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From the 1950s through the '70s, Toronto built up. High-rises appeared downtown as well as in suburban areas, and a good number of them featured spacious layouts and amenities such as playgrounds to attract and accommodate families.

In the past decade, the city has seen another surge in vertical housing, but of a different sort. Buildings of five or more stories, which comprise

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**The English city of Nottingham is the latest to embrace the Playing Out**

# City of North Vancouver Launches Patios, Parklets and Places to Play

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**NORTH VANCOUVER** - The City of North Vancouver is energizing popular locations this summer with outdoor dining patios, parklets and placemaking.

**Patios:** A creative partnership between the City and local businesses has resulted in an enlivened, outdoor dining experience in Lower Lonsdale. Five restaurants located south of Esplanade now feature expanded outdoor wooden dining patios.



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A child plays skips through a sidewalk in Los Angeles, where the Kounkuey Design Initiative is creating pop-up play streets in low-income neighborhoods.

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**A member of the National Assembly (MNA) for the Canadian province**

# Putting play at the heart of London's schools

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**The charity London Play has launched ‘The Playtime Project’ to ‘put play at the heart of London’s schools’. A pilot will run until May 2017, with a London-wide roll out planned later that year.**

# Seattle neighbors close streets for play time

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A unique program to encourage kids to play outside is really taking off in parts of Seattle.

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**How can we learn what children and adults want and need in playgrounds? And how can we make sure that those playgrounds are a vital public space?**

# Denmark has figured out how to teach kids empathy and make them happier adults

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*In search of the secret ingredient.*

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Empathy, or the ability to read another person's emotions, is a critical life skill. Many fear children are losing it—and that they'll be less happy as adults as a result.

[A University of Michigan study](#) of nearly 14,000 college students found that students today have about 40% less empathy than college kids had in

# Where the Wild Kids Are

By Katherine Martinelli, [www.citylab.com](http://www.citylab.com)

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# A Melbourne Natural Playground Named Australia's Best Playground

A Melbourne children's playground designed to encourage risk-taking - through rocky outcropped terraces and lofty climbing ropes - has been crowned the nation's best.



# To Help Kids Thrive, Coach Their Parents

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Glued to your phone? Need a sense of perspective? One veteran tree-climber argues we should  
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# Children are being priced out by 'pay to play' in public spaces

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Councils raise cash by privatising green spaces but for many the playgrounds are too expensive



