

Plans for the future

An Innovative family development centre is needed to help more families access family development programmes.

A supervised soft play facility for children with workshops and a lecture room are sought together with some self catering family accommodation. This will provide families with the respite needed from energetic children and the educational opportunities and clubs needed to enrich family life providing life skills training for families, out of school education clubs for young people and seminars, conferences and lectures.

The PLANS are to raise the funds to purchase a property which:

- has character to attract families
- has a view conducive to a relaxing environment
- has adequate parking
- has a barn for the installation of a soft play centre and is able to house training rooms
- has a house attached able to offer small scale accommodation to cater for around 10 couples on courses away from home or self catering accommodation for families.
- Has or can be fitted with a renewable energy source to keep operating costs low

Plus provide:

- Soft play equipment
- A coffee/lounge area for parents with children in the soft play barn.
- A club/workshop area for youth
- A workshop area for practical classes e.g. in DIY
- A kitchen demonstration area
- A classroom /small lecture room area with tiered seating
- A chapel/prayer room ideally
- A small dining area for small conferences
- Toilet facilities indoors and out
- children's park outside
- parking area
- DVD screens for club and lecture rooms
- books, DVDs and learning resources

If possible The Forge would also like to provide:

- a 5 a side under cover football pitch that could double as a large conference room.
- Bike track

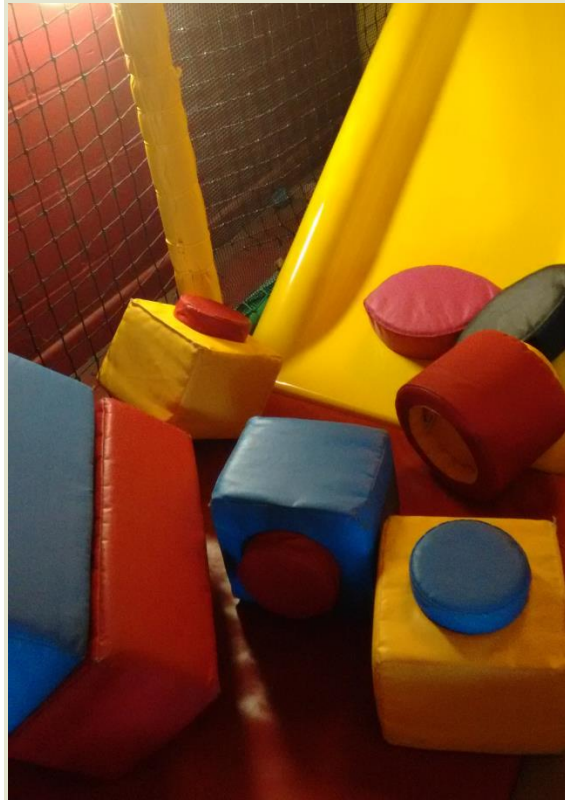
Photos of Potential Family Forge Centre



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Facilities such as these will allow the expansion of our classes and workshops such as:

- Health and fitness
- Cooking skills
- Home making skills
- DIY
- Fashion
- Child development
- Relationship building
- The vocation to work
- Time and money matters
- Enrichment activities of all kinds
- Community responsibility
- The nature and development of spirituality