



Essex County Council

A County-Wide Strategy For Inclusion

Client: Essex County Council
Address: Across Essex County
Budget: £200,000 +
Age Range: All Ages

Project Story

Providing diverse community-based play experiences that are accessible to all. Inclusive Play has been working in partnership with Essex County Council to help them deliver a vision of providing quality play opportunities throughout Essex that are available to all children, but with a real focus on children with disabilities. The most vital element of this project was to provide children with play opportunities that were local to them, in their own community spaces.

A countywide strategy was rolled out to place inclusive play opportunities in the heart of the community. Inclusive Play was chosen to work with Essex and we are delighted to have worked with such a forward-thinking team. We believe it shouldn't be difficult for anyone to access play and leisure, but sadly research shows that disabled people are less likely to engage in leisure and sporting activities than non-disabled people. Encouraging participation in the community by offering more inclusive play spaces is an outcome the partnership has achieved. All of this has been made possible through a partnership that has driven change from the County to Districts and Boroughs to Parish and Towns, helping to raise awareness of the needs of children living with disabilities. Without the feedback from FACE in understanding the barriers to play and understanding the play needs of the children this would not have been possible.



Our goal in the short breaks team is to provide support for disabled children and their families across the county. Inclusive Play has helped us to deliver playful opportunities with their unique range of sensory and moving equipment. It gives us great delight that families can spend quality leisure time together in their own community as part of the short breaks provision.



- Georgina Parkin, Disabled Children Short Breaks



Spinning Bowl



Low Platform Roundabout



Pod Swing



Talk Tubes



Themed Play Equipment

Play is an essential part of children's lives. Simply by having fun children discover themselves, develop and shape their personalities. Through moving, interacting and using their imagination, their confidence and independence increases.

Themed equipment provides children, aged from 2 to 8 years, with a stage in the playground on which to act out stories and live numerous adventures.