



Is there a cost?

There is no cost associated in becoming a CU *Learning Destination* - we are happy to provide further details of our partnership arrangements at your convenience.

What are the benefits in becoming a CU *Learning Destination*?

CU *Learning Destination* status tells children that a visit to your organisation will provide them with good quality learning.

Our experience has shown that, becoming a CU *Learning Destination* encourages first time visits for many children and their families who go on to return. More visits for you, more stamps for the *Passport To Learning*.

Your *Learning Destination* status will also give you access to our nationally recognised *Learning Destination* logo for use on your literature / marketing materials.

Where can I find out more?

Contact us to arrange a meeting. We'll talk you through as to what's involved in the process of becoming a CU validated *Learning Destination* and explore the types of activities that can become CU *Learning Activities*.

The Weston College website will create a page to show updates and learning destinations for the North Somerset CU.

You can also contact us via telephone or e-mail:

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Information for CU *Learning Destinations*





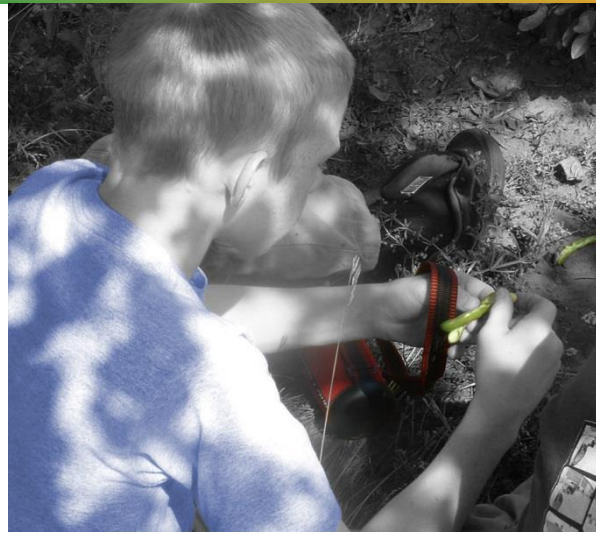
What is the Children's University™?

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*'.

Any child, aged 5 to 14 years can join us and, when issued with a CU *Passport To Learning*, is able to take part in CU validated *Learning Activities* and experiences.

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. Celebrating achievement is important to us.



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

There are opportunities for good quality learning experiences in many, many places. CU *Learning Destinations* are places and organisations that provide high quality CU *Learning Activities*. CU *Learning Activities* are activities that have been quality approved by the Children's University. We validate any activity that will enable children or young people to develop skills or knowledge, as long as it relates to a subject that can be studied further in Higher Education. Generally, there are two types of *Learning Destinations*:

- **Public *Learning Destinations*:**

These are places which provide CU validated *Learning Activities* that are publicly accessible, including places which offer activities in sport, leisure, theatre, arts, museums, heritage and libraries.

- **Restricted *Learning Destinations*:**

These are places that are not publicly accessible, such as schools and clubs that require membership. Other examples of Restricted *Learning Destinations* include work-based modules.



What is involved in becoming a CU validated *Learning Destination*?

Children's University wants to ignite many sparks of inspiration and aspiration in children and would like as many places as possible to become CU *Learning Destinations*, in order to support our aim in raising ambition and providing access to innovative learning activities across the globe.

CU Validation and Quality Assurance

With the support of Professor John MacBeath of Cambridge University, the CU developed an innovative national framework for quality assuring all CU learning called '*Planning for Learning*'. This framework sets out a rigorous process of self-evaluation for all our learning providers to ensure the highest quality of CU learning provision. The CU Validation process is not time consuming, but it does require a professional discussion. Some associated paperwork needs to be completed with the support of your local CU Manager on the proposed *Learning Activities* available at your *Learning Destination*.

Once the validation procedure has been completed, children are eligible to collect hours of learning into their *Passports To Learning*.