

## What is the Children's University™?

The Children's University™ is a national project which recognises the achievements of young people who take part in quality out of hours learning activities. These activities can be run at a school as an after-school club or may be offered by other 'Learning Destinations', such as a museum, library or zoo. The scheme is open to young people aged 5-14.

The aim of the Children's University™ is to raise the aspirations of our young people by introducing them to a wide range of learning opportunities and developing a love of life-long learning.

The students are given their own 'Learning Passports' in which they record participation in validated activities. The students receive certificates when they reach the milestones of 30 (Bronze), 65 (Silver) and 100 hours (Gold). The Silver and Gold certificates are presented at graduation style ceremonies at a university or college.



## What type of activities can be included?

We are able to 'validate' any activity which:

- Enables children and young people to develop skills or knowledge.
- Is undertaken voluntarily outside of lesson time.
- Relates to a subject which can be studied in Further or Higher Education.
- Raises aspirations and broadens students' horizons

These activities may be one-off workshops or trails, ongoing classes or projects such as theatre performances.

Activities can be run by schools, youth and community clubs, libraries, museums, zoos, as well as a whole range of visitor attractions who offer opportunities for learning after school, at weekends or during the school holidays.

## How will it benefit my organisation?

Once we have met with you to review your activities and 'validate' them as Children's University activities, you will be designated as a Children's University Learning Destination. Details of your activities will be promoted locally through our newsletter and website as well as nationally on the Children's University website.

## How much does it cost to become involved?

As we want to encourage organisations to join the scheme and offer more learning opportunities to young people, there is currently no cost to your organisation to become a Children's University Learning Destination.



## What would my staff need to do?

Passports are distributed to children and young people via schools. Your staff only need to put a sticker in the passport to confirm that the young person has taken part in a validated activity.



As well as being listed in the national CU Learning Destinations directory, you will be given a sticker and poster to display on your premises so that families know children can use their passports when visiting you.

**Please visit our website for more information and details of Learning Destinations in Cornwall:**

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwallcu](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwallcu)**

## How do we get involved?

Registering as a Learning Destination is a simple and straightforward process which takes about an hour and is then valid for 3 years.

The validation process asks questions about the learning activities which you offer and your safeguarding procedures. We use a framework developed by the national Children's University™ and a planning form to review your activities.



If you would like to find out more about how to get involved with Cornwall Children's University™, please contact the CU Manager:

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## Children's University in Cornwall - raising aspirations!

