review and Enabling Panels (e.g. providing advice on community engagement for a park improvement programme). Audax Design has designed, developed, and managed projects for a Primary School 'Eco Park'; a new Community Park/ play landscape in a rural village; and is currently working on a proposal to create play landscapes for several sites in a county undergoing significant growth in housing and new communities, so as to provide examples of good practice in community engagement, design and organised play activities across a range of different locations. Nigel Boldero has 30 plus years experience in planning, community renewal and public service research, training, development and management. He is also a trained Green Flag Award judge and an accredited facilitator for CABI's 'Spaceshaper' programme. He led development of a 'Centre for Curiosity and Imagination' in an area regeneration scheme

Keywords: play designer - independent play designer - play landscapes - natural play - parks - design - school play areas - public space - grant applications - project management - business planning - community renewal

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B Cook Designs is an independent play designer and a design and build company. Experience include: designed play area for early years pupils including safe water play, natural timber climbing area, natural textures provided by grass, bark and boulders and pebbles. Designed play houses and play forts; wildlife gardens; living willow structures; seating areas for friendship groups and outdoor classrooms shaded by trees; sand-pits with roll-on covers; minibeast areas and digging/muddy areas; areas for growing vegetables and flowers; sensory planting; tree houses for KS2 children; shade sails for UV protection; weaving poles; the 'big cheese' climbing structure; rills and pipe runs for water play, barrels with hand pumps; outdoor musical instruments; outdoor art; outdoor sculpture.

Keywords: play designer - independent play designer - play and build - architecture - horticulture for children - natural play - risk and challenge - playground design and construction

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Numerous years as Local Authority Play Development Manager specialising in community engagement (World Cafe) throughout all phases of the development of a play area, including funding. Portfolio of recent examples and references of successful

projects, ranging from small pre-school play areas including natural play, to large multi-use play areas including water play (£1 million budget). Also specialise in 'teen' provision and creative initiatives (urban sports) for older years linking with multi-agency initiatives. Has written play strategies and whilst being a Chartered Safety Practitioner can assure the compliance of health and safety from design to build to ongoing maintenance and training. Experience of 'child protection' initiatives for play areas and communities. Has written published articles and is involved in play on a national level. Member of National Children's Bureau, Children's Play Policy Forum and Play Safety Forum, BSI SW65 Committee on Children's Playground Equipment and Institute of Sport and Recreation Management (representing play). Chartered Safety Practitioner – CMIOSH.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - community engagement - family play - urban sports - teenage provision*

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Experience in play environments, particularly on adventure play sites. Projects include Somerford Grove Adventure Playground, Meridian Adventure Playground, St John the Baptist School, Pin Green Adventure Playground, and more. Pioneers of child-led consultation and participation in creating play environments with children; participation in the creation, design and actual build. The Design & Build (Play) team ensures through the children's inclusion that the playwork principles, play curriculum and professional playwork practice are reflected in the product. Also supply training for playworkers in play, working with children and young people, and tool use and building skills.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - building - consultation - participation - tools - training - advice - project management*

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Design of playgrounds and work with communities and schools are the two main areas of interest and expertise. Ongoing and completed projects include:

1. Playground Haggerston Park, Hackney, London: Organised workshops with parents, carers and local primary school pupils, offered fundraising support and provided full architectural services from design to implementation. The playground was nominated for the Architect's Journal's Small Project Award. Client: SureStart Haggerston.
2. External spaces, Old Ford Primary School, Tower Hamlets, London: Currently working with the school to design four playgrounds providing distinctly different atmospheric qualities and play experiences.
3. External spaces, Wolsey Infant School, Croydon: Currently working with the school to design a frontcourt that offers an inspiring play experience for year 2 pupils, and a welcoming arrival experience for all visitors and users.
4. Extension and external spaces, Cypress Infant School, Croydon: The school is situated on a steep hillside and surrounded by mature woodlands. Working to make this invaluable resource part of the pupils' daily experience of their school by improving accessibility

and designing a number of interventions along a newly created nature trail.
5. Play strategy for City of London, in collaboration with Coda Consultants).
Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - other - architecture - playgrounds - design - schools - public space - natural play*

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Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - design - project management - landscape design - sports facilities - leisure facilities*

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Grant Lambie is a playscape designer/consultant who runs a company called Free Play, which delivers bespoke playscapes with the maximum involvement of young people, staff, parents and the local community. His areas of interest lie in adventure play, special needs design and developing Slow Designs and Build.
Keywords: *playground building - playground design - design - schools - adventure play - participation - special needs - disability*

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Gravity designs and builds concrete or steel skate parks and have over 100 installations in the UK. Gravity has one of the UK's top skaters working for them heading their design service - Marc Churchill has been designing skate parks for over ten years. Gravity has designed and built skate parks for councils, schools and leisure centres. Offers free of charge project consultation.
Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - skate park design - skate park construction - concrete - steel*

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Gayle is a garden designer specialising in natural playground design. She has designed playgrounds, community orchards, allotments, sensory gardens, wildlife gardens and outdoor learning areas for special needs and mainstream schools, children's centres, hospital Occupational Therapy departments and community social and therapeutic horticulture groups. She has also designed open access playgrounds for local authorities.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - natural play - inclusive play - rehabilitation - sensory gardens - sensory playgrounds - outdoor learning - design*

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Melina's area of expertise is natural play areas. her last project, for a community centre, was funded by the Big Lottery Fund for a Penwith council. A series of community consultation meetings enabled Melina to design and create a park with huge input from the community, from design to build. Based on the solar system, the play space includes a cave made of earth, old tyres and wood, set in a hill; a willow-topped amphitheatre, musical maze, a hand pumped water feature from grey water collection and swamp; and a very organic oak galleon.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - natural play - landscape - willow - community - participation*

Jupiter Play & Leisure Ltd

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Established in 1999, Jupiter Play & Leisure Ltd offers a consultation, bespoke design, installation and maintenance service for any play space, with any budget, in any location. Working in close partnership with their clients, the aim is to create play spaces that allow children of all abilities to play together in a challenging, stimulating and educational environment allowing them to discover, create and learn as they play.

Jupiter Play sources individual items of equipment to best suit each unique project, and also works exclusively with Proludic and Husson equipment in Scotland and is the sole UK distributor for the natural range of FHS play equipment and bespoke adventure play.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - natural play - landscape design - bespoke equipment - equipment - inclusive play - schools - community gardens - teenage provision*

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Expertise in creating one-of-a-kind community-built playgrounds. Have helped over 1,700 communities in the United States, England, New Zealand, Israel, India and Canada design and build their own play spaces. The playgrounds are at schools, in parks, at hospitals and housing developments, and are all built by local volunteers. Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - playgrounds - community - inclusive*

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LJB Design has designed many playgrounds in schools and the public realm. They consult with young people to produce briefs for councils, landscape architects and schools. The website <http://www.romanoplay.co.uk> is a good example of this process. It is their intention to address social issues and play through good design. Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - landscape architect - architecture - consultation - playgrounds - design - seating - sculpture - outdoor learning*

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Natural Playgrounds UK provides a range of specialist products and services including design, landscape works, books, signs and regional training events. Recent projects have included community-built 'natural playgrounds' for primary schools; design of a public playground using only natural materials; and the management of 'natural play' programmes for local authorities.

