

# Berners Street

## New Underwater Playground

Client: Wakefield Council  
Address: Berners Street, Wakefield, WF1 4DY  
Budget: £100,000  
Age Range: Toddler and Junior

### Project Story

Berners Street Play Area sits within the heart of a local community, it was a tired and under loved play space which was in desperate need of regeneration. The funding was awarded by Aiming High with the objective of creating an inclusive and innovative playground that would encourage community integration, allowing children of all ages, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to play together.

Proludic installed standalone inclusive units, sensory products and group play activities which were all brought together with colourful wet pour. Inclusive features such as rumble strips, linking pathways, tactile surfaces and a double width slide which sits on an existing rock formation were all included to provide an inclusive experience.

A few years on, the playground is well used and has provided the community with the cohesion and inclusive space it need. The area is more popular than we could have ever anticipated and has become a real hub of activity and a play space that all residents can be proud of.



Before

After



The play area on Berners Street has been very successful in rejuvenating the community spirit. It's brought everyone together including people of different ages, abilities and ethnic back-grounds and has turned a tired area into a much loved play space.

- Gary Sherrington, Projects Officer, Wakefield Council





Site Opening



Multiplay Unit



Play Panel



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## Inclusive Play

Children with disabilities are like any other children, in that to progress they need to develop their cognitive, psychomotor and social skills as well as their independence. They need to engage in the same activities as their friends, within their own capacities: climbing, jumping, running, touching, imagining ... for their own benefit and to be able to share and interact with others. They want to enjoy themselves like everyone else, with everyone else.

At Proludic, inclusion is a key aspect of our philosophy because we believe that all children should have access to play and to the same play facilities.