

Welcome to Children's University membership!

Your 'Passport To Learning' means that you are now enrolled as a student of Children's University which is a fantastic opportunity to get rewarded for taking part in learning activities in your free time. Anyone aged 5-14yrs can get involved through a school or club that has been approved by us. To get the best out of it please take a moment to read through this information with your parent or carer, teacher or club leader so you know exactly what you need to do as you take part. We hope you enjoy using your passport and look forward to seeing you at one of our graduation events very soon!

Learning Destinations and validated activities




To prove that you have taken part you need to use your passport to write down all the learning activities you do in your spare time at official 'Children's University Learning Destinations'. You can choose your own learning activities as long as they are ones that have been approved by us so we know that they provide fun activities which are well planned and well run, and we are sure that they offer high quality learning experiences. These will include some clubs and activities run by the school or organisation that issued your passport but there are other places all over the country. Learning Destinations may display one of our black stickers or posters but the best place to check for places in Cornwall is our website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwallcu or our national website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps

Don't forget your passport!

Keep your passport safe and every time you participate in a validated learning activity make sure that you fill it in and get it signed or stamped by the activity leader to show that you have attended. Keep a tally of how many hours you have done. The school or club that issued your passport will need to know when you have collected enough hours so they can award you with the correct certificate and they'll let you know when you have done enough to attend a graduation event. They may collect them in on a regular basis so make sure you have it to hand when they do, or show initiative and let them know when you have reached enough hours to earn a certificate!



How to fill in your passport – example:

Date	Hours	Activity	Approval
10/09/14	1	Science club	<i>Signed: Mrs Williams - science club leader</i>
11/09/14	6 (total 7)	Summer Reading Challenge	
12/09/14	1 (total 8)	Football Club	<i>Miss Rowe - Football coach</i>

If you go somewhere that is *not* a Learning Destination you can write it in the back section of your passport. It won't count towards your certificates but it will be a great reminder of all the interesting things you do. Why not get them to sign it and tell them about Children's University? As long as they provide great learning activities outside of normal school time they can get in touch if they want to join. When you get home you might want to nominate them by sending us a message to say why they should be invited to join. Use the contact for at www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/contact-us
If your school is not yet involved please tell them about us and they may want to get involved, too!

Variety is the spice of life!

Ideally, your passport should show that you have taken part in a range of different activities. It's great if you attend the same validated club regularly each week but use the opportunity to try out other things as well as this. It will help you to get to your certificates sooner and you will develop a range of skills and knowledge just like real university.

Certificates

There are 30 Children's University certificates which are awarded across 10 levels, named after real qualifications. These are presented to you in your school assembly or at a club awards event.

Undergraduate Stage <i>Earned for hours of participation</i>	Award	Bronze 30hrs; Silver 65hrs; Gold 100hrs
	Certificate	Bronze 130hrs; Silver 165hrs; Gold 200hrs
	Diploma	Bronze 230hrs; Silver 265hrs; Gold 300hrs
	Degree	Bronze 330hrs; Silver 365hrs; Gold 400hrs
Postgraduate Stage <i>As above PLUS demonstrating learning through performance, displays, talks, competitions, etc.</i>	Postgraduate Award	Bronze 430hrs; Silver 465hrs; Gold 500hrs
	Postgraduate Certificate	Bronze 530hrs; Silver 565hrs; Gold 600hrs
	Postgraduate Diploma	Bronze 630hrs; Silver 665hrs; Gold 700hrs
	Masters Degree	Bronze 730hrs; Silver 765hrs; Gold 800hrs
Doctorate & Fellowship <i>As above PLUS helping others to learn</i>	Doctorate	Bronze 830hrs; Silver 865hrs; Gold 900hrs
	Fellowship	Bronze 930hrs; Silver 965hrs; Gold 1000hrs

Graduation events

When you have earned enough hours (usually Silver Award or above) you will be invited to attend a graduation event to mark your achievements and you will be able to bring your parents or carers along to share in the celebrations! Your club or school will inform you when you have achieved enough hours and will let you know the date and details of the event. We provide traditional graduation robes and mortarboards for you to wear whilst at the ceremony and you will be presented with a ceremonial scroll as a keepsake.



Any questions?

Find out the name of the person at the school or club that issued your passport who is responsible for the running of CU and they will be able to answer any questions you may have. Or you can visit the national website for lots more details www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

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