Keywords: *play designer - natural playgrounds - design - landscape works - training events - publications - signs*

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Former county playing fields officer with 45 years experience. Now operating a playground design and build company providing a holistic service to schools and local authorities.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - playgrounds - building - schools*

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PLAYLINK's Design for Play creates spaces and places for play whether in designated playgrounds or within wider shared public space. Rooted in the belief that play is vital for children and young people's happy and healthy development, the aim is to create rich, varied, stimulating and challenging spaces and places for play. PLAYLINK believes that outdoor play provision should also please the eye, contributing to a locality's sense of place. The service is delivered through PLAYLINK Associate landscape architects, designers, and play consultants - all with a particular interest in, and experience of, creating wonderful places for play. PLAYLINK Associates each has their own established, personal reputation. They work with and through PLAYLINK in the belief that together the whole will be greater than the sum of individual parts.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - landscape architect - design - playground design - public space - parks - play areas - schools - nurseries - children's centres*

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Primary Landscapes is a school grounds landscaping company incorporated in 2007. With a forestry landscaping background, Richard Goodson is experienced in the provision of countryside recreation, with a sound and successful track record of high quality, cost efficient inspiring outdoor spaces. Last five projects completed are Coniston, Chapel Street, Lorton, Sandside and Old Hutton schools. Presently, the company is working with Beckermeth, Great Arley and Redmarsh schools and Grizebeck Village Hall.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - consultation - design - natural play - learning - landscape project management*

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The Rattlin Boag Company partners have over 20 years practice in the design and realisation of outdoor play and landscape spaces in both urban and rural settings. A combination of European-wide play space experience, risk and safety expertise and innovative, creative solutions offer a child-centred route to playful environments in schools, residential areas and community centres. Their business is the independent mobility and creative development of children. Their method is a responsible attitude to challenge and risk with a holistic approach to places and people.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - public art - public space - risk and challenge - participation - play value - design - construction*

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A garden designer for 5 years, Sarah designs gardens for private and public clients. Also specialises in sensory gardens for children and adults, with completed and current projects comprising:

1. Cedar School, (School for disabled children) Sensory Garden for teenagers – ‘The Garden

of the Five Senses’

2. Cedar School Sensory Garden for nursery children – ‘The Journey’

3. The Rainbow Centre sensory and play garden for children with cerebral palsy – ‘The Garden of Rainbows’

4. The Rainbow Centre sensory and wildlife garden for adults (victims of strokes) – ‘Rainbow Wild’

5. Emmaus Hampshire – sensory and wildlife garden for the Emmaus Companions (project

for the homeless) – ‘Equilibrium’

6. Saxonwood School (School for children with special needs) sensory garden – ‘Woodland Wonderland’

7. Saxonwood School sensory garden for nursery aged children ‘Forest Trail’

8. Naomi House Hospice (for terminally ill children) Memorial garden – ‘Circle of Life’ Garden.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - sensory garden design - wildlife gardens - children's play gardens - disability - special needs*

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Design and build, from play installations (Centre Parcs/Eden Project) through to bespoke landscape way finder/artworks/sculptures (Bissoe Bike trail). From installations for Ford UK (London Motor Show) to outdoor play classrooms (Gorran St Austell). Working closely to provide a sustainable solutions that meets the design brief, conforms to the client brief and within budget and delivery time. With over 40 years experience, including working with Center Parcs, Elemis, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Rada, SBG and Mimar in Saudi, Slurp offers a breath of design and portfolio work that’s hard to find in a young design practice. Current clients include, FordUK, Ford Europe, Ogilvy, Center Parcs, Restormel, Bissoe/Bike Chain, Diesel, Eden Project, Berghaus, ESA, CarbonHero, Scottish Tourist board,Cape Farewell/David Buckland, Design Center, HardRock Europe, Motorline.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - art installation - design installation - sculpture trail - climbing walls - risky play*

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An award-winning artist led company who design innovative play environments for schools and community places. Projects often involve collaborations with landscape architects and creative consultation. Recent projects include; design of a new play park for Dublin Docklands; the first accessible city centre playground for Southampton; flexible 'play and learning' furniture for Bridge Academy in Hackney; indoor/outdoor play and learning area for New City primary school. The Snug playground equipment transforms any school space into a creative and playful environment.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - art - playgrounds - design - schools - landscape architecture - equipment*

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A professional training in rural estate management followed by 6 years working in the commercial landscaping and grounds maintenance sector, and a further 20 years managing, designing and building play areas for Southampton City Council, has given Martin a great wealth of knowledge in the design and creation of natural, sustainable and accessible play spaces. Has designed, built and maintained wildlife spaces, major play areas and local community spaces.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - accessible play - natural play - sustainability - community engagement - project management*

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Playscapes have built a reputation for creating exciting, imaginative and attractive places for children, young people and their carers. Their focus is on delivering play schemes that are bespoke, makes use of natural features and above all meets clients' requirements and priorities. This includes the costs, which will form a key element of the whole design process ensuring that there are no unforeseen surprises. TLC Playscapes assists clients through the entire process of defining, designing, planning, installing and maintaining play spaces for long lasting value. Their services are ISO 9001 and 14001 certified, and they offer comprehensive manufacturer warranties, spare part guarantees and maintenance/inspection programmes.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - accessible play - natural play - water play - interactive play - landscape architecture - sustainability - project management - parks - design - schools - nurseries - design and build - planning - project management*

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THEORIES are playground designers and builders who specialise in developing all aspects of the outside school spaces amalgamating play features, landscaping, sports and decorative treatments with a view to creating exciting and innovative play and educational environments which engage and involve the whole school community. It also places great importance on as wide a school consultation process as possible.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - playgrounds - schools - design - consultation - landscape architecture*

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Touch Wood offers a unique mix of sound design and high quality workmanship with environmental awareness and community involvement. Education is central to its business. Touch Wood runs practical workshops so children or communities can get involved in creating their own play equipment and to raise their environmental awareness. A wide range of experience including parks eg West Hoe, Plymouth, schools eg Ferndale school, children's centres, most recently St Thomas centre, Birmingham and community projects eg Albany Green, Bristol.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - natural play - craft workshops - participation - bespoke design - playground design*

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Walter Jack Studio invents, designs and then builds all sorts of things - mostly alongside public realm improvements as Section 106 Public Art. They have a particular interest in surprising playable spaces and sculptures. Projects include 'crumpledslide' outside Brighton Children's Hospital, a sculpture, which can be explored and played on in a non-prescribed manner, 'hoopfence' for a children's playground in Bristol and 'suncloud' a play space for Worthing seafront.

