

Children's University Programme Available To All Norfolk Schools

Norfolk County Council has rolled out its Children's University scheme countywide, meaning all schools can now take part in the programme.

The Children's University is a national scheme, run locally by Norfolk County Council and aimed at children aged seven to 14.

The Norfolk programme is supported by the UEA and is aimed at encouraging children to take part in educational activities outside school and aspire to develop a lifelong love of learning.

Young people have a Passport to Learning, which is provided via their school, which they use to collect stamps for quality extra-curricular activities, including working in the county's museums and libraries. They receive bronze, silver and gold certificates along the way, with an annual graduation ceremony at the UEA.

The programme works across county boundaries with young people able to collect stamps at any venue that displays the Children's University's approved mark.

Premises have to prove that they provide high quality learning experiences to achieve the accreditation. Norfolk has about 20 destinations so far but is hoping more venues will come forward with ideas for Children's University activities.

Schools wanting to get involved should contact Kingsley Abbott, Norfolk County Council's Study Support Development Manager on 01603 638056 or email kingsley.abbott@norfolk.gov.uk