

Cause for

Celebration

UN International Day of Play June 11

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June 11th

A DAY FOR PLAY

Play opens up a whole world of possibilities. That's why we got together and successfully called on the United Nations General Assembly to adopt an annual International Day of Play, on the 11th of June. We did this because we believe every child can reach their full potential, with the time, space and access to play.

It's time to put play back on the agenda. On this day, and every day.



Human Rights Instruments

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.

2. States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity.

Chapter 2 WHAT IS CHILD-FRIENDLY URBAN PLANNING, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

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When children stopped being allowed to go outdoors on their own, they invented children's parks. Spaces scattered all over cities and which are all the same... When I see these spaces and I argue with administrators, mayors or architects, I always say that they were designed by people who were not lucky enough to have had a childhood."

- Francesco Tonucci, child-friendly cities activist

Excerpt from Urban Playground

by <u>Tim Gill</u>



Green space

Accessible natural settings

Multiple play opportunities

Tomorrow's stewards



Active play

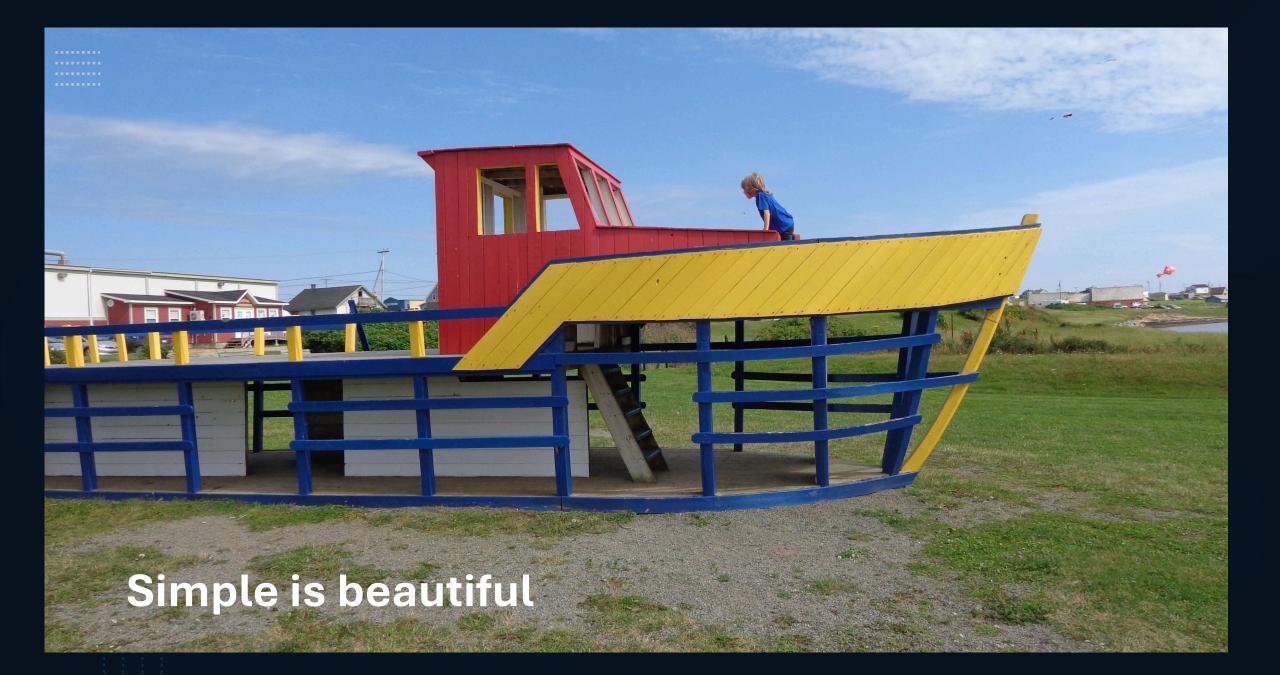
New designs

Loose Parts

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Net design and construction -Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam with Interplay Design and Manufacturing

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We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.

George Bernard Shaw

Thank You

Questions

#playeveryday