Keywords: *play designer - independent play designer - public art - landscape architecture - design - urban areas - innovation*

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The practice works with users to design new landscapes for schools and parks placing them at the centre of the design process from survey work through to site arrangement and master planning. This is achieved through workshops with groups to investigate places they enjoy, how the landscape can have different characters, and how these characters are formed, all leading to creating landscapes that the children design from their experiences. For schools the work programme can be designed with teachers to tie into the National Curriculum.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - ecologist - landscape architecture - parks - design - school grounds - user-led design*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - playgrounds - design - natural play - art*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - sports pitches - drainage - parking - access - natural environment*

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Principal author of new guidance for Play England and the DCSF - 'Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces', published August 2008. A landscape architect with over 15 years experience, working in both private practice and for Groundwork. Particular expertise in designing school playgrounds and public open spaces which are sensitively integrated within their setting and which are enjoyable for everyone to use. Working with community groups, designing with artists and maximising the sites' wildlife value are her key interests.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - schools - public space - design - natural environment*

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AWP has extensive experience of designing and implementing children's play areas throughout the UK. It seeks to develop strong concepts and themes often with an educational and cultural message and with close community consultation.

In addition, the practice has been involved in the BSF Schools Programme over the last five years and has worked on over 30 schools, developing landscape masterplans to detailed design and implementation. For these projects, their philosophy is to recognise the whole school environment as a valued asset for play, education and to stimulate the imagination. This will often include a range of features with lateral and challenging play value as well as natural or soft play spaces, wildlife gardens, sensory gardens and outdoor teaching spaces. The use of recycled materials and promoting biodiversity are often integral elements of our schemes. In summary, AWP is able to provide innovative and pragmatic design solutions, excellent technical skills and a proven track record in delivering projects on time and to budget.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - play design - conceptual design - landscape architecture - community participation - sustainability*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - community - parks - play area design*

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As chartered landscape architects, b:d Landscape Architects Ltd have good experience at designing innovative play areas. Most recently they have worked on a LEAP for Mendip District Council set within a large housing development in Street, Somerset, surrounded by existing mature trees. They have also designed an integrated play area

set within a 'homezone' in the centre of Bristol, as well as working on a number of school grounds and campus redevelopments.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - play areas - landscape architecture - incidental play*

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A design based practice based in central London, BBUK has experience of working with local communities to create play for children. The practice is currently working on a school in south west London and has in the past built play areas in public parks and gardens across London.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - play areas - landscape architecture - teenagers - social spaces*

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Bellinger Design has extensive experience in environmental enhancement projects including public parks and children's play areas. Some examples of projects worked on are: Oadby and Wigston Natural Play Area at Brocks Hill Visitor Centre, Queen's Park Destination Play Area in Loughborough, as well as an extensive Play Area Improvement Scheme across Loughborough working for Charnwood Borough Council. Bellinger is currently working on the renovation and refurbishment of Stafford Orchard Park, Quorn which includes the design of the hard landscaping, play and sports equipment at the park. Bellinger Design offers landscape consultancy services in planning, design, implementation, maintenance and management. It specialises in public consultation and working with communities to realise their objectives, and has a successful track record in sourcing grant funding.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - destination play area - consultation*

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BCEP engage communities to provide facilities and amenities for recreation, leisure and education with a special interest in social welfare and sustainable regeneration. Projects include school and family centre landscape design and project management, and partnership projects with local authorities, parish councils and private clients. Schemes are individually tailored to the client's needs and vary from playground design to habitat creation to urban regeneration projects.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape design - project management - playground design - natural play - urban regeneration*

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CIC Wildscapes delivers natural play provision through the comprehensive Greener School Grounds process and for local authorities, creating high quality landscapes that recognise and enhance sense of place. Over 7 years, CIC Wildscapes has designed many school grounds from £10,000 projects to a £50,000+ phased programme for all key stage pupils: landform, innovative bespoke equipment and structures, a variety of surfaces and textures, seating, planting, meadows, ponds and water play, and dipping platforms.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architects - natural play - landscape architecture - school grounds - playground design - biodiversity value*

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Colour:Urban Design Ltd was founded by managing director Peter Owens in 2000 with a vision to create a new brand of contemporary landscape architecture. As a practice, they have developed a particular specialism in flexible play spaces within both community and educational environments. They promote fun, stimulating and meaningful play as a tool for learning, social development, physical exercise and creative thinking.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - sustainability - project management - flexible play spaces*

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CEC has worked with a number of schools in Cornwall to develop their grounds for education, wildlife and growing vegetables and other plants. In particular, CEC has designed gardens for schools in Camborne themed around local habitats - wetland, heathland and woodland. In addition, they have designed raised beds with an automatic solar powered watering system so that crops do not require staff to water them at weekends and during holidays etc. CEC has also undertaken BREEAM for Schools, including extensive consultation with staff and pupils and involving the whole school in design of play features, seating areas and features for wildlife.

Keywords: *play designer- landscape architect - green roofs - natural play - consultation - wildlife - sensory play*

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Over 20 years experience in the planning and design of school grounds, public space and playgrounds. David Huskisson Associates aim to create imaginative and stimulating external spaces with an emphasis on play, development and learning. This ethos is balanced with a respect for budgetary requirements and sustainability issues. Private and public sector projects include new-build schools (including Building-Schools-For-the-Future and SEN), refurbishment of existing school grounds, sensory gardens, public parks and open spaces for new developments.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - parks - schools - sensory gardens*

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David Wilson Partnership's approach is collaborative and consultative, working with end users, workers and clients to create innovative and flexible spaces for play. Clients include local authorities, such as Bristol City and Devon County and community organisations. Commissions include play parks, natural play areas, playgrounds, school grounds, play buildings and wheelparks. They cover the South West and West Midlands, and are a Landscape Institute, RIBA and Learning Through Landscapes registered practice.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - landscape architecture - schools*

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Design and community involvement of play spaces. Experience of working with schools and communities to provide designs to be explored and fascinate. Working with landforms, arts and natural materials where possible in order to provide unusual and stimulating play solutions. Examples of projects: Alexandra Park Adventure play - Hastings; Highgate Road Play, London; Loughton Play Area - Milton Keynes; Loughton Neighbourhood Play - Milton Keynes; Darnal Community Park, Sheffield; Hampden Children's Centre, London; Longbenton Play Area - Newcastle upon Tyne; Coisley Hill Ecology Park - Sheffield; Parc Santes Marged - South Wales).

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - imaginative play - natural play - community - arts*

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BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture, Heriot Watt University (1990), Work experience spans projects in private and public sector. Between 1991-2004 designed and managed implementation of many playgrounds for the London Borough of Enfield (£10k to £250k) giving consideration to: play value, sustainability, inclusive play and landscape setting. Self-employed since 2004 as both landscape architect and registered childminder (graded 'outstanding' by Ofsted). Early years playground - Churchfields Primary School, Edmonton (£100k) completed December 2006.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - project management support - natural play - Early Years Foundation Stage*

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FDA has 20 years experience in the design of children's play areas for developers, private clients, nurseries and schools. It has a wide portfolio, designing both the more traditional play areas and also more freeform, 'natural' play facilities. Experience of designing wildlife gardens, sensory gardens and the upgrading of school playground facilities. FDA states that "they are well regarded as designers who can produce exciting play areas that work.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - natural play - landscape design - community consultation*

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FPCR is an award winning landscape design company with 50 years experience of play area design and realisation. They specialise in design of large scale Visitor Centre projects (eg Conkers in Leicestershire), play facilities within parks (eg Matlock Parks) and in play for schools. They also have extensive experience in design of sports facilities (eg Preston Sports Arena). FPCR provides a full design service from concept and public consultation to design and risk-benefit assessment through to specifications/ tendering/ contract administration, with particular expertise in design of large scale bespoke play features.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - bespoke design - equipment - natural play - schools - sports facilities - parks*

