



What is the Children's University™?

The Children's University is an international charity that provides 7 to 14 year olds (and 5 to 6 year olds with their families) with access to exciting and innovative CU *Learning Activities* and experiences outside of the normal school day.

We celebrate achievement and reward participation through the award of Children's University certificates. Raising children's aspiration is important to us and we aim to develop the understanding that learning can be the '*satellite navigation system to better places in life*'.

On becoming members of the Children's University™, children are issued with a *Passport to Learning*. The children are encouraged to travel to CU *Learning Destinations* and participate in CU *Learning Activities*. Each hour of CU validated learning they complete brings the child closer to a Children's University graduation certificate, presented at a locally organised CU graduation ceremony, hosted in a real university setting with proud parents in the audience.

What is a CU *Learning Destination* and what kind of activities are CU *Learning Activities*?

We are able to consider, for *Learning Destination* status, any activity that:

- Enables children to further develop and improve their skills & knowledge
- Is undertaken **voluntarily**, outside of normal school hours and can include activities that run before school, at lunchtimes and after school
- Relates to a subject that can be studied in Further or Higher Education
- Raises aspirations, showing children that learning can be challenging and fun

As well as school based *Learning Activities* offered with restricted access, there are Public *Learning Destinations* that can include, but are not limited to one-off workshops, lectures, libraries, museums, creative arts, sports coaching... the list continues to grow both locally and across the UK.

