

Child Friendly Torbay

Sub Group Overview

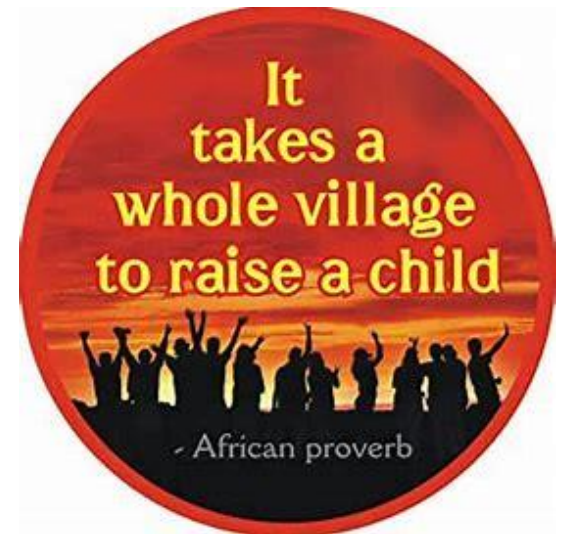
Setting the scene

Taking inspiration from Leeds City Council, Torbay is on a journey to make the area 'child friendly'.

Our ambition is to put children at the heart of all that we do in Torbay, to ensure they have the best start in life possible and for Torbay to be a great place for them to grow up in.

For the Child Friendly Torbay initiative to work effectively we need to work with children and young people, businesses, the voluntary and community sector, statutory services, schools, emergency services and recreational groups.

We want to maximise opportunities for children and young people, raise their aspiration and for the whole of Torbay to play an important part in their development.



Initial Aims and Objectives - a place to start!

The Child Friendly Torbay Vision: ‘We want Torbay to be a great place for all of our children and young people to grow up in. We want to work together to deliver this; every contribution counts, and we can all play a part in making a difference.’

What did the young people say? Following a survey undertaken in 2018 by Imagine This, children and young people said they wanted:

- More spaces to hang out
- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Greater access for ALL
- Safer streets
- Ways to protect our environment



What we want to avoid....



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- ✓ We **do not want this initiative to come across as patronising** – our intention is genuine and the desire to involve and ‘hear’ children and young people is sincere.
 - ✓ We **do not want this initiative to be overly confusing** – there are several elements to the initiative, but there should be clarity in how outcomes are achieved and who is involved within each action/activity. It will be made clear that some elements will be better led by young people, the business community, the local authority, the VCS etc.
 - ✓ We **do not want this initiative to become a ‘one-man band’** – the Sub-group will act as a representation of all of the lead ‘groups’ involved in the initiative and Task and Finish Groups will be asked to ensure that all participants are actively involved.
 - ✓ We **do not want this initiative to just become ‘lip-service’** – we want partners or businesses to sign-up because they genuinely want to help and make a difference to the lives of local children and young people.

How will we achieve our aim?



A Sub Group has been formed to oversee the initiative and activity generated from Task and Finish Groups who focus on priority areas identified and will meet regularly to keep the momentum going and to get things done!

The Membership of Sub Group:

Imagine This, Torbay Together (Chair), Council, Police, Health and Business representation

The Task and Finish Groups:

Each Task and Finish Group has been given a basic aim as a starting point, and they will create their own action plan, choose their priorities and who is best placed to undertake the actions needed.

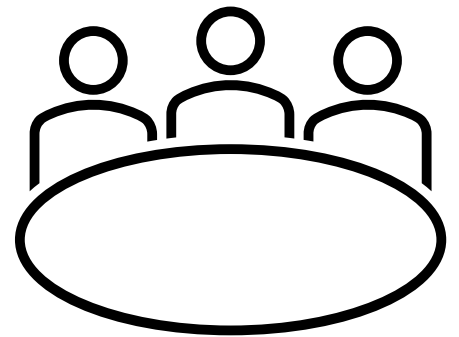
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Priority 2 – Early Help (Children's Services lead)

Priority 3 – Where I live (Imagine This rep lead)

Priority 4 – Corporate parenting (Children's Services lead)

Priority 5 – Ambassador programme (Torbay Together lead)



Task and Finish Groups – proposed memberships



Each Task and Finish Group will be able to invite who they believe should be involved with their action plans

Priority 1 – Child exploitation

- Police (Lead)
- Community Safety Partnership
- Business Forum representative
- BID company representative
- Children's Services representative
- Imagine This representative

Priority 2 – Early Help

- Children's Services representative (Lead)
- Imagine This representative
- Community Partnership representative
- Health (midwifery) representative
- Business Forum representative

Priority 3 – Where I live

- Imagine This representative (Lead)
- Planning representative
- Community safety representative
- Climate Change representative
- Public Health representative
- Business Forum representative
- Police representative

Priority 4 – Corporate parenting

- Children's Services representative (Lead)
- Police representative
- Health representative
- Business Forum representative
- South Devon College representative
- BID company representative

Priority 5 – Ambassadors programme

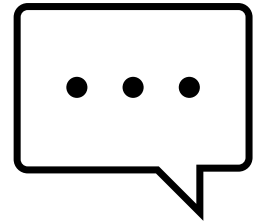
- Chairman of Torbay Together (Lead)
- Leader of Torbay Council
- Torbay Community Development Trust
- Chief Executive /Director of Children's Services - Torbay Council

How can children and young people get involved and have ownership?