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Form describes themselves as urbanists in the widest sense working collaboratively to fuse urban design and landscape architecture with ecology, environmental design, master planning, branding, lighting, arts, media and engineering. Form delivers aspirational and cohesive responses to complex urban situations by merging a range of professional disciplines in effective partnership. Form produces innovative and contemporary design solutions that avoid preconceived styles and instead respond directly to social and environmental context.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - arts - architecture - design*

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Golder offers landscape design services for schools, parks, housing, public realms projects and play area schemes. In-house landscape architectural services are complemented by ecology, planning and archaeology. Golder has comprehensive experience in the design and implementation of stimulating and innovative play spaces, including: creating/upgrading play areas; formal/equipped play provision; informal play provision - natural features and creative design; historical/sensitive settings; school playgrounds; inclusive design; MUGA; habitat creation; sensory gardens; and community/stakeholder engagement. In addition, Golder has also undertaken external works designs for numerous PFI schools across the UK.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - inclusive play - schools - playgrounds - wildlife areas - consultation - landscape architecture*

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Goodger Design Associates offer a comprehensive design service for play areas from Local Area Play spaces to Local Equipped Play areas to Multi use Games Areas. Goodger has worked on several schemes for housing associations, local community groups, schools and sports centres. They have also designed sensory gardens and interpretative play areas linked to local history. Please visit their website for further details.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - playgrounds - design - natural play - water play - interactive play - project management*

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A charity that undertakes community based environmental projects. Works with community groups, councils, schools and a variety of other organisations. The projects undertaken are varied, and recent projects include two skate facilities, a large play area, park refurbishment and a formal pond for a local primary school. Two large play facilities are currently in development that aim to embrace contemporary thinking on natural play spaces.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - planning - play facilities - skate parks - green spaces - civic spaces - natural play*

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Groundwork East London is an independent, charitable trust, with significant experience in the realm of children's play. The trust facilitates the provision of playful spaces and activities by consulting directly with children and stakeholders. It integrates play into the wider environment by using master planning to ensure their ideas sit comfortably alongside all other activities. Completed work includes children's outdoor facilities at St John the Baptist School, Hackney, creation of adventure play facilities for children with learning and physical disabilities for Kids London, new playground at Pondfield park and Parsloes park in Barking and Dagenham, and a children's playful footbridge at Grasmere school, Hackney. Presently developing a new ideas and approaches to natural play with two London boroughs and are developing ideas for a new play facility for a children's nursery in Hackney.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - integrated landscape architecture - play space - public space - community engagement - accessibility*

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The team of landscape architects have designed and implemented numerous projects incorporating play. Many of the recent and current projects include natural play opportunities, not just traditional play facilities. Projects include Lambley playground, a public facility in the heart of a village adjacent to the school, plus Huntingdon Primary School, where there is a phased implementation of recreational and education facilities, projects include community or school participation wherever possible.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - school grounds design - playground design - natural play - sports facilities*

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Groundwork has experience in a range of projects, from school grounds to country parks, involving both traditional and natural play design. Groundwork has particular experience working with community groups and schools to deliver projects which suit and match local needs. Staff from a wider range of disciplines are available, including landscape architects, community project officers, youth workers, a design and build team, and ecologists.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - school grounds - community - regeneration - parks*

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Halcrow Landscape has nearly 40 landscape architects nationwide working on a variety of projects. Paul Rabbitts as Principal Landscape Architect is a specialist landscape architect with expertise in parks, open spaces and play design. Having worked in local authorities for over 15 years working on many play schemes, he has the experience in knowing what works and doesn't work in many areas, having designed many play facilities from teen zone to skate parks (<http://www.prissickplaza.co.uk>) to junior and toddler play areas, MUGAs as well as having worked with most play companies at some stage.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - landscape architecture - consultation - project management - funding applications*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - natural play*

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Established in Greenwich in 1991 and Harrogate in 2004, Ireland Associates specialise in the design and project management of imaginative, inclusive, non-prescriptive play solutions utilising natural play elements. They have a passion to make the best of whatever space and resources you've got. They will produce creative design solutions that reflect the context and history of a site, nurture a sense of place and maximise play value, balancing risk and an appropriately challenging environment. They can take forward proposals from development of initial brief and consultation, through planning and tendering and overseeing the build to completion on site.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - integrated landscape - independent design - non-prescriptive play*

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As a Landscape Architect with Bucks CC and later with Jacobs, Patricia was responsible for many new play areas in Buckinghamshire schools. Most of these were for the younger age groups, such as nursery and primary. The types of play areas were wide ranging, from playground markings to equipped areas through to seaside themed play. Jacobs also worked with the schools to provide learning resources within the schools grounds such as a direction compass and number games, nature conservation areas and new ponds with pond dipping facilities. Has also designed and implemented multi-use games areas and courts for both primary and secondary schools. Most recently, they have designed and implemented sensory gardens for special schools, discussing with the school particular requirements for the children.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - landscape architecture - nature conservation - sports facilities*

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JBA landscape architects offer a complete design service for play areas and open spaces. They are experienced working with developers, local authorities, community groups, schools and contractors from feasibility and design to monitoring of implementation and adoption. Designs are based on a practical understanding of the site and its context whilst ensuring they meet our clients design objectives and budget. They have a reputation for designing good schemes that work and having fun in the process.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - public space - design - schools - natural environment*

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Formed in 1997 Jane's Pond Landscaping Ltd is a design and build company specialising in the redevelopment of play spaces for local authority, commercial and private customers. Jane's Pond always considers how nature is impacted by design and aims to create spaces where both children and adults can engage in their environment in a playful way. Where play equipment is installed, the aim is always to link it in a meaningful way to the environment through the use of plants, landscaping, and other play opportunities such as sand and water.

The Company has already in 2009 been responsible for the construction of 12 play projects for Bath and North East Somerset Council using Pathfinder money

Keywords: play designer - landscape architect - design - landscape construction - natural play - bespoke timber structures - schools - nurseries - early years gardens - outdoor play - sand play - water play

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Keywords: play designer - landscape architect - natural play - playground design - landscape architecture - schools - health and safety - consultation - workshops

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Design of three local and one neighbourhood play area within a community park including community consultation: Wetland area with bird hides and boardwalks for wildlife observation; wildlife heritage site with opportunities for experiencing and understanding the natural environment and climate change; transformation of a primary school grounds for play, outdoor learning, performance, growing, exploring, and

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape design - consultation - play - learning - natural environment*

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Chartered landscape architect specialising in the design of school and children's centre grounds for over 10 years. Joanne has developed the Ground Designs project which involves the whole school community through a consultation process to develop a master plan for the whole school grounds and subsequent mini projects to implement the improvements. The aim is to provide a versatile and educational landscape which enriches the needs of the National Curriculum whilst providing a stimulating environment for imaginative play and informal learning. Mini projects have included wildlife gardens, outdoor classrooms, allotment areas, playground enhancements, fitness trails and natural play areas.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - design - school grounds - natural environments - gardens*

