

Storyplay for the Planet Zine

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Letter from the Editor

This zine was produced in March 2022 by Lickety Spit and the children & families who took part in Storyplay for the Planet, in Glasgow's East Centre Ward. Lickety Spit is a children's rights-based family theatre and play company.

Over the last few months, we have met so many incredible 3-12 year olds, parents, carers, teachers & early years practitioners who have some big ideas about what's going on with our planet and what we can do to help.

Here are their stories!

At Storyplay sessions we explore the world in our **Flying Balloons**, meet all sorts of animals in the **Funky Chicken** and we help all kinds of characters on our **Magic Ball** adventures. Now, our planet and all its wonderful creatures, plants and people are in trouble. We want to think about what we and other people can do to help the planet while we play these Storyplay games. We might encounter melting polar ice caps ...or deforestation in Brazil or some heavy traffic here in Glasgow. Our adventures present challenges and as a group we'll overcome them using the power of our collective

imagination!

In this zine you will see some beautiful drawings; read some insightful comments; and hopefully it will make you think about how you can use your imagination to help make a difference on this planet we call home!

How does it work?

At these sessions, we have been using our Storyplay games & rhymes to explore our planet and the problems it faces, *having our say through play!*

Do you know how to play What's the Time Mr Wolf...? Have you met Mr Fossil Fuel? Have you ever baked a cake? What about baking a cake *for the planet?*

We take the games we know and we transform them in order to have big conversations and explore big ideas.

You try it!

Have you collected any of the Lickety Playcards? What's your favourite game?

There's Something Fishy Going On

Time and time again we explored the ocean. We used **Flying Balloons**, the **Magic Ball** and we even played a game of **Pirates** to travel the waters and see what we could see.

One day we were flying over the River Clyde and we saw a ship clearing the rubbish so we flew down to help. We realised there was a big spill of what looked like *ink* and the animals were in danger. **Animal experts Miracle and Praise** managed to distract the animals and move them away from the danger while expert **Doctor Ameerah** used a giant pipe to suck all the ink out of the Clyde and into a big container where it could be disposed of safely!

Another time we were in the water swimming around when we realised there were no fish to be seen...

After some investigating, we found out that a giant who loved eating fish, had realized the fish were running out and he had stolen them all and hidden them in his castle so that no-one else could have them!

We tried to introduce him to new foods, like potatoes, chicken nuggets and oranges but he wasn't interested. He only wanted to eat the fish.

We decided our only option was to sneak into the castle and release the fish. We all pretended to be seaweed to get closer to the castle and we froze anytime the giant turned around - a bit like playing **Monsters Footsteps**. We made it into the castle, found the fish and set them free back into the water.

What's the Time Mr Fossil Fuel?

Have you ever played **What's The Time Mr Wolf?**
Have you ever met the wolf's mean friends Mr Fossil
Fuel or Mr Greenhouse Gasses?

In order for us to move forward we had to do as they
said but their ideas were so bad for the planet. We had
to think hard about why we couldn't do it and convince
them it was a bad idea. We managed it every time!

"Fly on your private jet just for fun"

- No because the fumes from the engine will go
into the sky & stop the environment
- No because the birds might get hurt

"Cut down all those trees! "

- No because then the animals will have
nowhere to live
- No because the trees help us to breathe!

"Dig up & throw away all these vegetables "

- No we need to eat them to be healthy
- No all the animals can eat them too!

Vroom Vroom.....

More than once on our adventures we would meet
people driving around and causing lots of fumes to fly
out and through the air.

Once when we landed in our **Magic Ball** we were by the
side of the road, and we couldn't breathe because of all
the exhaust fumes. Luckily **Doctor Fareedah** had some
masks for us to wear while we moved away to a forest
for some fresh air.

Then **David** told us all that driving isn't good and we
should walk as much as possible or use public
transport!

Another day we met a race car driver who was speeding
around making lots of noise. It was horrible!
David suggested we turn his car, and all the others,
electric. We worked as a team to transform the car and
it was brilliant! Much quieter and definitely better for
the planet!

How Can We Help?

During these sessions we came up with so many ideas about how we can help!

In the **Magic Ball** we all had had a drink of water but we realised it was from a plastic bottle! It couldn't be recycled - what could we do? Then Heather taught us all how to turn the bottle into a planter so we could reuse it!

1. Cut the top off
2. Fill partly with soil
3. Add sunflower seed
4. Add a little more soil
5. Water the seed
6. Let your sunflower grow (we climbed up ours to the sky!)

When it's strong you can take it outside and plant it and start your very own garden.

Look online for lots more ways to reuse plastic bottles outside!

On another Magic Ball adventure we went camping and we had a great big feast. We almost left the campsite without tidying up but luckily we spotted it just in time!

It's important to leave nature how you find it.

We packed up all our equipment and then we grabbed all our rubbish and sorted it into the right bins.

Cardboard package	Compost
Apple core	General waste
Plastic bottle	Cans/Metals
Empty soup can	Paper/card

[squiggly lines between the items and the bins]

Can you make a sign to help people remember how to recycle?

