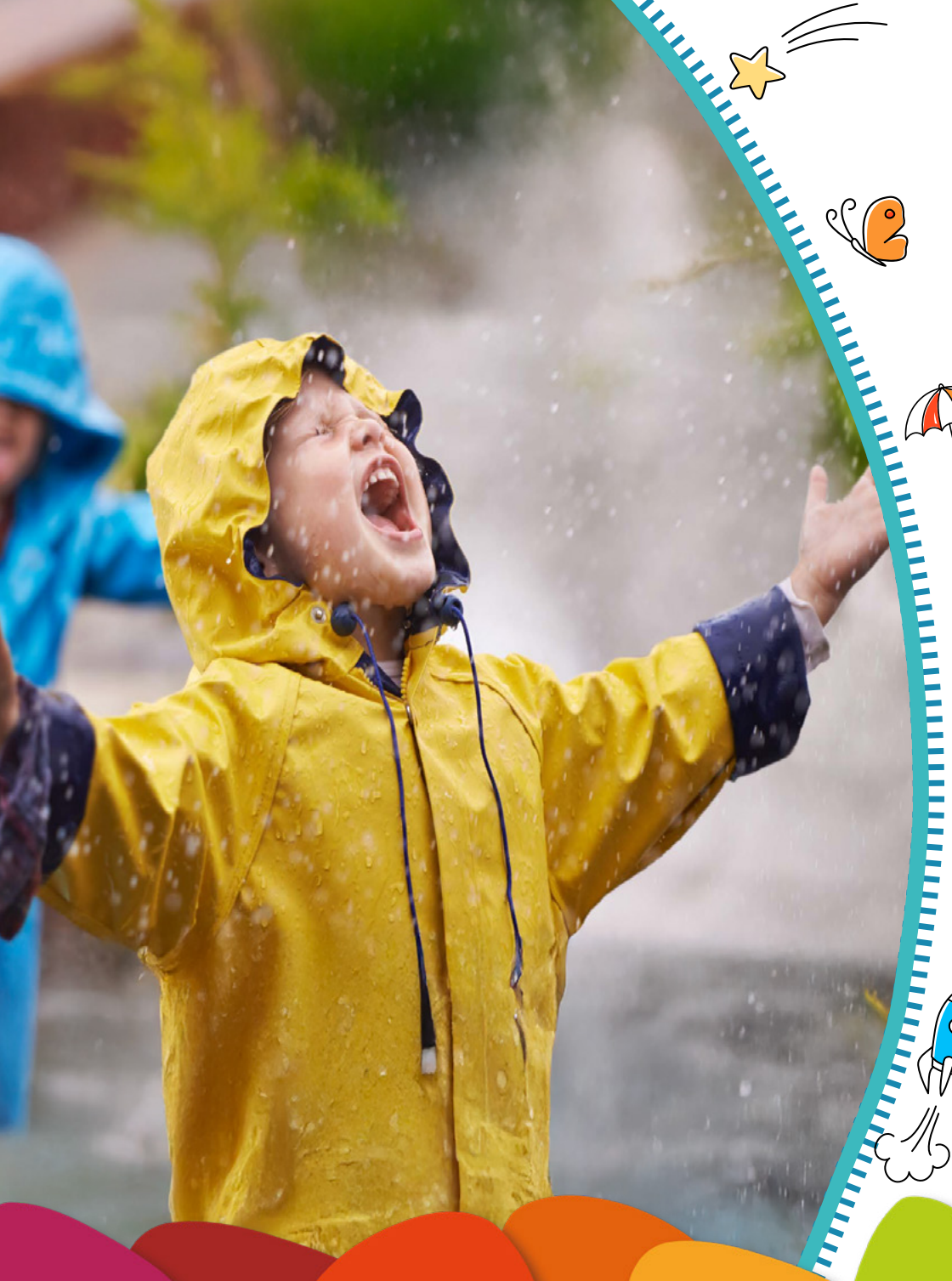

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Wales - a Play Friendly Country

Ministerial Review of Play Actions

Progress Report – February 2025

A version for children

Hello

Play is powerful. It doesn't matter what age you are, play helps you learn, build new skills, and grow in confidence.

It lets you be creative, curious, and adventurous.

Play is about problem solving, connecting ideas, and handling challenges. So you get to understand that mistakes... are part of learning.

Plus, you make friends, learn to understand people, and build trust.

Play gives you space to process emotions, make sense of the world, and develop resilience.

But most of all... it's **FUN!**

The Welsh Government wants all children and young people to have lots of opportunities to play.

Our vision:

"Wales – a Play Friendly Country"

Our journey of improving play

2019

Between **2019 and 2022**, we set up a group to see what play opportunities there are across Wales.

2022

The group talked to children, young people and even some adults to find out what matters to them.

2023

Then they wrote a report full of ideas for how we can make more play opportunities.

2024

From that, we set out **67 actions** to improve play in Wales.

2025

Now — This tells you about some of the things we've done so far.

If you live in Wales... you have the right to rest, relax and play!

Article 31. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

What we've done...

...to make sure you have more opportunities to play

We made sure people across Wales know about your right to play.

We have Play Champions. They work across Wales making sure you have more opportunities to play!

We've made sure all our work supports your rights.

We gave funding to organisations like Play Wales. They promote your rights and make opportunities to play.

We've supported local authorities to make sure there are lots of opportunities to play.

We've promoted events like International Day of Play and the UK Playday.

We took part in online events and shared information about your right to play.

We made sure everyone knows how to keep you safe.

We got people to think about your right to play when they plan new things.

We listened to children and young people to find out what matters to them and how we can improve play in Wales.

We supported people who work with children and young people.

...and lots more

Thanks for reading this