

# Why should my child join?

FOR 7-14 YEAR OLDS



## What is the Children's University™?

It is a national scheme that promotes and celebrates quality out-of-school-hours learning through participation in activities at places such as after-school clubs, sports clubs, arts clubs and tourist attractions.

All of the activities are checked by us to ensure that they promote high quality learning and, more importantly, are fun.

Each child that joins the scheme will receive a Passport to Learning in which to record the hours they spend at Learning Destinations.

**Once they complete a minimum of 30 hours, they will be invited to a very special Graduation Ceremony at the University of East Anglia to receive awards from the Norfolk CU Chancellor Louis de Bernieres.**



## What type of activities can be involved?

Any activity which takes place outside of the school day which children attend voluntarily can be involved. The activity must be a validated Children's University™ Learning Destination. We are able to validate any activity that enables children or young people to develop skills or knowledge and relates to a subject that can be studied in Higher Education. As well as out-of-school-hours clubs, Learning Destinations can be found in museums, art galleries, zoos, sports venues and more. Check our website for the most up to date list.








## How can we get involved?

Membership of Norfolk CU can be organised through the school your child attends. It might be worth checking with them that they are not already involved or have plans to sign up as they could provide your child with a free passport.

**However, if your child's school is not involved, you can buy a membership to the scheme from any Norfolk Library for £5.** This cost will provide you with both a black passport and an e-passport (so you can easily tell us what activities your child has been doing) plus an invitation to attend the annual UEA Graduation Ceremony, including the hire of an academic gown and cap for the Graduation Ceremony.

## Benefits of being involved

-  Achievement is significantly better at Key Stages 1-3 for children who participate in CU compared with non-attenders.
-  The further children engage with CU, the better their achievement.
-  An evaluation by Cambridge University found Certificates, credits, passports and graduations are valued rewards.
-  University settings help inspire and raise aspirations for children and parents.
-  CU has helped to make quality learning a reality beyond academic studies.

## Where can I find out more?

Visit our website at:

**[www.norfolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.norfolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk)**

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