



# A Historic Celebration!

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 11:00 am

Sister Cities Park, 18th Street & the Benjamin Franklin Pkwy

## Hear ye, hear ye!

On this International Day of Play, Philadelphia will be officially proclaimed as the **First Playful Learning City** in the world! This is a declaration for the history books.



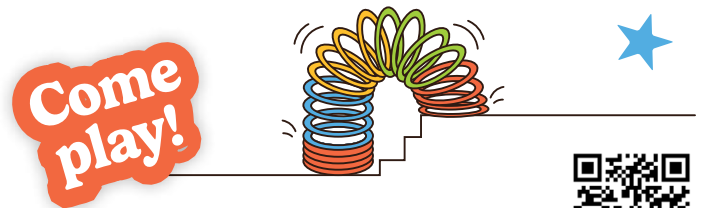
### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Councilmember Jeffery Young, Jr.
- Cykhira Walton, Senior Policy Advisor on behalf of Councilman Anthony A. Phillips
- Shawn McCaney, CEO, William Penn Foundation
- Prema Katari Gupta, President and CEO, Center City District
- Ashley Carter, Sr. Communications Manager, Visit Philadelphia
- Sarah Lytle, Executive Director, Playful Learning Landscapes

## A city hyped for fun!

Created in honor of **America's 250th birthday**, The Play Place is a **citywide experience** featuring **11 interactive installations** celebrating Philadelphia as a "city of neighborhoods."

Join us as we launch The Play Place! Preschoolers from **Friends Child Care Center** will cut the ribbon at the **Launch Pad**—an interactive Playful Learning hub featuring Philly-born "firsts" and cool inventions **MADE BY KIDS!**



Learn more at [ThePlayPlace.us](https://ThePlayPlace.us)

