

# PLAY AROUND THE BAY

Restoring Play at Home, in School and in the Neighborhood



## Keynote Address:

Penny Wilson, Playworker, London, England

*Welcome: Gina Moreland, Habitot Children's Museum*

*Introduction: Joan Almon, Alliance for Childhood*

## Panel Discussion:

Stuart Brown, National Institute for Play

Lyda Beardsley, Bay Area Early Childhood Funders

Avery Cleary, Hooked on Nature

Patty Donald, Adventure Playground, Berkeley

Mike Lanza, Playborhood

David Hawkins, Wild Zones, Berkeley

*Moderator: Rona Renner, Childhood Matters*

## Film Showing:

"Where Do the Children Play?"

Produced by Michigan Television

*Introduction: Rich Winefield, Bay Area Discovery Museum*

# Saturday, January 26

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Optional site visits following

### Doubletree Hotel

200 Marina Blvd.

University Ave. Exit - I-80

Berkeley, CA 94710

### Registration

Advance \$40

Walk-in *Space is limited!* \$55

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[www.4children.org/ecf.htm](http://www.4children.org/ecf.htm)

[www.allianceforchildhood.org](http://www.allianceforchildhood.org)

[www.habitot.org](http://www.habitot.org)

# SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS

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## Welcome

**Gina Moreland** is founder and executive director of Habitot Children's Museum in Berkeley, a play based learning environment for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. [www.habitot.org](http://www.habitot.org)

## Introductions

**Joan Almon** is co-founder and chair of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood which advocates for children's health and well-being, especially the restoration of creative play to children's lives. [www.allianceforchildhood.org](http://www.allianceforchildhood.org)

**Rich Winefield** is executive director of the Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito and former vice president of KQED and superintendent of the Orinda Union School District. [www.baykidsmuseum.org](http://www.baykidsmuseum.org)

## Keynote Speaker

**Penny Wilson** is a playworker in London's Adventure Playgrounds. Playworkers support children's creative play without directing or dominating it. Penny helps staff in parks, children's museums, and schools become playworkers. [www.theinternationale.net/playstories](http://www.theinternationale.net/playstories)

## Panelists

**Stuart Brown, M.D.** is president and founder of the National Institute for Play in Carmel Valley, and a retired psychiatrist, consultant and university lecturer on the importance and need for healthy play throughout the human life cycle. [www.nifplay.org](http://www.nifplay.org)

**Lyda Beardsley, Ph.D.** is executive director of the Trio Foundation and a founding member of the Bay Area Early Childhood Funders, a collaborative of foundations and public funders committed to preserving play and experiential learning in preschool education. "Play in the Early Years: Key to School Success" is their recently published policy brief. [www.4children.org/ecf.htm](http://www.4children.org/ecf.htm)

**Mike Lanza** is founder and chief play officer of Playborhood.com based in Palo Alto which seeks to build a community of parents in the United States and beyond who are active about bringing outdoor play back into children's lives. [www.playborhood.com](http://www.playborhood.com)

**Avery Cleary** is founder and director of Hooked on Nature based in San Jose which works nationally to inspire adults to help children develop a loving relationship with the Earth. [www.hookedonnature.org](http://www.hookedonnature.org)

**Patty Donald** is a naturalist and founder of the Berkeley Marina Experience environmental education programs. She is the director of the Adventure Playground at the Marina, one of two such playgrounds in the United States. [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinaexp/adventplgd.html](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinaexp/adventplgd.html)

**David Hawkins** is co-founder of Wild Zones which creates ecologically rich environments for children to build shelters, make trails, climb trees, dam creeks, and create sculptures from natural materials. From 1996-2000 he was Project Manager of The Edible Schoolyard in Berkeley and previously worked as a playworker in England. [www.wild-zone.net](http://www.wild-zone.net)

## Moderator

**Rona Renner, RN** is executive director and host of Childhood Matters, a weekly radio program broadcast from San Francisco to parents on a wide range of parenting and education topics including play-based learning. [www.childhoodmatters.org](http://www.childhoodmatters.org)

## Film

"Where Do the Children Play?" (2007) is a documentary film originated by **Elizabeth Goodenough** of the University of Michigan (who also edited a Study Guide by the same name) and directed by Christopher Cook. Outreach for the film is coordinated by the Alliance for Childhood and Elizabeth Goodenough. [www.wfum.org/childrenplay/index.html](http://www.wfum.org/childrenplay/index.html)

## Optional Site Visits

Directly following the symposium, participants are invited to *complimentary visits* at:

**Adventure Playground**, Berkeley Marina, Berkeley, CA, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Bay Area Discovery Museum**, 557 McReynolds Road, Sausalito, CA 94965, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**Habitot Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 1:00 - 4:30 pm

