

## Switch Adapted Toys



Young children start to learn how the world works through play and this is an important part of development!

A lot of early years toys involve squeezing the toy and it making a noise, or pushing a button and having something happen. However, for many children with disabilities, this can be difficult as they don't have the fine motor skills to control the toy or may have other impairments.

The Switch Adapted Toys project adapts the toy so that a large button or switch will work the effect, which makes it easier to use. Our toy adaptation programme is aimed at making simple toys that help very young children to learn about cause and effect more accessible.

A child with a disability that's introduced to switches or accessible controls via an adapted toy will be learning the basics of how to go on to control a powered wheelchair, like the MERU Bugzi, for example.

