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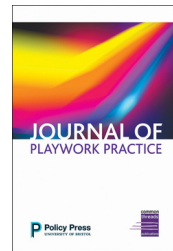
**Newsletter 7 - March 2021**

## Calling qualified playwork assessors!

Common Threads is looking for qualified playwork assessors and internal verifiers to join our growing international @PARSplaywork team! We are looking for flexible, self-employed people to help our world-wide PARS training team to deliver consistently excellent PARS training. You must be able to work from home and online. If you would like to be part of an exciting new playwork project, please email your CV to [pars@commonthreads.org.uk](mailto:pars@commonthreads.org.uk).

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## Upcoming Events

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PARS Reflexions  
(International)  
12th March

PARS Online Practicals  
(International)  
12th April

PARS Playwork Webinar  
(Australia)  
31st March

PARS Online Practicals  
(International)  
7th July - 9th September

PARS Online Practicals  
(International)  
12 October - 10th  
November

PARS 2021 Conference  
20th November

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SAVE THE DATE - for the 2nd  
PARS Playwork Conference  
20th November 2021

"I have now found a way of  
working with children  
which fits me."

Laurien van de Vaart  
Buitenpaden, Haarlem  
The Netherlands

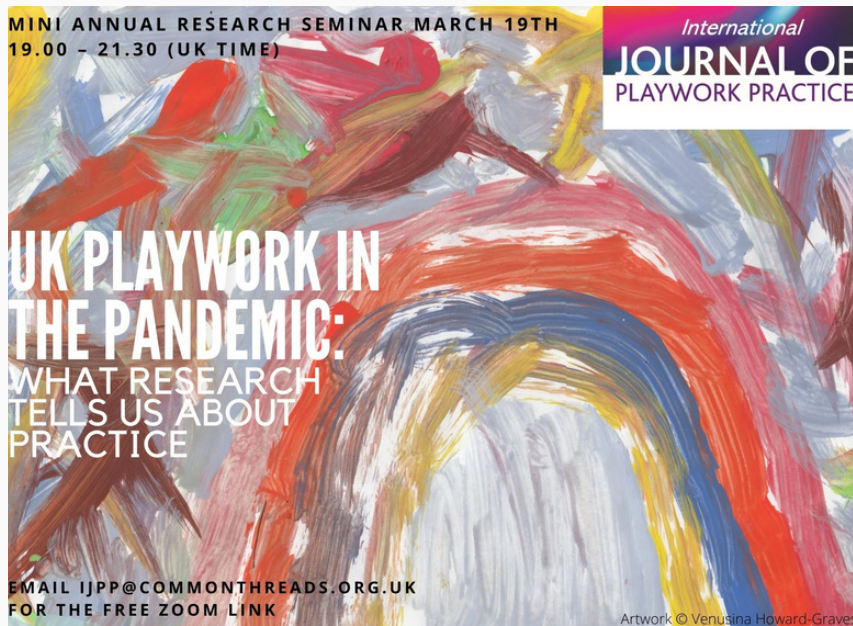
Following the success of our first PARS conference in October 2020, we are very pleased to announce that we will be holding another online PARS conference in 2021! This year the conference will take place on November 20th – International Children’s Day. This second PARS conference will repeat the successful ‘open access’ format from last year – 12 hours online, with participants and speakers from around the world. For more information as it becomes available, please [join our mailing list](#) You can read more about our first conference [here](#).

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now live!**

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# International Journal Of Playwork Practice



The seventh annual IJPP research seminar was due to be held in Australia in 2020, but was postponed due to Covid-19. In the meantime, we will be hosting a 'mini-seminar' on Friday, 19th March 2021, 7-9.30pm (UK time). Entitled 'UK Playwork in the pandemic – what research tells us about practice', this event will feature four UK academics and practitioners discussing their playwork research and practice response to the pandemic. Open to anyone with an interest in playwork, this will be a free event hosted online via Zoom (with thanks to Swansea University for hosting this). To receive the Zoom link, just [contact us](#) and let us know that you would like to join, or email [ijpp@commonthreads.org.uk](mailto:ijpp@commonthreads.org.uk) for more details.

## PARS Reflexions 12th March



PARS Reflexions is a one hour, on-line session with the creator of the PARS model of playwork practice, [Dr Shelly Newstead](#) to help PARS practitioners to develop their reflexive practice. 'Reflexions' is a free session, but any PARS practitioners who would like to attend must book a ticket to receive the Zoom link, so we know who to expect! This is an 'open access' session, so please feel free to join any time between 9 – 10am UK time. There will also be translation available in Cantonese and Mandarin.