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United Nations, Canadian and International
Online Play Resources



[United Nations – International Day of Play](#)

The UN’s International Day of Play recognizes play as a fundamental right of every child and a powerful driver of development, peace, and well-being. The site provides key facts, policy context, and links to global commitments promoting inclusive, accessible, and safe play environments.

[UNICEF – International Day of Play](#)

UNICEF champions the International Day of Play by advocating for children's right to play as essential to their learning, health, and happiness. The site amplifies global efforts to embed play into national policy agendas and education systems.

Canadian Play Sites

This hub aggregates Canadian initiatives and organizations committed to advancing children’s right to play. It showcases programs, tools, and research that promote outdoor, unstructured, and inclusive play across communities.

[Active for Life](#)

Active for Life is a Canadian not-for-profit platform that helps parents, educators, and coaches raise physically literate kids through play, sport, and movement. Its articles, resources, and activity guides empower families to support healthy child development.

[Metalude](#)

Metalude explores the intersection of digital well-being and healthy play, offering insights on how screen time impacts children's development. Through research summaries, expert commentary, and curated resources, it promotes mindful and balanced use of technology in kids' lives.

[Outside Play](#)

Outside Play is an evidence-informed tool developed to help parents and caregivers build confidence in supporting children's outdoor play. It provides personalized strategies and guidance to navigate safety concerns and encourage risk-benefit thinking.

[Outdoor Play Canada](#)

Outdoor Play Canada is a national alliance that advances evidence-based policy, practice, and research to promote outdoor play for all children in Canada. The organization convenes partners across sectors to create environments where outdoor play thrives.

PlayGroundology

PlayGroundology is an award-winning blog that celebrates the creativity, culture, and global diversity of play through storytelling and photography. With over 450 posts since 2010, it inspires readers to see playgrounds and play as essential elements of childhood.

International Play Sites

This sampling connects users with a range of global organizations advancing the right to play. It features sites that promote play policy, research, and practice from around the world.

International Play Association (IPA)

The International Play Association promotes the child's right to play globally through advocacy, research, and community-building. Its work supports governments and practitioners to embed play in public policy and child rights frameworks.

Play Scotland

Play Scotland is a national organization working to ensure all children and young people in Scotland have quality opportunities for play. It advocates for play-friendly communities and provides resources, training, and policy guidance.

Play Wales

Play Wales is an independent charity supporting children's right to play across Wales by influencing policy and practice. It offers practical tools, research, and advocacy to foster play-rich environments in schools and communities.

Rethinking Childhood

Created by play expert Tim Gill, *Rethinking Childhood* challenges conventional thinking about childhood, risk, and urban design. The site features blogs, reports, and international perspectives that argue for more child-friendly, risk-tolerant environments.

