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**The national Children's University third annual Conference**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010**  
*Shrigley Hall Hotel, Golf and Country Club,*  
*Shrigley Park, Pott Shrigley, Near Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5SB*

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

11.30      *Registration, Coffee and Lunch*      *(Registration in Hotel Reception; Lunch in the Courtyard)*

12.45      **Welcome and Introductions**      *(William Turner Suite)*  
*Ger Graus - Chief Executive, Children's University*  
*Dr J Sandy Bradbrook - Chair, CU Trust*

13.15      **Ofsted and the Children's University: A Marriage Made Where Exactly?**  
*John Kennedy - HMI Adviser for Extended Schools, Ofsted*      *(William Turner Suite)*

How and where does the Children's University fit into the new school inspection framework and how can we help schools evidence impact as part of self-evaluation? What difference can the CU make and how could this support local sustainability? And where in the jigsaw called 'learning' does the Children's University fit?

Followed by a question and answer session.

14.45      *Coffee*      *(Brabazon Bar)*

15.00      **CU Seminars and The Market Place (session 1)**  
Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two different Seminars (A & B) throughout the afternoon sessions as well as visit The Market Place (C).

**A: Seminar - New Times, New Ways - Birmingham CU Transformation towards Charity Status**      *(Stafford Suite)*

*Graham Speller - CU Manager, Birmingham Children's University*

*Sarah Hayes - Consultant, Anthony Collins Solicitors and Trustee, Children's University*

**B: Seminar - The e-Passport To Learning**      *(Cheshire Suite)*

*Peter Eavers - Director of Learning, Children's University*

*Rebecca Wilkinson - CU Manager, Chesterfield Children's University*

*Mark McKeever - Director, Bit 10*

### **C: The Market Place**

*(Brabazon and Woodford Suites)*

The Market Place provides an opportunity to find out what is out there in the Children's University learning world. Visit The Market Place and take ideas and plans home with you. The Market Place will be busy with organisations and individuals whose work has been recommended by you and the national CU as validated *Learning Destinations*

From 17.15, the Market Place includes the Surgery 'Towards Charitable Status' by Sarah Hayes where individual CUs can discuss their proposals for charitable status or just turn up with questions and queries

**Please refer to the Seminar Attendance Form to find out when you will be attending each session. The Seminar Attendance Form is enclosed in your delegate pack.**

15.45	<b>CU Seminars and The Market Place (session 2)</b>	
16.30	<b>CU Seminars and The Market Place (session 3)</b>	
17.15	<b>The Market Place continued</b>	<i>(Brabazon and Woodford Suites)</i>
18.30	<i>Close (and Check-In)</i>	<i>(Close in William Turner Suite; Check-in at Hotel Reception)</i>
19.30	<i>Drinks Reception</i>	<i>(Brabazon Bar)</i>
20.00	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>(William Turner Suite)</i>

### **Day 2: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

08.45	<b>Past, Present and Future - Achievements, Developments, Challenges and Smiles</b> <i>Ger Graus - Chief Executive, Children's University</i>	<i>(William Turner Suite)</i>
09.30	<b>Children's University - National Evaluation and Research</b> <i>Professor John MacBeath - Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge and Projects Director for the Commonwealth Centre in Education.</i>	<i>(William Turner Suite)</i>
	As part of the national evaluation of the Children's University initial findings from the third evaluation report will be shared including the Fischer Family Trust analysis of impact on children in terms of attendance and attainment.	
10.15	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>(Brabazon Bar)</i>
10.30	<b>What Do We Mean By Curriculum?</b> <i>Professor Mick Waters - President of the Curriculum Foundation and Trustee of the Children's University</i>	<i>(William Turner Suite)</i>
	A time to reflect on what it is we mean by 'curriculum' - "... here, there and everywhere ..." and how do we make sense of it all for our children: in-school, out-of-school, directed, encouraged, voluntary ... and what is learning anyway? And remember: there is a CU in curriculum!	

- 11.30      **Rapid Information Exchange (learning from each other)**      *(William Turner Suite)*  
Find out more about each others' Children's Universities through our own version of 'speed-dating'. Learning from each other through discovering and sharing practice - from the curriculum to validation and from data management to ...?!
- 12.55      **And finally ...**      *(William Turner Suite)*  
*Ger Graus*
- 13.00      *Lunch and Departure*      *(Lunch in the Courtyard)*

## Conference Speakers



**John Kennedy** is one of her majesty's inspectors (HMI). He has held senior management positions in local authorities and has a background in teaching. John has extensive experience of inspecting schools and pupil referral units. He has also been involved in joint area reviews of local authorities and more recently in joint inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services. His particular areas of expertise are secondary education, the management of attendance and behaviour, safeguarding pupils and extended schools. John is a link HMI for four local authorities and is the HMI advisor for extended schools.



**Professor John MacBeath, OBE** is Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge where he held the Chair of Educational Leadership from 2000 to 2008. He is currently Projects Director for the Commonwealth Centre in Education. From 1997 to 2001 he was a member of Tony Blair's Task Force on Standards and in that same year he received the OBE for services to education. For two decades he has researched learning in and out of school, learning in museums, study support and since 2007 has worked with the Children's University in both a consultancy and evaluation capacity.

Professor John MacBeath's evaluations of the national Children's University for 2008 and 2009 can be found at [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/aboutus](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/aboutus)



**Professor Mick Waters** is a Trustee of the Children's University, Professor of Education at Wolverhampton University and President of the Curriculum Foundation. Previously, he worked at the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority as Director of Curriculum taking a leading role in helping schools to rethink their approach to curriculum design and influencing national policy on aspects of the national curriculum.