



Get behind the Supporter Sprint 2026

IMAGINE... the UK's first fully inclusive exercise and play centre

~~going to a playground where you can go on one boring piece of kit~~ everything, you just need to decide what to pick first.

~~being dragged along to another therapy appointment~~ going to a fabulously fun place to move and learn while you play.

~~sitting on the sidelines watching your siblings playing joyfully alongside your siblings for the first time.~~

~~never being invited to birthday parties at all the fun places~~ going to parties at the most fun place ever.

~~never seeing anyone like you working in the places you visit~~ being welcomed by staff of all abilities so that you can see yourself in meaningful work.

~~feeling isolated and not knowing others in similar circumstances~~ a space that connects families and creates new friendships.

a world that's always saying ~~'no, you can't'~~

'YES, GO FOR IT'





Every child deserves to move, play and belong

Picture this: a six-year-old taking their first unaided steps. A toddler belly laughing for the first time. An 18-year-old pulling herself to stand for the first time. A family playing together without barriers getting in the way.

Help us get our doors open.

We're at an incredibly exciting moment, we've already raised nearly £8m – the centre is taking shape, and we're now in the final push to get those doors open.

You can join our 2026 Supporter Sprint to help us raise £1m. This is one important stream within our overall fundraising strategy. We have other activities running in parallel, all working together to get us to opening day. This sprint focuses specifically on engaging our community of supporters to help us cross the finish line.



[Find out more](#)



The barriers we are breaking

There are 90,000 disabled children and young people within an hour of Bristol. Across the UK, 1.5 million families face barriers to exercise and play every day.

77% cannot access mainstream leisure

72% have poor mental health

69% creates "severe problems"

65% feel isolated

Gympanzees Family Survey

For physically disabled children, limited opportunities for exercise lead to increased pain, poor sleep, ill-health and long-term weakness. Sensory differences mean children are excluded, overwhelmed or distressed by environments not designed with accessibility in mind.

More than 1 in 10 of parent employees are caring for a disabled child.

Working Families Report

This is a workplace issue

Half of all working parents with a disabled child leave work because of it. Of those who stay, three-quarters turn down promotions or take a step back in their careers.

If you have 100 employees, more than 10 are directly affected. Your partnership with Gympanzees supports your people whilst addressing a fundamental gap in provision. **Join us in showing them that you are taking tangible action to help them.**



Building something the world has never seen

The UK's first purpose-built, fully inclusive exercise, play and activity centre. In fact, we are pretty sure there's almost nowhere like this in the world.

This isn't accessibility as an afterthought. This is gold standard inclusion, by design. A space where anyone, in any body, can come to move, exercise, play and connect. All abilities are celebrated here.

10 specialised activity spaces including trampolines, gym, sensory rooms, swing room, soft play, and outdoor play areas, designed with the widest range of access needs in mind.

Sessions 7 days a week, 10 hours a day for consistent, flexible access that works around school, therapy appointments and family life.

Specialist equipment tailored to support everyone, including children and young people with the most complex physical and sensory access needs.

A playful approach that delivers therapeutic benefits through enjoyable activities, because exercise wrapped in play works better than exercise that feels like work.

Inclusive sessions for the whole family including siblings and parents, because this is about bringing families together.

A specially trained team with knowledge across a wide range of disabilities, neurodivergence and therapeutic approaches.

A fully accessible building with hoists in every room, multiple accessible toilets and changing places, and sensory considerations embedded throughout.

Flexible pricing where families who can pay do, and those who can't, don't. Because financial barriers shouldn't add to exclusion.



99%

Families say there's nothing like Gympanzees.

Gympanzees Family Survey

The evidence is clear

We've already changed lives, imagine what we'll do with a permanent home.

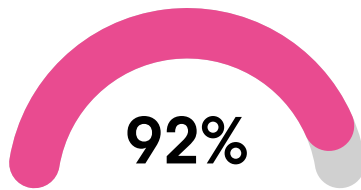
28,000 successful visits to Pop Up sessions.

100 different disabilities represented across **165** days.

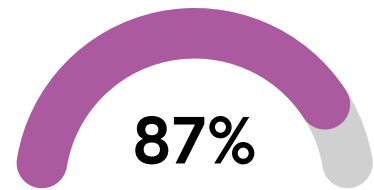
Whilst building our permanent home, we've proved the concept through **Pop Up** sessions. Families drove up to **8 hours** across the country to attend. These sessions had just a fraction of the space and equipment our first centre will have. Since then, we've run a **Lending Library** of specialist equipment families can use at home, and in school settings. We operate this across **eight sites**, and we made **961** loans in **2025**. This represents a combined total of **3602** days (**nearly ten years**) of play.



Calmer and happier



Better mood



Try new things

100% Staff are supportive

99% Offers unique facilities

91% Talk to other parents

87% Meet new families

“For the first time, my son laughed. He’s three-years-old. I never thought I’d hear that sound.”

Parent, Pop Up session



How you can help



PARTNER WITH US

Talk to us about an annual or multi-year partnership with your organisation. We can offer packages from £5k to £50k with a range of brilliant benefits, like meaningful volunteering, team building events and brand amplification.

[Find out more](#)



FUNDRAISE FOR US

Join our organised events across the year. We have the Bristol Great Run, Dragon Boat Racing, and a Golf Day. Or, you can run your own fundraising event or complete a sponsored challenge for us.

[Find out more](#)



DONATE GIFTS IN KIND

We have an extensive list of construction materials that we need for the build. We are actively looking for partner businesses to work with us in providing gifted or discounted materials to complete the works. You will get all the benefits of a partner business.

[Find out more](#)



“What an incredible journey it’s been with Gympanzees! We’re immensely proud to be backing this life-changing project.”

**Chris Sheard, CEO,
Socially Responsible Recruitment / SR2**



10 Transformative partnership benefits

1 MOVEMENT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Addressing the physical activity gap so disabled children build strength, coordination and confidence.

2 PLAY WITHOUT BARRIERS

Enabling families to play together for the first time, creating memories that last a lifetime.

3 CONNECTION THAT COMBATS ISOLATION

Building peer support networks where families meet others who understand their lives.

4 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Creating meaningful careers that also inspire disabled young people to see themselves in work.

5 KEY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Volunteering will build disability confidence in your employees that transforms work-place culture.

6 SUPPORTING YOUR WORKFORCE

Helping parent-carers in your team balance work and family life and feel recognised & supported.

7 MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING IMPACT

Reducing stress and isolation for children and their families, through agency and connection.

8 INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICE

Positioning your organisation as an accessibility pioneer that others look to.

9 MEASURABLE SOCIAL IMPACT

Providing clear evidence-based outcomes you can report to stakeholders.

10 BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE FUTURE

Creating lasting social change that will be replicated across the UK.



LET'S TALK...

To offer construction materials as gifts in kind...



What happens next?

Book a call with
Fran Garland, COO

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Or with Emily Thorn,
Centre Manager

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For company partnership of larger donations...



Book a call with **Jack Lewis,**
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Or with **Alastair Lee,**
**Business Development
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Our values

GOLD STANDARD INCLUSION

Every disabled child and young person deserves equal access to exercise, play and connection.

PIONEERING CO-CREATION

We're building something the world has never seen before, and we're doing it together with disabled people and their families.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

Every child and young person has potential waiting to be unlocked. We create the conditions where that potential can shine.