



Design 2Gether: Play Fair 09 Top 10 play equipment!

On the 24th of June 2009, the children and young people play pathfinder decision making panel "Design 2Gether" attended the Play Fair event at Stoneleigh Park in Coventry. The panel were tasked with testing play equipment and making recommendations for the purchase of equipment for the Play Pathfinder wave 2 play sites. Listed below are the group's top choices, accompanied by their reasoning and quotes:

Favourites for Inclusive Play:



1. The bucket swing was very popular. It was seen as very inclusive in design and a sociable piece of play equipment as many were able to use it at the same time.

"It is very comfortable and good for disabled people" Abbey



2. The accessible pirate ship structure was very popular with Abbey who uses a wheelchair. She liked the wave shaped ramps and found it to be lots of fun.

"it is really imaginative, it makes my belly go funny" Abbey



3. The level access trampoline was very popular and seen as very inclusive in design. It can be used by many children and young people at the same time. It is accessible for wheelchair users and it is sociable.

"It's really good, it's bouncetastic!" Alyx



4. The flat entrance roundabout was also a big hit and seen as inclusive in its design. This one could accommodate over 10 children at once, regardless of physical ability. It was much preferred without speed restrictors. The young people expressed a need for speed!

“It is really good. It’s brilliant. It is accessible and it is inclusive”, Abbey.



5. The water play facilities were enjoyed by all and these were again seen as inclusive as they could be accessed by all and sociable as they allowed many to play together at the same time.

“It’s really cool”, Ellie.



6. Musical play areas like this offer the opportunity for lots of children to play together. The group thought that this was both fun and inclusive.

“I love it!” Nadia, “This would be great for the adventure playground”, Alyx.

New Ideas:



7. The RSS Typhoon, which is a swing for three people that is able to wind up and down was a big hit. It was **very** popular with the group and they recommend that it is installed in Dudley play sites.

“That’s class, it’s awesome”, Liam.



8. This rotating bucket seated roundabout was extremely popular. It was large enough to accommodate the whole group. It was a good place for them to hang out together, to talk and to spin all at the same time. Every member thought that this was a fun and inclusive piece of equipment.

“This is cool, you can get everyone in it together”, Ruby.



9. The spider web style climbing frame offers both the opportunity to climb and swing, but also provides seating to relax and socialise. The group really liked this piece of equipment.

“It’s awesome! You can climb or you can chill”, Connor.



10. The Natural Rock Pile was another popular choice. This was great for climbing, a good place to sit and look out and could accommodate a lot of children at once. The group were very keen on this item.

“This is very good. I like climbing and this provides a fun way to do that”, George.

This concludes Design 2Gether’s top ten equipment choices. However, the images below were other popular pieces which did not make it into the top ten:

