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Create Inspiring Playgrounds

The importance of the presence of adults for children's play in staffed playgrounds, adventure playgrounds and after-school activities

**Play and Adventure playgrounds in a global perspective
How play creates better relations between children and school
Play as a resource for children and adults**

International Conference in Karlstad, Sweden

September 29 – 30 October 1 2010

**What are the methods used in Adventure playgrounds in Karlstad and Tokyo?
What kind of playwork is provided in an Adventure playground in Berlin?
How are staffed playgrounds organised in Scandinavia?**

Play changes both people and their surroundings. Play has a soul, is spontaneous and creates possibilities. At the same time one learns from play. The traditions of play are passed on from adult to child, from child to child and from child to adult. Children and youth want to influence the environment through their play. To enable that on a playground in a modern town, adults are needed to provide the conditions for safety and continuity. Playworkers strengthen the meaning of play in the present world which does not always understand or appreciate expressive play.

Adults are needed to bring out the beauty in creative play amidst all its undesigned chaos.

The conference focuses on parks or playgrounds which employ playworkers or other adults, and on facilities which offer leisure opportunities to older children and to young teen-agers.

In Sweden the expression "park play" or "construction play" is used – in other countries they are called youth or adventure playgrounds or in Denmark are simply described as "scrap playgrounds".

Welcome to three days with lectures, workshops, discussion and visits to practical examples for all of you who work with children, plan for children's outdoor environment or otherwise consider that play is important. *The programme is in English.*

The conference is arranged by IPA Sweden in cooperation with the City of Karlstad and IPA World. IPA is an international non-governmental organisation promoting the child's right to play.

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Registration: starting Mars 2010, on www.ipakarlstad.se
Fees: IPA members 3 500 SEK, non members: 3 900 SEK
Includes conference program, two lunches, four coffee/tea breaks, two dinners and evening entertainment.
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