Ideally young people will be involved as much as possible throughout the development of the Child Friendly Torbay initiative – Task and Finish Groups may identify specific areas where their expertise would be required.

We have a responsibility to ensure that this is managed effectively and that they are supported throughout their involvement. Some initial thoughts on how this might happen:

- Communicate what they want to see – how can the Bay improve? Develop on the 2018 feedback and on specific elements.
- Design/choose a logo for the initiative
- Take part in meetings – present to business forum? Join the sub group?
- Form YP schemes – child director, youth parliament, youth panel/forum etc.
- Ensure marginalised groups are represented e.g. UASC, SEND, care experienced local children, all ages etc.
- Design community engagement/fun days, local children's awards etc. – And have fun! 😊



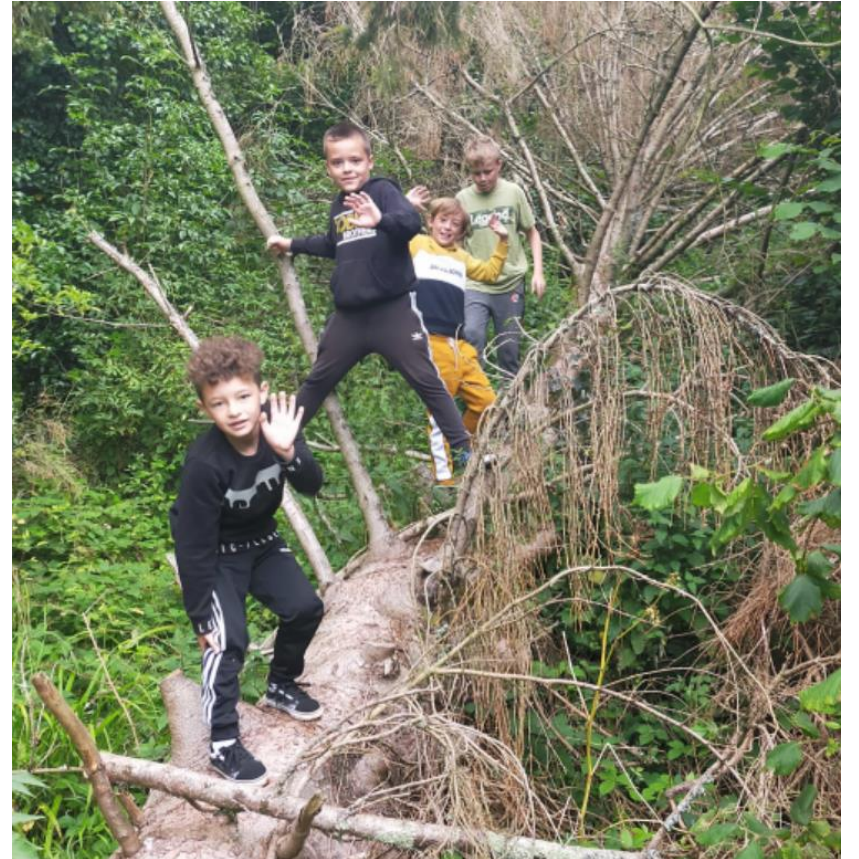
Compliment and support work proposed through Local Motion

Some examples of the possible ideas for the initiative – based on discussions with Leeds and the Sub Group

- Fundraise for events – awards, Xmas meals etc.
- Community and family fun days
- Communication strategy - local businesses/local community/children and young people
- Fostering recruitment and additional support and incentives for foster families
- Blue light engagement – breaking down barriers
- Develop spaces for young people to go – youth clubs etc.
- Promote creative play/arts opportunities/sports clubs and accessible activities
- Ensuring a green and sustainable future focus – Growing food/Using and looking after green spaces/learning about and looking after nature
- Safeguarding young people – raising awareness re: exploitation/local need/Be Kind (safer streets)
- Employment or training opportunities – apprenticeship scheme/reparation opportunities/training days/work experience
- Recruit businesses – raising awareness and creating ‘safe spaces for children to go if they need help’

The next steps.....

- The Leads for each priority group are setting meeting dates
- Action plan and Terms of Reference templates will be offered
- Action plans will be developed for each Priority Group
- The Task and Finish Groups will meet and report back to the Sub Group
- Sub Group will meet within 8 weeks to review progress and offer support and guidance when/if needed



Photos from the HAF Programme



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