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Designs include: Norman Park, London: An inclusive park with play area and key activities for young people in the heart of the park to create a sense of ownership. Daubeney School, London: Artist-led workshops resulted in a design for a dynamic primary school play space that encourages interactive group play. Cookson Park, Sheffield: Consultation played a major role in the design process for this park. Targeting the inclusion of young people and children, the resulting popular design features skateboard and play areas.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - school playgrounds - design - parks - art - consultation*

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A landscape architect with over 20 years experience, working in urban and rural contexts for both local authority and community clients. Particular expertise in designing school playgrounds and public open spaces which respond to their context and peoples needs. Working with the ecological grain of the site, and integrating art into the landscape to create robust well used places are LCA's aims.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - school grounds - community spaces - ecology*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - community engagement - landscape architecture - fruit and vegetable gardening - public art*

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LUC is a multidisciplinary design practice offering amongst other skills, a landscape design service with a particular expertise in creating innovative and natural play areas, with high play value. Land Use has designed and implemented a number of high profile schemes such as the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens, which has helped set a new blueprint in creating stimulating and inventive play environments that challenge and allow children to take graduated risks within a natural environment. Land Use is well versed in designing play spaces within schools, hospitals, and universities; has upgraded and created a large number of playgrounds within public parks, often in sensitive historic settings, including MUGAs and skateboard sports areas; and has successfully integrated play within urban public realm and development schemes; as well as also creating nature conservation areas, mini beast areas, play trails and walks, willow and wildlife gardens, and ponds and boardwalks for a wide and varied number of clients.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - natural play - wildlife gardens - nature conservation areas - landscape architecture*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - parks - housing - regeneration*

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Design, specification and project management services for play for schools, development and open space. Experience includes external works layout and spatial organisation from master planning to completion. Portfolio includes: schools; housing; equipped and informal, natural play spaces; wild life gardens; sporting areas; parks and open spaces. Clients include local authorities; MOD/DE; developers; charitable organisations; schools and private individuals. The practice works closely with clients and users to maximise value and use of external spaces.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - play - design - education - public space - project management*

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The practice was established in 1996 and has developed a reputation for a high quality, personal and efficient service. The practice specialises in creative practical designs which are appropriate to their location and client's needs. Particular attention is paid to details with proven design flair and horticultural experience. Leeming Associates has worked on over 50 play areas and recreation sites for councils, community groups and schools.

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - natural environment - gardens - social inclusion*

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Moore Environment have implemented several school playgrounds including:

- Water Orton Primary, West Midlands. Introduction of woodland planting as a teaching resource, an activity trail and butterfly garden

- Woodland Junior, Solihull. Playground extension; textured pathways, seating areas, living archways and natural, free expression spaces

In her previous role at Groundwork Frances has designed play spaces in the most deprived areas of Birmingham. Such work included consultation with community leaders, mixed-race groups, children and teenagers.

- Birmingham Community Centre Playground and Social Space, Small Heath. Collaborative work with local community and City Council delivered an attractive multi-functional space for children's and adult's play
- Fox Hollies Skate Park, Acocks Green. A steel and smooth concrete skate park located in a city park. Provided to reduce crime and designed to include environmental enhancements, art features and recycled materials.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - natural play - skate parks - art - landscape architecture - inclusion*

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Experience of landscape architecture and bespoke play equipment design and installation/fabrication for schools, private and public spaces, specifically design for play and recreation, including recreation planning. Experience in UK and Australia. Also design and installation of public art. Involved in design of award winning (PRAV) public play space at Tenterfield, Victoria, Australia. Previous personal experience working with 'Mary Jeavons Landscape Architects' and '@Leisure' in Melbourne Australia.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - playgrounds - design - schools - recreation - equipment fabrication - construction - sculpture*

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Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - play design - natural play - school design - sports and skate facilities - community consultation - public realm*

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A landscape design practice that specialises in play environments, in particular natural playscapes. A passion for play and devotion to the natural world are intrinsic to all designs. Working closely with Theories Landscapes, Nathan Evers Design has worked on many school, nursery and public space play projects. Recent work includes two natural play environments at London Zoo, and Play Pathfinder year one projects in the London boroughs of Hackney and Camden.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - bespoke playground design - wildlife - biodiverse plant schemes - landscape design - public space - community parks - consultation*

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Provides an affordable professional landscape design, community consultation and environmental education service to community groups and local authorities in North East England. Established in 1990, Northern Environment Workshop has been involved in over 80 projects in both rural and urban locations. Projects include traditional and natural play areas, school grounds (including Sure Start), wildlife gardens and larger scale open spaces. Provides a complete service from inception through to implementation and management. Principal staff is landscape architects with extensive community consultation; support work can be provided by both an experienced primary school teacher, or an ecologist where this is required.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - independent play designer - design - natural play - open space design - wildlife areas - school playgrounds - participation*

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NVB Architects have been specialists in Educational design for the last 25 years with 95% of the work being undertaken in this sector. These include St Mary's Primary School, Purton, Wiltshire and a children's centre at St Vigor & St John Primary School, Chilcompton, currently in the design stage, soon to be under construction and with completed projects at Trinity Primary School, Portishead and The Menorah Foundation School, Barnet.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - architecture - school environments - community design - stakeholder involvement*

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Parklife is one of a handful of CABI advisors assisting Play England with advice over the delivery of Lottery funded play facilities. It is pioneering the delivery of 21st century 'natural play' in natural settings. Parklife says it is the only UK practice involving children fully in both the design and construction of play areas. The resulting designs have wide local support, the play areas are hugely popular, never vandalised and are

built to last a lifetime.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - natural environment - consultation - delivery - low cost management*

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Pegasus Environmental's considerable knowledge and understanding of play and child development has shaped the professional, imaginative and innovative ways they approach play space design within the public realm and school environment. They work with schools, community groups, local authorities, developers and contractors providing design solutions and project management for a wide variety of parks, open space, external learning setting and play spaces (including natural play) and external sports facilities. Recent projects include: new primary school in Wiltshire, natural play design/green space strategy in Coventry and a 65 hectare country park with play and external sports facilities in Bedfordshire.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - public realm design - play - schools - education - green infrastructure design*

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Penny has been designing for schools for around 16 years, since setting up her own practice in 1992. During that time she has been involved with around 15 schools, primary and secondary. Designs have included creating a range of different habitats for wildlife, gardening, outdoor activity areas and teaching spaces, as well as seating, sculpture and play features too. She has also run workshops with schools to get children involved with the design process. She has worked closely with local authorities on the design of several local parks and play facilities including the design of multi user games areas.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - design - natural play - sustainability - planting design - design workshops*

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Westbury Homes: Formal and natural play areas in various residential developments.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust: Wildlife gardens in public parks.

Cheltenham Borough Council: refurbishment of 17 acre public park integrating natural play and wildlife gardens throughout.

