



## Guidelines for filming/photography during playing out sessions

### General rules:

- Any filming/photography on a street must be agreed with residents in advance, usually via Playing Out.
- Parents and other residents must be informed about who is filming and what the footage will be used for. They must have an opportunity to avoid being filmed or interviewed if they would prefer.
- Children should not be filmed/photographed without parental consent.
- The safe and normal running of the session should not be disrupted.
- Footage/images should be shared with Playing Out for using to promote the model

### Things to know about the 'playing out' model:

- It is organised by neighbours on their own street and not a public event.
- It is not an 'event' or street party, just a road closure to make it safe for children
- Children are able to play freely, in their own way and not "organised"
- It may not look busy or spectacular – it's just a normal street
- There may be parked cars, bins, litter – this is all part of the reality!
- There is a legal road closure in place – vehicles may only come in or out at walking pace, under supervision.

NB. Be careful of staged shots which do not represent how a Playing Out session is set up and stewarded. The ethos of Playing Out is for children to be given the street space to play freely. As much as possible all media coverage needs to reflect that.

### Important things to consider:

- The role of the stewards is vital for safety. They must not be distracted from their job to pose for photographs or to be interviewed.
- The signs and barriers are a legal and safety requirement – they must not be moved for the purpose of getting a better shot.
- Children shouldn't be asked to pose or behave in a certain way.
- Filming/photography should be as unobtrusive as possible and not interfere with the normal activity of the session.

### Interviewing, filming or photographing children:

- Written parental permission must be sought and given
- The permission of the child must be sought and given (for interview)
- Children's free play should not be interrupted except for a short time if an interview is needed