



# Open Call for "Lightning" Presentations

We are looking for inspiring examples of educators facilitating learning through play experiences in schools, to include in the Playful Schools Conference 2023.

**Playful Schools Conference 2023** is a virtual conference organized by The LEGO Foundation, the International School of Billund, and Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The goal of the conference is to encourage, empower, and connect practitioners around the world to build a future in which playful learning guides children to become creative, engaged, lifelong learners.

The conference will take place **March 27-28-29, 2023**, in two time slots to choose from each day, to accommodate participants across time zones:

Time Slot 1 - 9:00-11:00 CET  
Time Slot 2 - 16:00-18:00 CET

The focus of Day 1 of the conference is *More than One Way to Play*. This is a call for proposals for educators to share examples of playful learning in their classrooms and schools in **five-minute video presentations** called "Lightning" presentations. The video should address a teaching practice related to one of four themes:

- ✘ **Adults:** Supporting playful professional learning (Professional Development that supports adult learning through play, perhaps in contexts where it's not expected)
- ✘ **Math:** Supporting playful learning in math
- ✘ **Language Arts & Literacy:** Supporting playful learning in language arts and literacy
- ✘ **No & Low-cost Materials:** Supporting playful learning with no- or low-cost materials

For the purposes of accessibility, the final video should include English subtitles (even if the video

is in English). Example of free online tool to use for subtitles: [subtitle-horse.com](https://www.subtitle-horse.com).

## The video should follow this sequence:

- \* Introduction to the context (1 minute)
- \* A group of learners (children or adults) engaged in one of four themes above. The format could be video clip(s), series of slides, voiceover, and/or student work, etc. (2-3 minutes)
- \* A brief final reflection identifying the learning being supported and how, and/or other evidence of the impact on learning (1-2 minutes)

Submission of the final video will constitute your confirmation that you have consent from the adults and children (or their work) in the video to share it at the conference.

## How to be considered for the programme

Please start by sending us a one-minute video explaining the content of your proposed video to [playfulschools@lego.com](mailto:playfulschools@lego.com) by **February 2, 2023** and include the following information: Your full name, role, organization, address, age level and/or subject area addressed.

Next steps after submitting your video:

- We will share the decision with you by **February 10, 2023**.
- If selected, you will confirm your participation and send us a five-minute video by **March 10, 2023**.