Cherwell District Council: creation of 52 acre public park including formal and natural play areas, wildlife gardens and formal, drained sports pitches.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - natural play - wildlife gardens - school grounds - community consultation*

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Charles has a background in environmental education and psychology , and 25 yrs + of designing areas for children and young people, including skate parks , preschool gardens, school grounds, youth parks, an adventure centre, public parks, children's centres, housing landscapes, wildlife gardens, play strategies. Particular interest in working with enthusiastic communities and young people.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - collaborative play - wild play*

Place Design + Planning Limited

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Design of play areas and school grounds, both primary and secondary. All work stages from sketch scheme to practical completion. Preparation of site management plans for on-going maintenance. Hard and soft play areas, wildlife/ecology gardens, kitchen gardens, sensory gardens, green roofs, equipped play areas, sports pitches/MUGA.

Examples: Fernhill Primary, Kingston upon Thames; Stoke Newington School, London; Hackney Free & Parochial School, London; New Line Learning Academy, Kent.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - site planning - playgrounds - design - wildlife gardens - ecology gardens - green roofs*

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Planet Earth Ltd has designed playgrounds since 1994 for London Boroughs such as Westminster, Southwark, Waltham Forest, Camden, Lambeth, Hackney and schools in Brent, Newham and Camden and Islington. Their expertise is in combining art and ecology to create imaginative playgrounds that children can get involved in the building of. They also carry out participatory design workshops with children, youths and parents in a co-creative design process. Their philosophy is to link the soul of the child to the soul of the world through the design of an emotionally supportive playground. Planet Earth employs artists and crafts people to create colourful ceramic features, and provides a play landscape that minimises the need for catalogue play equipment. Also design recreational spaces for youths and sports.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - consultation - participation - recreation - sports - play space - art - ecology - playgrounds*

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Pleydell Smithyman has significant expertise in play design having developed and delivered a wide range of play solutions which include active, natural, healthy play and sensory gardens. They develop sustainable solutions which offer a continual challenge for children to entertain, exercise and educate. Extensive knowledge of funding opportunities and assisting community and school groups to realise their projects. Their approach is to work alongside the user group to realise and implement their aspirations to enable a sustainable, long term solution. Their team of experienced professionals blend good practice from representing Green Flag and CABE with cutting edge consultation techniques and design to develop and implement holistic, intuitive play solutions.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - inclusion - natural play - risk and challenge - stakeholder liaison - funding*

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Potterton Associates Ltd has landscape architects with over 20 years experience of the design of a wide variety of 'play' areas. Potterton specialises in producing designs that are all inclusive and always start with the wider issues before focusing in on the actual type or arrangement of the equipment itself. In this way they endeavour to ensure that a masterplan is approved and in place at the start of the process. Recent examples include: Multi-sensory gardens - Bidford on Avon for Home Farm Trust (BALI Award winner), St Teath in Cornwall (opened by Tim Smitt); School playgrounds - Elbury Mount, Worcester & Marshfield Primary School, Gloucestershire; Large public play areas - Cripplegate & King George V parks in Worcester (Worcester City Council); Smaller public play areas - Cusop Playing Fields
Multi-use games areas, concrete skate bowls (Victoria Park, Warrington), skateparks (2 for Ashfield District Council).

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Extensive experience of design, implementation and management of public space. projects include: school play, wildlife areas, natural play, skateparks, public parks, heritage gardens, streetscape and public realm, greenways, cycleways, country parks, and formal recreation/sports facilities. RML employs a collaborative approach, developing bespoke solutions with clients using a range of consultation and engagement techniques with stakeholders and users. It addresses sustainability and biodiversity agendas by integrating these objectives into designs.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - natural play - habitat creation - skateparks - wheeled sports - school grounds - biodiversity - green infrastructure*

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Robert Petrow Associates has designed over 60 play schemes for parks, schools and housing estates that focus on natural and adventure play. These also include sensory places and spaces. The company designs with the site so that play areas are well located and make use of natural elements to provide a wide range of play experiences that are accessible to both disabled and able bodied children. The schemes are designed to meet community needs and have an element of flexibility built into the layout and have opportunities to take risks and challenges. They are sustainable and can be appropriately maintained to allow for change and evolution.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - adventurous play - natural play - playground design - landscape architecture - community consultation*

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Wide experience over 35 years designing play areas in the public and private sectors. Local authority and New Town experience and recently as part of urban extensions in sustainable communities. Term contract designers for Warwickshire County Council schools; wildlife gardens for schools; equipped play areas in Milton Keynes; adventure/forest play areas in Oasis Center Parcs, Penrith; masterplan for Northamptonshire primary school.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - natural environments - playgrounds*

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Root is an urban design practice including landscape architects, arborists and ecologists. They deliver creative, inspirational, sustainable solutions, based on technical competency, high quality design and planning, to both commercial and residential developers. Their patient and public realm not only offers added value and much needed respite, but also reinforces an area's sense of place. Projects include delivering care home gardens, play areas for schools and residential green space.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - public realm - patient realm - social housing - regeneration - consultation - ecology - play - gardens*

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Sacha Barnes Associates have designed play, youth activity areas and skateboard parks and recently prepared concept designs for a themed play area in People's Park, Banbury. The Swift family had strong connections with Banbury and Gulliver's Travels was their chosen theme. Their master plan for the Exeter Close campus and Health

Centre will feature improved play and youth activity areas, crazy golf, cycle trail, eco garden and fitness trail.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - skateparks - gardens - natural play*

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Shape has over 15 years experience in designing traditional and innovative landscapes for play for local authorities, schools and voluntary sector organisations. Their playable landscapes include public art, ecology, client and community participation in designing and making places. Shape has also completed many traditional playgrounds for different age ranges in parks and for housing, concentrating on maximum play value, while providing for parental supervision in an attractive setting.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - play - playgrounds - design*

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Space 2 Place has designed a variety of school grounds and play areas, including teaching areas, sensory gardens, wildlife areas, growing areas, play areas, trundle tracks, multi use games areas and skate parks, within schools and in public places. The design work has involved working closely with teachers, children, the general public and community groups.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - playgrounds - design - outdoor teaching areas - sensory gardens - wildlife areas - multi use games areas - skate parks*

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Spacescape is passionate about designing inspiring, innovative and fun spaces for children, their carers and the community as a whole. Working with schools, youth groups and the community to conceive, design and implement, a successful and fun play space is created. Designing to encourage natural play, enhance biodiversity and for school grounds support the National Curriculum, Spacescape aims to produce low maintenance affordable schemes that evoke a sense of place and encourage well being. They also design Outdoor Classrooms and structures to provide protected environments for outside activities. They endeavour their approach to be sustainable using locally sourced materials and contractors to bring the schemes into reality. Also available to assist with funding opportunities.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - school landscapes - outdoor classrooms - natural play - consultation - playgrounds - design*

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Sprunt has been designing play spaces on estates, school grounds and parks for over 20 years. In the last few years it has won an Urban Splash competition to design a naturalistic play area in Altringham, completed three imaginative school playgrounds in and around London, and their Home Zones integrate informal play opportunities throughout the urban environment to encourage children to play outside.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - school ground design - playgrounds - Home Zones play areas - natural play - landscape architecture*

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Professional landscape design service offering site-specific solutions throughout the South West. Projects include traditional play areas but predominantly natural play areas for local authorities, schools and nursery grounds involving the client and community young and old at all stages. Extensive design and contract knowledge of parks and public open spaces, artificial, natural sports pitches. Small budgets to large master plan developments providing a complete service from inception to completion.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - design - natural play - inclusive design*

