

Camp Build

Free 'build in the wild' weekend camps for 11-15 year olds from London adventure playgrounds – along with funded places for their play workers.

Camp Build is a three-year project funded by the Mayor of London's Young London Inspired Fund. London Play will run nine 'build in the wild' weekend camps (three a year) for 11-15-year olds who like building stuff (go-karts, tree-houses, ramps etc.), or want to learn how to.



We want to give young people skills that they can use when they return to their playgrounds, to help with the upkeep and development of the site. In addition, new routes to apprenticeships, workplace training and ultimately paid work will be laid out with support given.

Each camp will provide free places for 20 young people (10 each from two London adventure playgrounds, preferably geographically close to each other). Two adventure playground workers from each playground will also be funded to attend. Along with four London Play workers, they will form a team of eight on each camp.

The location for Camp Build will be on a site close to London which is yet to be decided. All transport, meals, materials, tents, equipment and activities will be provided. **There will be no cost to the young people or their adventure playgrounds at any point with Camp Build.**

The dates for the 2019 Camps are:

April
Arriving at around 6pm on Friday 31 st May for 2 nights Leaving Sunday 2 nd June by 1pm
June
Arriving at around 6pm on Friday 14 th June for 2 nights Leaving Sunday 16 th June by 1pm
September
Arriving at around 6pm on Friday 13 th September for 2 nights Leaving Sunday 15 th September by 1pm

The funding has a focus on reaching the following groups of children:

- Young carers;
- Young people in (or at risk of entering) the youth justice system;
- Refugee and asylum-seeking young people;
- Young people with learning disabilities; and
- Vulnerable young people (eg subject to a child protection plan or exploited young people)

Key year one aims

- Three Camp Build weekends
- 60 children and young people attending Camp Build weekends (20 per camp)
- Three preparation sessions prior to each Camp Build
- Three post Camp Build sessions
- Two Community 'Repair and Build' days on each of the six year one playgrounds.

Next steps

We are in the final stages of drawing up the Camp Build Handbook, which will have more detail and a timeline for each of the 2019 camps. This should be available by the end of November. We hope to finalise the April Camp Build participating playgrounds in January.

If you would like a handbook, want to involve your adventure playground, or just want more information, contact: info@londonplay.org.uk