# Park and slide: artist plans to turn Bristol street into a giant waterslide

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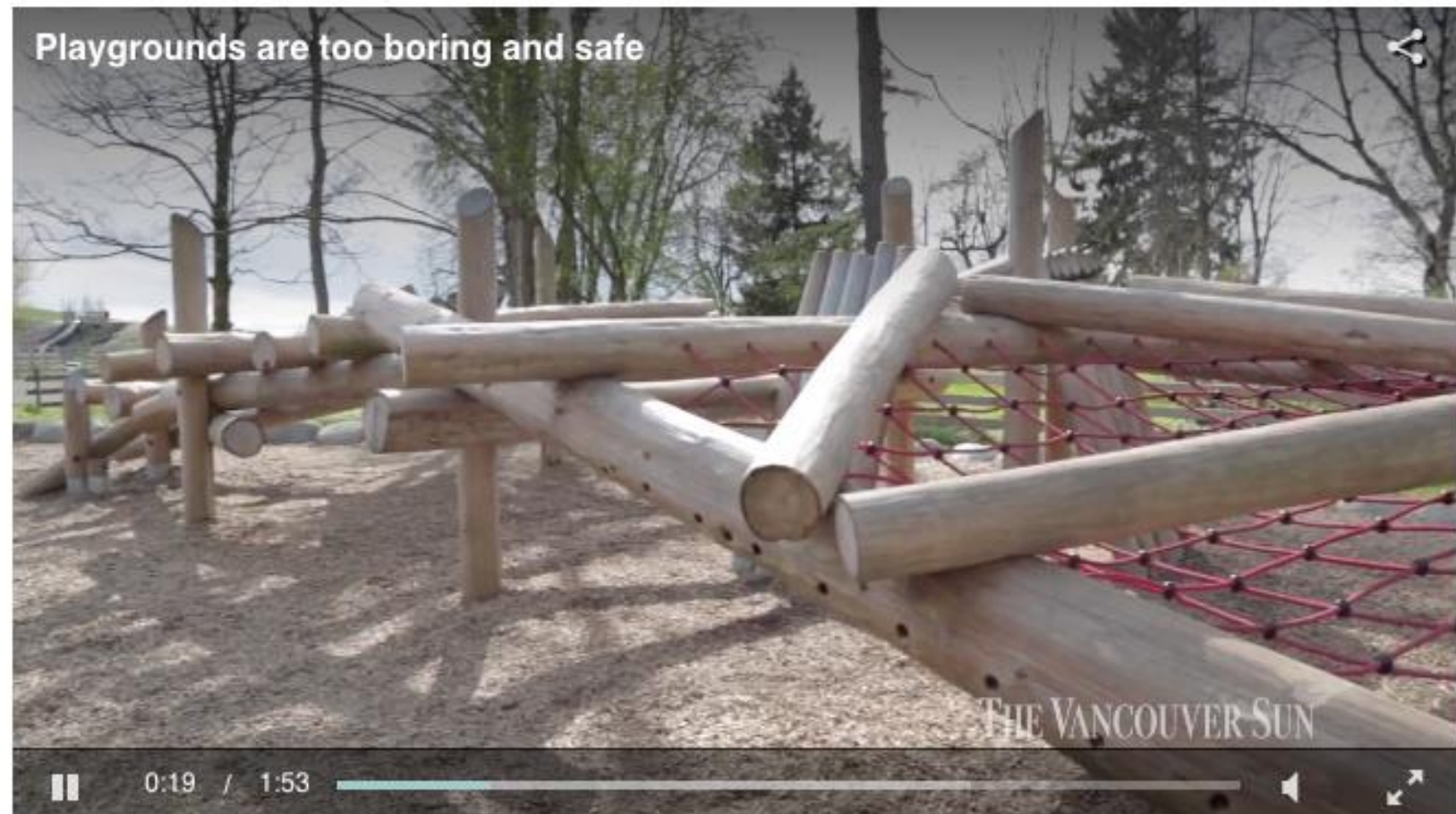
Artist Luke Jerram hopes to install a 90-metre waterslide in central Bristol this May, and has set up a crowdfunding site to ensure the project goes ahead



Mock up of the Park and Slide project  
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# Tame playgrounds aren't moving children, expert says

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# Parents camp out to nab spot in nature kindergarten

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Parents camp outside South Park Elementary School in January 2015 to sign up for a spot in the nature kindergarten program. Photograph By ADRIAN LAM, Times Colonist

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A preoccupation with safety has stripped childhood of independence, risk taking, and discovery—without making it safer. A new kind of playground points to a better solution.

A trio of boys tramps along the length of a wooden fence, back and forth, shouting like carnival barkers. “The Land! It opens in half an hour.” Down a path and across a grassy square, 5-year-old Dylan can hear



# The Decline of the Family-Friendly City

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# Give childhood back to children: if we want our offspring to have happy, productive and moral lives, we must allow more time for play, not less

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# Getting Dirty Is Good for Your Immune System

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For much of human history we lived close to the natural world. As civilization evolved we became increasingly urbanized, and most of us now live in cities. As we've moved away from nature, we've seen a decline in other forms of life. Biodiversity is disappearing. The current



# Why Our Kids Need Play, Now More Than Ever

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"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It's a folk proverb that was first [recorded in English in 1659](#) (and used to horrific effect in *The Shining*). Whatever its origin, the truth behind it is self-evident. People who grind away ceaselessly at labor lose their sparkling edge

# Why Recess Might Be the Most Important Part of School

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There is nothing fancy about the schoolyard at P.S. 309 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. It's just a few hundred square feet of bare asphalt bounded by a chain link fence, with a couple of basketball