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Private practice with over 20 years experience including the design of play areas within residential developments and public open spaces. Full range of landscape design services offered, including site assessment, sketch design, contract drawings and contract supervision. Expertise includes design of sports pitches including earthworks and drainage. Offers a reliable, personal service and seek to produce innovative and imaginative designs.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - landscape architecture - natural play - design*

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An experienced, award winning landscape practice with a 20 year track record of delivery including visionary play areas. Expertise includes community liaison, conceptual and detailed design, and project and contract management. Independent manufacturers

but often work with specialist play suppliers and contractors. Able to take clients' ideas, assess site constraints and work with clients to seek funding and guide them through the procurement process.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - community consultation - park play areas - natural play*

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CABE Space Play Enabler; co-author/presenter: CABE/Play England training programme; 20 years practice as a landscape architect; senior tutor at School of Architecture and Design for 14 years; six years founding principal Groundwork Trust; three years programme managing leading UK inclusive design NGO. Working practice includes: collaborative project development with community play stakeholders; play strategy, master plan, detailed design and on-site implementation; management of play and learning play projects. Settings: pre-schools, primary and secondary schools, community pocket parks, and housing estate regeneration.

Keywords: *play designer - landscape architect - inclusive design - natural play - play strategies - learning*

Playground equipment manufacturers

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Campbell Design has produced a number of play elements over the past few years, incorporating a range of bespoke shelters, trim trails, sculptural structures and associated furniture. Main area of expertise is the consultation process, in which it delivers art, design and practical workshops to schools and community user groups. Campbell Design (CDE) Ltd has worked with a number of special schools with elements for their outdoor environments, most recently at Forest School Coalville, building a study/activity shelter with seating elements. CDE Ltd provides an in-house build and install service for all its designs.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - design - bespoke play environments - design and build - sculptural play elements - study shelters - natural play*

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Over 35 years experience in the play industry. Experts in consultation, design, manufacture, supply and installation of outdoor play spaces. Working with both the

private and public sector on projects such as nursery and school playgrounds, public open spaces and country parks, visitor attractions and theme parks. Leading play equipment company in the way of natural and themed play.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - natural play - design - consultation - adventure play - themed play*

Hags Play Ltd

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With over 40 years of experience in play space design, Hags' designers have extensive knowledge in providing diverse, stimulating and creative environments; apply current standards and include elements of non-conformity under design risk assessment; deliver sustainable play spaces that exceed clients' expectations and incorporate essential elements of risk; recognise that the design, layout and overall feel of the play space are key to long-term sustainability and success.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - design - wheeled sports - multi use games areas - natural play*

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Image Playgrounds aims to cover everything from site visit, consultancy, design and installation, so that children can have a safe, friendly and educative environment in which to play. Examples of completed projects include: Danecourt Community Special Needs School - design and installation of a tower system, campervan role play system, timberplay seating areas with music and planters; Bishop Wood Special School - designed and installed an active and quiet area, including adventure trail, boulders, wooden wheelchair bridge.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - design - installation - equipment - disability - inclusive play - natural play - schools*

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Lappset group is one of the leading manufacturers of playground equipment worldwide.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - design - natural play - inclusive play - safety surfaces*

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Miracle Design & Play has have over eight years experience in creating bespoke play spaces across the UK and Europe for a wide spectrum of clients. Their main area of focus is complete turnkey project management with the design, supply and installation of quality playground equipment. They provide a bespoke design service that enables their clients to find the ideal play solution for their circumstances. The client and sales manager will put together a brief that completely fits all the key criteria required and this is passed on to the Design team. The designers, with their knowledge of the company's modular products and qualifications in playground design, will pull together components that provide the client with all the elements required for the project in a way that makes the play area exciting and appealing to children. At the same time, all safety standards will be considered to ensure that we recommend a suitable environment for the children to play in.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - bespoke play area design - natural play*

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Pendlewood design, create and implement natural play areas that inspire children to be children and explore their natural play discovery area. Access for all is one of their main aims on all of their designs. Creating space that allows the imagination to flow. Working with mother nature to create natural play spaces.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - playgrounds - design - natural play - creativity - imagination - bespoke design*

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Playdale has a team of ten in-house playground designers with lots of experience in designing outdoor playgrounds for a multitude of clients and briefs. Playdale has designed playgrounds for schools, local authorities, community groups and leisure operators with varying budgets ranging from £1,000 to £500,000.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - design - architecture - natural play - playscapes - play trails*

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With over 10 years experience and 2,500 school playground environments, Playforce supplies a unique, bespoke range of robust, educationally focused playground schemes for primary schools and early years settings. Designed to provide areas for learning and active play, our schemes are set within the context of an intelligently structured play environment strategy, which promotes inclusive opportunities for all children and the different ways in which they play.

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Eleven years of experience of designing all types of school and public playgrounds from conception through to completion and beyond. Bespoke work is a speciality with an 'out of the box' attitude to play area design, with the ability to supply all materials and structures designed on paper. Natural play is a speciality now with so many ways of incorporating the natural environment. An API, Constructionline and RoSPA member.
Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - school playgrounds - natural play - playgrounds - bespoke design*

Playquip Leisure

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A manufacturer and installer of outdoor play equipment which also provides a design service. Customers range from large local authorities through to parish councils and schools. Playquip is on several framework agreements and has the ability to manufacture bespoke equipment. Also provides ball courts, surfacing and inspections.
Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - playgrounds - design - natural play - equipment design - manufacture - installation*

Playscheme (S.J. Danby Ltd)

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Playscheme has been designing and manufacturing stimulating and innovative outdoor areas for over 15 years to promote learning, imagination, fun and exercise. Playscheme works hand in hand with schools, nurseries, parish councils, as well as bodies such as English heritage to create bespoke play and educational spaces. It uses top quality round timber that "looks beautiful and really lasts". Playscheme is a member of API and RoSPA.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - design - schools - nurseries - natural play - bespoke design - bespoke equipment - safety surfacing*

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Proludic's mission is to design exciting, innovative and fun play areas for children and the wider community. For over 20 years Proludic's has delivered unique products suitable for play and sports areas. The design team is led by a Landscape Architect whose key focus is to deliver bespoke playscapes that are suitable for their setting, whether it is an urban or natural environment. Key projects range from the design and project management of a £0.5m destination park sites to the first Playbuilder site in the South West. Proludic have also led several community based projects across the country requiring extensive community consultation, funding assistance and maintenance training. All of the services delivered are supported by an After-Sales service that offer expert advice and assistance to ensure all Proludic play areas are enjoyed for many years.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - play areas - design - sports areas - natural play - destination parks - project management - construction - advice*

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Record RSS have been designing and manufacturing outdoor play areas for over 40 years. During this time they have supplied all of the local authorities within the UK and also have a thriving export business all over the world. Customers also include property developers, schools, town and parish councils, and RSS also has extensive experience of working with architects. RSS believes each play area is individual and their designs are created on that basis, taking into account surroundings, users and customer. The products are built to last and require the minimum of maintenance during their lifetime. However, RSS does operate an Inspection and Maintenance service to further extend the life of the equipment. The team of graduate designers are fully trained in EN1176 and EN1177 and work within these guidelines when designing an area. Their designs are produced in the most up to date versions of AutoCAD, 3D Studio Max, Combustion, Premier and Illustrator. Have designed playgrounds for the majority of local authorities and the major housing developers, and also designed small schemes. Experienced in working with the natural environment and with landscape architects

