



Fund Criteria 2016-17

Go2Play is opening its doors once again with a new round of funding for Play. This fund will focus on supporting Scottish Charities to deliver free play opportunities which support the outcomes sought in Scotland's Play Strategy.

As well as supporting Scotland's Play Strategy, the fund seeks to address **inequality**, raise **attainment** and **aspiration**, and **improve life chances** for Scotland's most **vulnerable** and **disadvantaged** children and families.

The funding is for a specific timescale, from July 2016 to March 2017.

Background

Inspiring Scotland has worked in partnership with the Scottish Government to grow play opportunities for children across Scotland for the past six years. During this period, Go2play has developed a number of approaches, resources and models that maximise the impact and delivery of free play delivery.

These include the Outcome Evaluation Framework, the Play Ranger Toolkit and more recently, Active Play tools.

What is this fund about?

We are seeking applications from Scottish Charities already involved in delivering playful opportunities for children in their communities, who wish to expand or develop a model of play in order to reach and engage with vulnerable and disadvantaged children in their community.

We are seeking positive outcomes for children, families and communities through this investment and will consider investing in new and existing play services.

Free Play as defined in Scotland's Play Strategy

'Play encompasses children's behaviour which is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. It is performed for no external goal or reward, and is a fundamental and integral part of healthy development - not only for individual children but also for the society in which they live.'

In addition to providing children with access to play opportunities, freely accessed community play can also help parents and teachers understand play, remove any fears parents have about allowing their children to play outside, and encourage parents to join in, engage and have fun too.

The Go2Play Fund seeks the following outcomes from its investment:

1. Children have improved social skills, confidence and self-esteem through participating in the play activity;

2. Children have improved health and wellbeing as a result of access the play ranger provision;
3. Parents, teachers and/or carers have increased confidence to enable children to play out more often;
4. Children, teachers, parents and/or carers demonstrate and feel a growth in community spirit and appreciation of their community spaces.

We would encourage applicants to visit the Go2play publications section on the Inspiring Scotland website and review our resources, such as our [Play Ranger Toolkit](#) when planning their application. There are also additional web links and FAQs available on our website. <http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/>

Application Criteria

This Go2Play Fund offers Scottish Charities access to funding, shared best practice, training and individual tailored support. We will consider applications for up to £30,000 although our average award is likely to be less than this. Collaboration is key and we welcome partnership approaches with match funding levered in from other parties.

Applications will only be classed as eligible if they also fit the following essential criteria:

- They are a Scottish Registered Charity;
- The provision will be on offer in communities within the 15% most deprived areas of Scotland on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), or with vulnerable children or disadvantaged groups;
- The provision will be for children, broadly aged, between 5 and 15 years;
- Play will be provided in an outdoor setting within the community or school grounds;
- The charity applying has experience of providing play for children in their community;
- The provision will be open access;
- Applications must specifically support some or all of outcomes sought by Scotland's Play Strategy;
- Funding will not duplicate statutory or school provision.

Desirable criteria

- Experience of monitoring and evaluating against outcomes.

What will **NOT** be eligible within an application?

- Applications which are predominantly for capital expenditure will not be supported;
- Applications from organisations that are not Scottish Charities;
- Significant core staff costs - funding must be for additional staff hours and not replace existing staff costs.

We expect to work closely with successful applicants. In addition to capacity building support, successful applicants will have the opportunity to participate in a Go2Play portfolio where they can share training opportunities, learning and ideas with other play organisations supported by Inspiring Scotland.

Application Process

Application to the fund is through an online form which you can find here <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Go2PlayFund2016> The form will require you to summarise the points of your project aims and objectives.

Strong applications **meeting the criteria** will be invited to present their project idea in a friendly Dragons' Den style format. Places on the Dragons' Den will be extended to Scottish Government and the Scotland's Play Strategy Implementation Group and will be chaired by Inspiring Scotland at the times noted below.

Application Timeline

1. Application process will commence on Monday 9th May 2016.
2. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Monday 6th June 2016.
3. All applications should be submitted online here <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Go2PlayFund2016> Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
4. Review, due diligence and scoring of applications will take place during June.
5. Those who score highly and meet the eligibility criteria will be emailed with an invitation to attend to present their proposal to an informal Dragons' Den.
6. We ask applicants to be aware that the date for the Dragons' Den is scheduled for Tuesday 21st June 2016.
7. Those who have been unsuccessful will receive notice promptly after the initial assessment has taken place.

Other useful material is available to download from the Inspiring Scotland website www.inspiringscotland.org.uk please refer to these prior to contacting Inspiring Scotland. If you do have any further queries that you wish to discuss, email Inspiring Scotland at enquiries@inspiringscotland.org.uk and your query will be sent to a member of the team who will contact you.

Please note that only applications that meet the criteria above will be considered. After we have received your application form we will undertake an assessment of your organisation and proposal. Our due diligence checking will cover standard elements such as governance, management, financial position, the evidence of need for your idea and your ability to deliver.

Online application and guidance notes available
Inspiring Scotland website
Any problems accessing application material contact
Inspiring Scotland Tel: 0131 442 8760



Submit online application
by 5pm, Monday 6th June 2016



Due Diligence
Inspiring Scotland with the Scottish Government will
undertake assessment of all applications and may
contact applicants for clarification



Informal Dragons' Den
Selected applicants invited to present their ideas and
applications to a panel on Tuesday 21st June 2016



Decision
Further to period of review, investment decisions will be communicated
to all applicant organisations during June 2016