



Landscape Technical Support Officer/Graduate Landscape Architect – Grade 9

Job Category

The Playable Spaces Strategy is a £10m programme designed to improve over 250 play areas across the whole of Kirklees.

Our vision is to have a district where all are able and encouraged to access a range of opportunities to play outdoors, benefitting their physical and mental health and well-being as well as encouraging intergenerational interaction and community cohesion.

To achieve this vision the Playable Spaces Strategy aims to:

- provide a diverse range of high-quality play spaces for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access challenging opportunities for play, physical activity, contact with nature and social development close to home;
- encourage active play to help build physical strength, increase fitness and teach children vital life skills such as planning, negotiating, being creative and managing risk;
- improve the overall quality of the play offer throughout Kirklees, and the financial sustainability of the network;
- provide a more effective approach to ongoing maintenance and management both within the Council and by fostering greater citizen involvement.

Role Description

You will be working as part of the core team on the Playable Spaces strategy. Using the topography of the Kirklees landscape we would encourage you to be imaginative and creative to design innovative ways to play for multiple users. You will be developing and supporting a strategic design programme to ensure the district has a varied mosaic of play opportunities including both traditional and natural play. You will have the opportunity to make a huge impact on the district and influence how children, families and adults play and use our outdoor spaces. This is an extensive construction programme with a very ambitious project plan that will require a quick turnaround in relation to creating design schemes, developing tender documents and so on.

Within your role you will be working with a number of different stakeholders and across various departments to ensure a joined-up approach is achieved. Alongside your colleagues in the Landscape Architect team you will be working with the Parks & Greenspaces teams, Communications and IT, for example. You will also be working with Ward Members, local residents and community groups to understand their requirements and create a playable space that is tailor made to suit their needs.

In addition to managing your own projects and supporting your Landscape Architect colleagues on Playable Spaces, you will also have the opportunity to develop your design portfolio by working with other clients such as Kirklees Housing and Highways on public realm and Blueprint schemes.

Position of job in organisational structure

You will be reporting to...

	Landscape Architects Grade 10-12	
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Job Category		Grading ID	
Job ID		Last Updated	
Job Focus		Career Progression	

Contractual Variants

DBS Category		DBS Type	
Health Check		Politically Restricted	
24/7 working		Public Holidays	
Night Working		Alternating Pattern	
Standby		Other	