Let's Bake A Cake

Ingredients

- large helping of hope
- bumble bees
- 3 large eggs
- kindness
- 180g caster sugar
- 180g self-raising flour
- Sprinkling of seeds throughout
- 180g butter/margarine
- Small trees
- Fresh unpolluted water

Method

Place everything in a large bowl and stir while singing

'Let's bake a cake, let's bake a cake, think of all the things that we like best. A little bit of this, A little bit of that, What shall we put in next?'

Then tip everything into a cake tin and cook for a count of 10. Once cooled, decorate to your taste. We recommend adding some more trees and plants for the animals to enjoy. Serve with a nice cup of tea.

You can make a difference!

Our planet really is in danger. As we heard during COP26 here in Glasgow, if we don't take action right **now** then we will not be able to continue living on this planet in the future.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The ideas that are in this zine are a fantastic place to start. Recycle your rubbish in the correct bins, use less plastic, use public transport, take care of the plants and animals all around you.

And if you're already doing these things? The best thing you can do is spread the word. Tell your family and friends. Write to your local politician, and share this message with everyone you know.

It's your planet, it's your home, let's make a change!

Have Some Fun

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- Climate Change
- Planet
- Explore
- Imagination
- Pollution

- Recycle
- Oceans
- Littering
- Fish
- Exhaust Fumes

- Trees

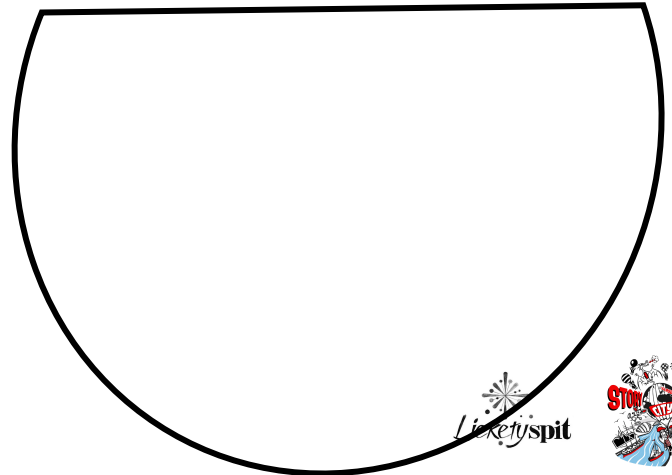
- Help

Bake your own cake!

What ingredients would you put into a cake for the planet?

Draw and write them in this mixing bowl!

Learn the song at www.lickety spit.com/storyplay-planet and play the game with your family and friends!



About the project

'Storyplay for the Planet' is a Lickety Spit project as part of the Creative Communities Artist in Residency programme (or AIR) for the East Centre Ward (Cranhill, Riddrie, Carntyne, Springboig & Barlanark), funded by Glasgow City Council and delivered by Glasgow Life.

Between October 2021-March 2022, Lickety Spit ran 13 Storyplay for the Planet sessions (6 in schools/nurseries, 4 online, 1 in Cranhill Park and 2 in Barlanark Community Centre). 3 of these sessions were part of the Bloomberg Create4Glasgow project.

These were Storyplay and Have Your Say Through Play sessions, where we use the Storyplay games to frame creative discussions and improvisations around issues that matter to children. This is a children's rights-based approach which is inclusive of all ages and needs.

The Lickety Spit actor-pedagogue and support team included Effie (the editor of this Zine!), Andre, Ruby, Fraser, Rhianne, Taz, Shona and Virginia.

In numbers...

We worked with:

134 participants

Including

96 children from 67 families

29 parents/carers

9 school/nursery professionals

Thank you

A huge thank you to each and every one of our participants. It's been truly wonderful seeing and hearing all your ideas.

Thanks also to:

Cranhill Primary School
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Bellrock Nursery
Everyone who joined us online
Everyone who joined us in the parks
Barlanark Community Centre
Cranhill Development Trust
Mari & Lorenzo from Glasgow Life

And

YOU!!!

What's next for our Storyplay City?

Licketyspit has been delivering children's rights through Storyplay for over 15 years. You can take part in one of our sessions by joining our Children & Families Network and find tips, activities and videos about Storyplay on our website!

We run Storyplay online, in schools, nurseries, community centres and parks. You can join us at Porridge & Play Cranhill, at our online sessions, or in September at our first ever Storyplay Festival!

To join the network & stay up to date, contact us on cfn@licketyspit.com or call/message 07413 800 342.

Remember,

All we need to play is each other!

Play is best when everyone is in the game

Storyplay is imaginary play where we can be anyone, go anywhere and do anything!

Licketyspit – Opening Doors to imaginary playworlds to unlock the limitless possibilities of children

Could we incorporate some of the translated 'Welcomes' from Porridge & Play flyers if there's room?
End with large Storyplay City logo (with 'for the planet' balloon as demonstrated on yellow/orange flyer)

(then: small Licketyspit logo/ CFN logo/ Lspit website & social media links. Join CFN QR code, Company number & Charity number Glasgow Life Logo & Bloomberg Logo.