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Play! The glue that holds the school day together

Cardiff 29th January 2010

A No Ball Games! conference roadshow

Our first event in Wales has been held successfully.

The No Ball Games! conference roadshow, **Play! The glue that holds the school day together** was held at the Village Hotel in Cardiff. It was aimed at people from schools, early year's settings and play settings and had sessions that asked questions such as, Why is the school playground square? What do playworkers do that is 'different'? What do children think about the way their school is designed? and What benefits are there for schools in playwork training?

The day was well received with very positive comments made and some great ideas raised for next time. One participant said, "**Loved it! Very inspiring**" and another reported that throughout the day there were, "**Several light-bulb moments.**"

Based on the success of this event we are planning another for South Wales later this year and more locations for the roadshow are planned around the country for 2010 (see the No Ball Games! website for details www.noballgames.eu).



Participants taking part in the choice session *'The school I'd like: Spaces for Play'* with Cathy Burke from the University of Cambridge



Chilling out at lunchtime. Participants had a keynote speech and four choice sessions to pick from, a goody bag and opportunities for networking



The Days speakers (left to right)

Richard Trew (Play Wales), Paula Harris (Tri-Counties Play Association), Marc Armitage (No Ball Games!) and Cathy Burke (University of Cambridge)