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PARS Project Evaluation

Over the last three years, PARS Licensed Trainers at Playright in Hong Kong have partnered with twenty-seven kindergartens to develop the Seed School Training Program (SSTP). This programme was designed to support teachers to implement free play in kindergarten settings using the PARS model of playwork practice, and has proved to be effective in several aspects according to the study conducted by the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) in 2018. Playright is now seeking to employ an experienced project evaluator with both qualitative and quantitative research experience to carry out further evaluation and recommendations for the development of PARS training into the kindergarten curriculum.

Any interested researchers should email ada@playright.org.hk for the project scope and details of how to apply. The deadline for completed applications is Friday 15th February, 6pm Hong Kong time.

[Read more about the SSTP on our website.](#)



Upcoming Events

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PARS Playwork Induction Course (HK) - 5th March

PARS Online Practicals (International)
17 March - 14th 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



Shanghai's first adventure playground!

In January 2021, Shanghai opened its first PARS adventure playground in Yangpu District. Located in the biggest community garden in Shanghai, this place was originally designed as a play space when the community garden opened 6 years ago, but it was not carefully planned.

The concept of adventure playgrounds is starting to gain attention in mainland China, and at the end of 2020, the PARS Shanghai team was invited to run this space and turn it into a mini adventure playground. This unique adventure playground has a 5m² sandpit and a 30m² area covered with wood chips on the ground, where children can safely do some climbing. It even has indoor space in the form of a shipping container!

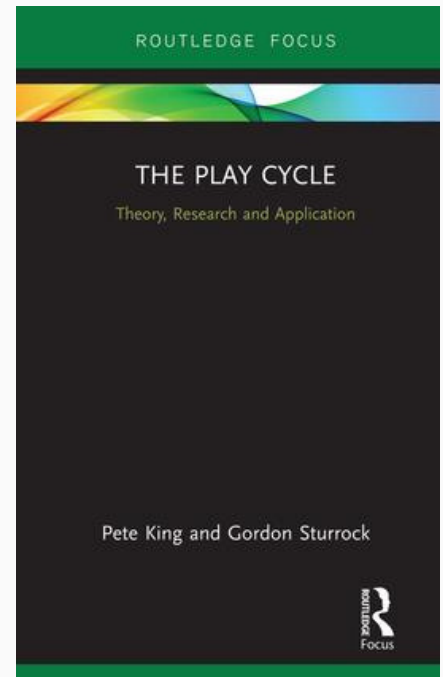
When children in the community were introduced to their new space in early January, they named it “Huanle Playground”, which means ‘pure happiness’. Now the adventure playground is full of children all day. On weekends, the PARS team organises Play Days with more loose parts and on school holidays, there will also be winter and summer camps.

Find out more about [PARS in mainland China](https://www.commonthreads.org.uk).



The Play Cycle: Theory, Research and Application

Sturrock and Else's Play Cycle theory is included in the PARS model. PARS practitioners who want to know more about this key playwork theory might be pleased to hear that a book by Dr Pete King and the late Gordon Sturrock has just gone into paperback! The Play Cycle: Theory, Research and Application is the first book of its kind to explain the theoretical concept of the Play Cycle supported by recent research, and how the Play Cycle theory can be used as an observational method for anyone who works with children in a play context. *The Play Cycle: Theory, Research and Application* is published by Routledge and is now in paperback for £16.99.



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