

**Disclaimer: Activities with children must always be risk assessed, including for allergies or choking. Children must always have adequate supervision. Resources and materials must always be appropriate for children's age and stage of development.**

## Top tips: Community links

**Forging links in your community can help to develop children's sense of self and identity, as they learn about local people and places.**

View our top tips for ideas on developing your own community links:

1. Talk to parents about places of importance in the community - this may be places of worship, community hubs, shops etc. Incorporate these places into your community outings and encourage children to share their own experiences of special places
2. Invite local people into the setting to talk to the children, such as faith leaders, dentists, police officers, nurses etc. to share their role in the local area
3. Take children for regular walks into your community, discuss the amenities, landscapes and buildings that can be seen. Try taking children to a natural spot every season and recording the seasonal changes via photographs or videos
4. Create your own community map, encouraging children to take photos of their favourite people and places to construct your map. Ensure the map is at child level so they can look at the map and add new images as they take them
5. Get a calendar of local events from your local authority website and use this to add to your annual outings plan
6. Explore different modes of transport within your community (buses, trains) and offer children experiences of each where possible
7. Get involved with community projects and volunteering opportunities.



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