



PLAY IS IMPORTANT IN NEATH PORT TALBOT!



Lots of people in Neath Port Talbot (NPT) believe play is really important for children and young people. The Council (who try to improve or develop play for children and young people) has made plans to make sure everyone can enjoy fun, safe and exciting places to play—whether they live by the sea, in towns, or in the countryside.

The Council wants:

- All children and young people to have a great start in life
- All communities to be happy and strong
- Better play areas and more fun things to do

They also believe play helps children and young people grow strong, feel happy, make friends, and learn important life skills.



TALKING TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- The Council listens to children, young people and families to make sure play areas and activities are what they want and need. They made a plan (called the Play Sufficiency Assessment) and talked to 750 children and young people, all from different backgrounds, to help decide what to do from 2025 to 2028.
- Children and young people were asked to complete **surveys** and **videos** whilst they were at school, to tell the Council what they thought about play across where you live.

WHAT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US:

Many 8-10 year olds want their own youth club.

"Youth clubs for my age group would be great."

Teens like youth shelters to hang out with friends.

"I'd like a play like a Youth Shelter, to hang out in at every park."

Lots of children don't play outside much, especially in valley areas.

"I don't really play outside with friends much, but when I do go outside we just hangout."

Some children can't get to activities, especially if they don't feel safe using public transport.

"My social anxiety and depression is a problem on public transport."



WHAT ARE THE COUNCIL GOING TO DO:



1

Include everyone

Make sure ALL children and young people, including those with any additional needs, can play and have fun.

2

Tell more people

Promise to use the Neath Port Talbot website, newsletters and suitable social media to let families, children and young people know what's on.

3

Try to improve parks and green spaces

Keep them clean and safe, with fun equipment like football goals and skate ramps.



4

Use money wisely

Spend money to make play spaces and clubs better.

5

Help schools

Support schools to improve their play areas.

6

More clubs

Encourage more people to set up clubs and groups where children can play, particularly in rural areas.

7

Help playworkers

Train adults who run play sessions to make play safe and fun for everyone.



8

Listen more

Keep talking to children and young people to find out what they like and need.

9

Work together

Schools, families, and play groups will team up to make play better for all children and young people.

