

Celebrating and Recognising Achievement

The Children's University believes that celebration of achievement plays a key part in raising the aspirations of all children. This celebration is important in itself and is made more meaningful by two central themes of recognition, which all local CU centres will work towards.

University awards ceremonies

Many children will not have encountered a University environment and many will not imagine that they might one day belong there. To make this real to children, to help them to see that such opportunities are within their grasp, the main celebration of achievement takes the form of award ceremonies in or with a University or Further Education institution near to the children's homes, attended by parents, family and friends.

Children's University certificates

At these ceremonies, children are presented with Children's University certificates that recognise their participation in Children's University activities. These certificates are awarded on the basis of hours of attendance so that they can be gained by all children irrespective of ability. Importantly, the certification follows the same pattern across all CUs, giving a real currency to the children's work. At the same time, it provides a clear record of participation on a cumulative basis that is useful to schools in monitoring children's out of school learning and helps to identify and evaluate the extent of children's involvement.

Children's University certificates can only be awarded to children who have followed courses that have been recognised by the Children's University, through its validation scheme, as providing high quality education. Again, this ensures that the certificates have real meaning.

Awards structure

Children are encouraged to progress through the Children's University certification scheme, based on their number of hours of attendance throughout their involvement with the Children's University. Bronze, silver and gold certificates are awarded at CU Undergraduate, CU Postgraduate and CU Doctorate levels. The hours and expectations associated with these levels are outlined below. Honorary certificates are also awarded for outstanding achievement and commitment.

The certification process also provides a ready means of recognising and monitoring the highest achievers or those who may need encouragement. In turn, this links in to mentoring schemes that operate in local CU centres and which aim to support children and to help them plan the next stages of their involvement.

Children's University Certificates

1. Children's University Undergraduate Level (30 to 400 hours)

The CU Undergraduate Level is the first step on the ladder of Children's University certification which is all about voluntary participation in high quality out-of-school-hours learning.

Children's University Awards		30	65	100
Children's University Certificates		130	165	200
Children's University Diplomas		230	265	300
Children's University Degrees		330	365	400

2. Children's University Postgraduate Level (430 to 800 hours)

As part of the second phase of Children's University certification, at CU Postgraduate Level we are also looking for tangible outcomes which demonstrate achievement, such as displays, exhibitions, performances and publications.

Children's University Postgraduate Awards		430	465	500
Children's University Postgraduate Certificates		530	565	600
Children's University Postgraduate Diplomas		630	665	700
Children's University Masters Degrees		730	765	800

3. Children's University Doctorate Level (830 to 1000 hours)

For the third phase of Children's University certification, it is the expectation that CU students at CU Doctorate and Fellowship Levels will act as Leaders of Learning for other CU students in their local Children's University.

Children's University **Doctorates**



830 865 900

Children's University **Fellowships**

930 965 1000

4. Honorary Recognition (830 to 1000 hours)

Children's University
Honorary Awards

Awarded for outstanding commitment and contribution to the local Children's University, sometimes against the odds. This will reward aspects such as a child's attitude, behaviour, 100% attendance.



Children's University
Outstanding Achievement Awards

Awarded for excellence in learning and / or high quality work.



Children's University™ Certificate Specification

Recognising, rewarding and celebrating participation, enjoyment and achievement are very important aspects of the learning activities that the CU Trust advocates. In order to safeguard consistency and quality as part of the Children's University's recognition and rewarding of participation, the following procedures and specifications must be adhered to:

1. CU certificates can only be issued by member local Children's Universities on behalf of the CU Trust; membership of the Children's University is renewed annually.
2. CU certificates must only be issued for the purposes intended. Records of certification must be kept (numbers, ages, gender) and made available to the CU Trust upon request.
3. CU certificates must not be altered or added to without written permission of the Chief Executive.
4. CU certificates are only valid when they display a matching bronze, silver or gold Children's University logo label.
5. CU logo labels must be ordered by member local CUs from the Children's University office using the attached order form.
6. CU certificates are only valid when they display the name of the issuing local Children's University.
7. CU certificates must be printed in colour.
8. CU certificates must be printed on matt white A4 paper, at least 180gsm.
9. CU student name and date of award must be handwritten in black ink.
10. The procedures regarding CU certificates are part of a local Children's University's quality assurance process.

The Children's University certificates are an important part of the CU Trust and its aims and objectives. A clear expectation is placed upon the issuing local Children's Universities that this is reflected in a ceremony as part of recognising and rewarding participation in high quality out of hours learning as validated by the CU Trust.

ORDER FORM

Children's University™ Logo Labels

For use with CU certificates

Copies of the bronze, silver and gold CU certificates are emailed to all CU Managers annually on receipt of a signed membership agreement. The certificates are only valid when displaying a matching bronze, silver or gold label.

CU logo labels can be ordered at any time during the year by completion and return of this form.

Name:	
Title:	
Children's University:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Delivery Address:	

CU Logo Labels:

Type	Quantity required (max 100 of each per order)
Bronze	
Silver	
Gold	

Please return the completed form to the Children's University head office. The labels will be delivered to the specified address within 28 days:

Email: contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk

Post: Children's University, c/o Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD

Fax: 0161 907 5391

(Please contact the Children's University office on 0161 907 5389 if you have any queries)

For office use only

Date received: _____

Date processed: _____

Total C: B S G

Total R: B S G