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Play-able: A Building Better Opportunities project to be delivered in partnership with [PETROC](#) subject to funding.

Potential dates for delivery: Academic year 2017 – 2018.

About SPLASH: SPLASH is a high quality inclusive play provision for children with additional needs. A safe and stimulating environment, where children and young people can make friends, choices and develop their independence, confidence and self-esteem. Supported by playworkers and enablers on a high ratio.

- We have been a community resource for nearly 20 years.
- Age range of children: 6-18
- Young volunteers with additional needs age 18+

Our ethos: All children need a place to play. They need space, informality and freedom to run around and make a noise, to express themselves, to experiment and investigate.

Our Mission: To extend and enrich the experience of children and young people with additional needs.

Project purpose: Play-able aims to build an inclusive participation journey and progression routes into employment for our SPLASH volunteer workforce; to develop accessible learning pathways and through this enablement enrich the experience of attending children.

Play-able will enable SPLASH to provide training opportunities for volunteers wanting to work with us: A minimum of x10 local volunteers/potential volunteers will undertake Volunteers in Playwork – an accessible introduction to playwork.

Play-able will enable a minimum of x2 young people with additional needs volunteering at SPLASH to achieve an NVQ Qualification supported and mentored by a minimum of x2 young people (recruited from the local community) achieving a similar qualification. Their combined learning and imbedded understanding of playwork will extend the experience of children and young people attending SPLASH from September 2016 forward.



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The project will bring people together, provide training and work opportunities; enable disabled people, support young people to develop life skills and promote access to arts, culture and nature.

What would you use this grant on?

SPLASH will work with accredited training organisations to develop a new training programme for the SPLASH volunteer workforce called Play-Able: A stepped and supportive approach to learning in a real working environment.

- Step 1: An accessible introduction to playwork: Volunteers In Playwork.
- Step 2: Young SPLASH volunteers with additional needs undertake an NVQ Level 2 in playwork: The course provides a practical, progressive path: Award/Certificate/Diploma.
- Step 3: They are mentored by young playworkers achieving a similar qualification.

The shared learning and imbedded understanding of playwork enabled by Play-Able will enrich and extend the experience of children and young people involved with SPLASH 2016 forward.

How many and who are the beneficiaries?

A minimum of 35 children and young people with complex and/or additional needs who attend SPLASH Holiday Play-scheme across the week (please see below*)

A minimum of 10 local volunteers (including family and friends, people of all ages living in rural areas and/or at risk of social exclusion).

A minimum of 2 young volunteers age 19+ with complex/additional needs and their families.

A minimum of 2 local young people not in education or employment.



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Project cost (these can be expanded to train up more playworkers if the model fits)

Item	Unit Cost	Total cost
Volunteers in Playwork training For 10 volunteers/potential volunteers	£50	£500
X2 Level 2 Playwork Diplomas (independent learning)	£900	£1800
X2 Level 2 Playwork Diplomas (taught)	£1200	£2400
Mentor support	Average cost of £60.50 per day + holiday and pension for x2 mentors x5 days x10 weeks	£7260
Administration costed at 10% of overall costs		£1196
Total		£13156

Growth potential:

Currently SPLASH provides service in school holidays only. We facilitate 15 children/young people per session with a workforce of 15 onsite for any one session. Over the coming 5 years we want to extend our offer to support children and young people with additional needs from the age of 0-25 years. We want to develop a fit for purpose centre; a new home for the SPLASH family. To facilitate an increase in the number of children/young people and families using our service whilst sustaining the customer valued qualities of being “small and safe” we anticipate increasing both the number of sessions we provide each year and the workforce to provide them.