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - design - consultation*

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Russell Leisure has worked on several framework agreements with local authorities involving direct consultation with children. In Warwick, a local school helped design their won play area, and with the help of a parent group representing disabled children, Russell Leisure designed a special basket swing. Has also worked with an international school to provide playground equipment suitable for children aged 3 to 18 years, some with special needs.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - natural play - multi-use games areas - school playgrounds*

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Schoolscapes offers landscape architecture and playground services throughout the UK. They work with clients to plan and create whole school grounds, playgrounds, natural play areas, environmental areas, music and sensory areas, outside classrooms, quiet areas, covered areas and shaded structures. They supply and install play equipment and landscaping works, providing clients with a comprehensive service for all their school grounds requirements.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - schools - playgrounds - design landscape architecture - equipment*

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SMP's expertise lies in creating innovative playing spaces that are enjoyable for all ages and abilities and are sustainable for the future. They have over 40 years experience and can utilise a variety of colours and materials to create interesting and stimulating environments. The majority of their work is designing and supplying free-to-use public play areas for local authorities, town or parish councils and community groups. SMP undertakes or supports public consultation if required by their clients and are happy to work on long term projects where fundraising is ongoing. The regional Area Managers are trained playground designers and SMP also employs a dedicated Scheme Designer for multi-disciplined projects.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - design - construction - project management*

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Sutcliffe Play has been designing open access play environments for 20+ years for a broad range of settings, from smaller community and parish councils to large destination adventure play areas. Particular expertise in creating challenging, inclusive and natural play environments. Projects include: Chatsworth House Play area in a woodland setting (historic stately home); Paulsgrove inside-outside adventure playground, Portsmouth an inclusive playground which includes a building housing playworkers to facilitate play; Cutsyke Playforest - a totally bespoke project in an area of urban regeneration.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - design - natural play - landscape architecture - inclusive play - contract management*

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The company has been designing and manufacturing indoor and outdoor steel and timber play equipment for over 25 years. It has designed and installed play solutions for schools; parish, district and county councils; nurseries; recreation grounds; adventure play areas; holiday parks; and family attractions throughout the UK and Europe. Recently, it has entered the international market, supplying and installing for corporations in Hong Kong, Philippines, Maldives, China and Malaysia.

Keywords: *play designer - playground equipment manufacturer - bespoke play - indoor adventure play - outdoor playscapes - inclusive play*

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Timberplay works on all types of commercial play spaces, including, schools and nurseries, local parks, doorstep greens, destination play areas, visitor attractions, adventure playgrounds, natural play spaces, sensory gardens and street play.

Timberplay sells a huge range of innovative play equipment in a largely rustic style.

They enjoy working with independent designers and also directly with end users, providing free conceptual play space design, installation and maintenance services and specialist advice on play related issues.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - natural play - play structures - bespoke equipment - water play - sand play - sensory equipment*

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Wicksteed has enormous experience in consultation with communities to design playscapes and has a dedicated team of 8 play and landscape designers fully trained in the creation of innovative play areas within natural landscapes - taking into account the specific community and environment for each and every site. Our natural playscape at Stoke Albany is a 'finalist' in the 2008 Horticulture Week Landscape and Amenity Awards.

Keywords: *play designer - play equipment manufacturer - bespoke design - creative play - natural environments - playgrounds*

Play designers - Other

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Kevin has over 27 years in the commercial play and recreation industry, previously working on the consultation, designs and delivery of projects for the commercial sector such as Whitbread, Spirit Hoburne and Haven Holidays along with local authority clients such as Bath & North East Somerset, South Ribble, Blackpool & Ellesmere Port. These all included elements of natural play and landscaping, fixed play equipment and various surfacing and markings.

Keywords: *play designer - other - play areas - design - skate and wheeled sports - natural play - tender specifications - project management*

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Helps to develop proposals for the design of outdoor play spaces - play areas, teen spaces, games and sports areas and natural play areas. Projects involved in include: work in

schools, development of play and natural areas, community play areas and ball courts.

Currently involved in a project to develop natural play sites.

Keywords: *play designer - other - natural play - schools - play development - consultation*

Appleby Landscape Designs

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Judith has 27 years experience as a landscape designer, having been involved in a variety of projects including the design of public open spaces with integrated play areas, and planting schemes for garden areas in school grounds, hospitals and residential homes. Familiar with play equipment ranges; natural, 'playful landscapes'; and inclusive, accessible play for all. Keeps abreast of developments through seminars, exhibitions and professional publications.

Keywords: *play designer - other - landscape designer - play area design - planting - wildlife - sensory planting*

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Cornish Landscaping Granite is a supplier of natural, non-slip granite feature play boulders and large granites for climbing walls, to play spaces at home and abroad. Their expertise is in the safe and efficient handling and on-site installation of large Cornish granite boulders of up to 25 tonnes. Has a successful record of work with school groups, designers, landscape architects and individual clients.

Keywords: *play designer - other - natural play - sculptural forms - granite*

Growing Gardens

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Growing Gardens creates designs for schools and early years, filling a growing desire to allow children to play through a natural landscape. It has created sensory and wildlife gardens, quiet areas, allotments, and full play landscapes. The designs aim to stimulate children's imaginative and creative abilities and encourage all sorts of exercise and physical skills, in a natural and safe environment. Susan has a good network of the suppliers and crafts people needed to bring your project together, and can co-ordinate the whole project from idea through to completion.

Keywords: *play designers - other - garden design - sensory gardens - landscapes - wildlife - natural play - playgrounds*

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Instrument maker with 25 years experience of making tuned percussion, from concert marimbas to giant outdoor tubular bells. Education to PhD in instrument manufacture. Expertise in making tuned percussion from around the world, and designing instruments for theatre, schools and groups working with people with complex disabilities.

Projects include:

1. Designing and making many instruments for Oily Cart for its multisensory shows.
2. Outdoor Musical Instrument at Prema Art Centre.

Keywords: *play designer - other - outdoor musical instrument maker - musical instruments - musical sculpture - outdoor furniture - design - disability*

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Keywords: *play designer - other - play and community buses - play - education*

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KIDS National Development Department provides training and consultancy on the inclusion of Disabled children in play and childcare settings and services. Previous projects have included a Feasibility Study for a Disabled Children's Play Provision in the City of Leeds (2002) and involvement in the planning stages of The Princess of Wales Memorial Playground in London. More recently KIDS has published guidance on creating accessible

play and childcare environments (*Inclusion by Design*, 2008) and can offer consultancy based on the six principles of inclusive design - as outlined in the publication.

Keywords: *play designer - other - disability - inclusive play*

The Children's Play Information Service (CPIS) is a specialist library and information resource on children's play and informal recreation. Services include free access to reference library, literature searches and reading lists, factsheets, e-bulletins and newsletters.

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