

THE DAY
FIND YOUR VOICE



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

The charity defending your right to play

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Cooped:**
Trapped, locked up
- ☐ **Residents:** People who all live in a place
- ☐ **Revolutionary:**
Something that makes a dramatic change
- ☐ **Council:**
The local government



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BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Today (11 June) is the first International Day of Play. Happy Play Day to you! Play is a human right, according to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It's also good for you; studies show benefits to physical and mental health. So do your bit, and play!

The charity Playing Out has a roadmap for taking your street back for play.

On your marks

Alice and Amy just wanted their kids to be able to play. On their street in Bristol, the children were all **cooped** up. They couldn't go into the street to play because of the traffic.

So Alice and Amy took action. They knew that **residents** of a street could close their road to traffic if they asked to host a street party. And they had a **revolutionary** idea.

A play party.

They had their first party in 2009 and 'Playing Out' was born. Now their charity offers a guide to anyone who wants to reclaim their street for skipping, running, and other games.

Here's their playbook for taking back the street in four simple steps!

Talk to your neighbours

If you're going to play out, you'll need people to play with. Knock on doors with your parents, or chat

on a local WhatsApp group, and see who wants to play!

Get permission and support

Talk to your local **council**. They might already have a play streets policy ('Playing Out' has a handy map). You can also talk to Playing Out and they'll be more than happy to help!

Tell everyone

Let people know when your road is going to be closed, and try to get people on board to help out.

Play out!



Our Build the Change Tuesday resource is sponsored by the LEGO Group and is free for all schools. This worksheet is available every weekday at 6:30am London time from <https://theday.co.uk/resources/news-detectives>.

For any feedback or help please contact buildthechange@theday.co.uk. Thank you.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

HOW WILL YOU FIGHT FOR PLAY?

WHAT
is
Playing Out?

WHO
started the
charity?

WHERE
did Playing
Out start?

WHEN
was the first
Playing Out
play street
set up?

WHY
is it harder
for kids to play
now?

HOW
should you start
setting up a
play street?

1 TAKE ACTION

Enter our competition and persuade your grown ups to set up a Wild Playstreet near you!

If you need help, get your school council involved or an older sibling or friend involved. If you are going to set one up, make sure you tell us about it by sending your plans to editorial@theday.co.uk.



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2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that encourages people to set up a Playstreet! Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to editorial@theday.co.uk.

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Build THE Change



COMPETITION TIME!

Because of traffic and poor town planning, 60% of 4 to 11 year olds never play outside on their own street. But research tells us that playing outside and connecting with nature is good for people and the planet. One brilliant solution is to set up your own Play Street that's designed for people and nature to thrive! Visit www.playingout.net then enter our design competition!

STEP 1:

Reimagine a street near you as a wild and playful street, one where young people can safely play outside and interact with nature.

STEP 2: Share your vision with us by creating a drawing or a 3D model made from LEGO, craft bits, natural materials or recycled rubbish. Don't forget to explain your awesome ideas and take a photo of your build.

STEP 3: Write a letter persuading the adults around you to set up a wild play street in your community so that local people, wildlife, and our amazing planet can all thrive. Read to them and then send it to us, along with your designs or photos to be in with a shot of winning!



**Enter the
competition
to win prizes!**

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