



Welcome to the Licketyspit Maryhill Games Exhibition!

(7th July - 15th August)



Licketyspit - Opening doors to imaginary play worlds to unlock the limitless possibilities of children!

Licketyspit is a children and families theatre & play charity founded in 2004 by Virginia Radcliffe. We want to contribute to a more inclusive children's rights-based rich creative culture, rooted in love, respect, and possibility!

Licketyspit consults early years children about all we do. This has taken us from producing theatre to **Storyplay** - our dramatised play approach. **Storyplay** is a methodology for inter-generational imaginary play which includes games, songs, rhymes, dressing-up, improvisation, reflective drawing and a communal meal. It builds and strengthens relationships within families; it supports generous social interaction between children; it supports child-development, family well-being, and parenting. Storyplay enables children and families to support each other to thrive!

The Maryhill Storyplay Games Exhibition is a collection of photographs of our large scale Storyplay event which took place as part of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Festival, on 27th June 2026 at Community Central Hall. **Photographer Eoin Carey** (eoincareyphoto.com) has captured the games. He also conceived and created **The CCH Studio** where Storyplay Champion children could take portraits of fellow participants.

Who are the Licketyspit Families?

These are photographs of Licketyspit's city-wide Glasgow community of children and their families who share a love and understanding of Storyplay

Most families at the Maryhill Storyplay **Games** participate in **Porridge & Play** at our family Hubs in **Maryhill, Castlemilk, Bridgeton, Whiteinch, Govan, Cranhill** and **Online**. When a family completes a Hub block (5 weeks), they join our year-round programme of Storyplay in other places - **Forest Storyplay** with our partner **the Children's Wood**, **Picnic & Play** trips out of Glasgow to beaches & parks and **Cultural Storyplay** in museums and galleries. Families are also invited to big whole community events - The Licketyspit Maryhill Storyplay Games and Exhibition are two of these.

Who else has been involved?

The Maryhill Storyplay Games is a collaboration between Licketyspit, our families in Maryhill and Community Central Halls (CCH), as part of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Festival.

Licketyspit would like to thank all our participants; our partner CCH - especially Mark McRitchie, Nicky Thorton, Richard McMullen, Ewan Watson, Ian and Gary at Footprint, John Morgan, John McKnight, Eileen, Angela, Danny, John Paul and Elena (who also kindly volunteered at the games!)

The Licketyspit actor-pedagogue team is key to this work: Itxaso 'Taz' Moreno, Andre Anderson, Sarah Gudgeon, Nerea Bello, Steven Shayegh, Paul Chaal, Ruby Zajac.

Licketyspit is run by Virginia Radcliffe (Artistic Director/CEO), Johnny Austin (Executive Producer) and Itxaso Moreno (Children & Families Producer and Lead Actor Pedagogue).

Our graphic designer is Lily McIvor. The Storyplay cards were designed by Wrench & Franks. The Licketyspit Board is Alison Preston (Chair), Boatemaa Ofori Frimpong, Sarah Dodds, Catherine Bromley and Catherine Lindow.

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Licketyspit Early Years Theatre & Play

Community Central Halls, 304 Maryhill Rd, G20 7YE, 07970749138

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This work would not be possible without our generous team of Licketyspit Storyplay Champion Volunteers - Zainab, Taiwo, Olayinka, Freda, Janela, Matthew, Catherine, Andzelika, Frankie and Zofia.

Licketyspit is a charity and none of our work would be possible without the generous support of our funders - The National Lottery Community Fund, alongside the Robertson Trust, have enabled Porridge & Play to flourish since it started in Ruchill, The Gorbals and Whiteinch in 2017. With 27% families new each year and 70% of current participants in their 4th year, our flagship Storyplay project is now in its 9th year. We are also grateful to the Bank of Scotland Energise, William Syson Trust and the Hugh Fraser Foundation, and of course, the funders of the Glasgow Festival 2026 and Glasgow Life.

This exhibition is dedicated to all the FANTASTIC children and their families of Glasgow in all their joyous diversity. Get involved!

Licketyspit also relies on generous donors, donations are tax deductible. To become a Licketyspit Angel through a one-off or regular donation please contact johnny@licketyspit.com.

You can also join Licketyspit's Professionals Mailing List for info on training opportunities by contacting us at cfn@licketyspit.com.

Please leave a comment for the families in the visitors book on front desk when you leave!

"This place is amazing like you get to play with your mum and your dad or anyone that's in your family playing these games has helped me find out that I can do more stuff than I think I can do. Being with your friends and your family is great" Child

"It also the place that everyone can feel belonged to this community and emotionally relieve the stress and feeling lonely. Even children can make new friends, also the adults can meet new people which help them to improve their language skills, make them confident in their daily lives. I feel super confident with others, they become part of my family!" Parent

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