

50 **five** before you're
things to do

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Welcome to the September Newsletter...

Read on for a behind-the-scenes look at how three different local authorities are making the most of their 50 Things offer.

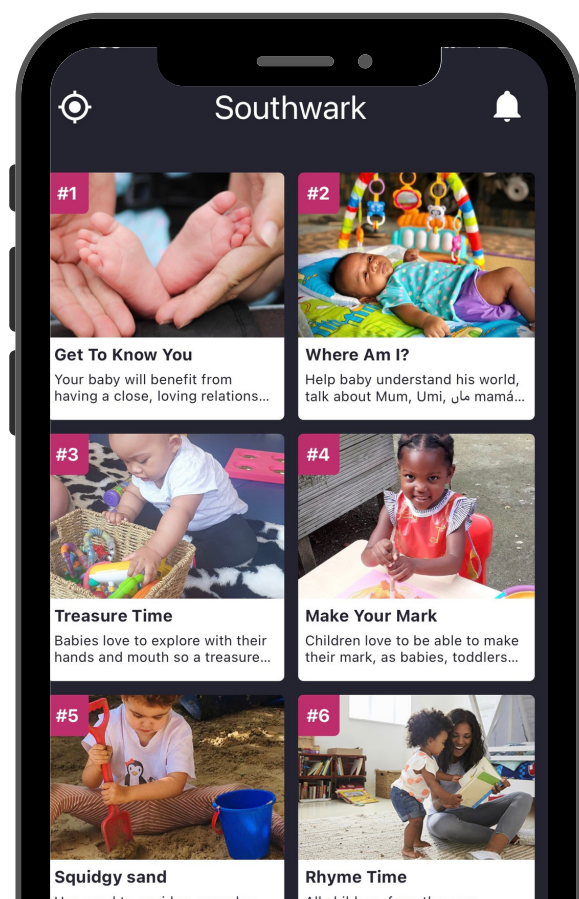
Strengths Based Tool for Professionals

Launching a project in the middle of a pandemic has its challenges. Having had their soft launch in March 2021, Southwark now plans to have an official launch this September to support social workers and Early Years practitioners engage with communities in the borough.

Laura Feeney, Transformation and Delivery Manager in Southwark's Children Services, expresses that London boroughs have a lot of opportunities for community development and they are fortunate enough to have funding available. Southwark runs a plethora of community projects and play activities for children which are organised by statutory and non-statutory services. This provides lots of options for engaged families to take part in with their young children. However, some families still find it difficult to access the universal offer.

"A lot of the activities on the app are about good parent-child communication which is key! That's a great strength of the 50 Things app which we will be adopting." Laura Feeney, Southwark 50 Things Lead

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Families flock to welcome day in Sheffield

As more services start to open, local authority services are thinking creatively on engaging young children and families with 50 Things activities. It's fair to say that young children have been cooped up at home during the past year. To reintroduce families to the project, Sheffield has launched a 50 Things Roadshow in parks around the city.

After launching 50 Things Sheffield during the height of the pandemic in July 2020, the Sheffield team wanted to reach out to migrant families and established residents who were preparing their children for school. Over a year on, the team in Sheffield saw an opportunity to promote 50 Things as parents and carers look forward to getting their children involved in more educational and physical activities during the summer.

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High Hopes for Hertfordshire's 50 Things Project

"The launch of '50 Things to do before you're five in Hertfordshire' will support Hertfordshire schools and settings provide tailored suggestions for home learning activities, that will promote talk in their locality. It will also support Ofsted priorities of community cohesion, wider curriculum and essentially curriculum design to support communication, language and emerging literacy skills.

As a result, early years settings will be equipped with materials to further support home learning in their locality, leaders will be empowered to incorporate home learning activities within their curriculum and through schools & settings all families, regardless of background or circumstance, will be further enabled to support school readiness."

-Hertfordshire 50 Things Team

Kirklees engages young children in lockdown

Doesn't it seem a while ago now, since we were all at home, coping with the first lockdown? Since then, there have been several more, and children and families had to get to grips with learning at home over several months.

The Kirklees 50 Things to Do Before You're Five team worked hard to offer home learning experiences to children and their families at home, so what did we do?

Most of the 50 Things were already suitable for the home, and for some of the outdoor activities, we offered ideas as to how families could adapt these to their gardens and outside spaces.

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