



**DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Title:** Out2Play Play Rangers

**Officer presenting report:** Emily Smith

Recommendation:

To Note the letter from Nicky Jones of Volunteering Matters

## **1. End of Out2Play Play Rangers**

To everyone who has known us!!

We are at the end of a fantastic Big Lottery grant that funded the Out2Play Play Rangers at Volunteering Matters. This 3 year funding also enabled us to carry out loads of other outdoor play and learning projects so we have compiled a report of all our success and would love you to take a look.

Sadly we have not been successful with any more funding and due to national strategy there is no leeway to provide anything in the meantime which means that from today the Out2Play team are no longer at Volunteering Matters. Volunteering Matters in Bristol will still be providing volunteering opportunities in horticulture for adults and young people and are applying for funding for other future projects.

Please contact the Bristol manager for any more information,  
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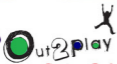
My last day is 29<sup>th</sup> February but I am still very interested in play in Bristol so would love to be kept up to date with any projects. If you have any info please e-mail me on my g-mail [nicky.csve@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.csve@gmail.com) as this volunteering matters email will be deleted from tomorrow. I have loved working for Out2Play and the amazing projects we have

delivered. I will continue to be passionate about play and outdoor learning in Bristol and the south West and will always work towards positive outcomes for children and families.

Many thanks,

Nicky Jones

**(see Appendix 14a play rangers report)**



2013 - 2016

# PLAY RANGERS PROJECT

Celebrating  
3 years of  
Big Lottery  
funding.

Throughout all the Play Rangers  
projects **8,200** children attended  
**32** different outdoor spaces  
across Bristol.

**177**

mini, informal and  
formal **volunteers**  
played games, led  
activities, made  
decisions and  
improved the  
project.

Children designed  
flyers, planned  
activities, learnt  
new skills and  
made new friends.

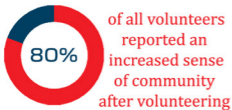
Children and young people enjoyed cooking,  
games, arts and crafts, imaginative play,  
scavenger hunts, woodwork, making swings,  
junk modeling and  
much more...



'What Play Rangers means to me' by 10 year old girl

**732** children regularly  
took more physical  
exercise - an average  
of **3,000** steps per  
session more than sat  
at home. **48** children  
were referred to other  
local sports clubs.

Over **1,000** different activities have been offered aimed at boosting self confidence.



"I like Play Rangers 'cos you always have something new to do, you meet your friends and make new ones." Girl aged 8

In Dundry View and Filwood **598** outdoor play sessions were delivered in 4 parks.

**65%** of the children and young people registered as participants attended more than half of all sessions.



The Walking Ranger saved over **500** car journeys, enabling families to do more physical exercise, increase their local interactions as well as reduce pollution.



## Tamerin's story

As a parent, attending Play Ranger sessions I would always feel welcome and supported, happy to have somewhere free to come each week, which was offering something invaluable to my child, giving him permission to be himself and grow in social confidence. It has felt to me as if Play Rangers was a finger on the pulse of the community, a real social hub, where parents and children could meet up to join together in play, whilst parents relax in the knowledge that their children were in safe hands.

My roles became more varied as I continued volunteering with 'Out2play'. I would sometimes assist with Face Painting the children when queues got too long, I would lead craft activities, I would help serve hotdogs to hungry family members and even helped raise funds for the project by serving at their local table top sale. With the team's support I have planned and created a 'cozy' corner for reading, puzzles and quiet time in the park pod at Willmott Park which was then open for 1,000s of people to use at the Hartcliffe Make Sunday Special event. My family and I have really benefited from Play Rangers and I hope that future children will have the opportunity to experience outdoor play at its finest.



# Matthew's Story

"I feel like I have know Karen and the Play Rangers all my life. They are always there, they look out for me, give me new challenges and treat me like I want to be treated. I would have left school if it wasn't for them advising me and helping me think 'I can do it!'"



"My son who is now 15 has known the Play Rangers since he started school . Without their support and respect things would have turned out so differently.. He has ADHD and was frustrated at school. The Play Rangers always helped him. listened to him and gave him a lifeline in giving him responsibility as a volunteer mini ranger. This really helped him with his anger issues and he has grown into a helpful caring person that I am very proud of."  
Caron, Matthew's mum

As part of **BRISTOL 2015 EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL** the Play Ranger team engaged over **200** children in carrying out OPAL nature surveys on trees, bugs, worms and soil.

They worked with **150** families to try new healthy foods and created a recipe leaflet about using herbs. They cleaned out the Groves spring and made it safe for kids to play in.



To find out more.:



Out2Play Bristol



Bristol Play Rangers

43 volunteers completed training and workshops.



12 volunteers have found employment, 3 of those working with children or young people.

"I love Play Rangers as it is the only time my mum lets me go to the park and play. I made a tree clay face today and played volley ball!"

Boy aged 9

Funding from the Big Lottery secured our Play Ranger team and it allowed us to deliver other big events such as:

Make Sunday Special Dundry View  
September 2015



Spooky Parade in Stockwood for Halloween



Headley Lane park playdays 2014



"We moved here a year ago and the Play Ranger sessions have become a lifeline for us. My 5 year old struggles with social situations so having somewhere out of school where she can play with other children has made us feel part of the community." Mum of 3

Partners make life better,  
thank you all...



Many thanks to all our funders:



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