

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.

Norfolk Children's University

Attn: Headteachers, Senior Management Teams and ESCOs

We are offering you an opportunity to get your school involved with Norfolk Children's University (NCU) and inspire your children to take part in more quality extra-curricula learning opportunities, and to celebrate their success in a real university setting.

Key points:

- Children collect stickers for extra-curricula learning in their NCU Passport from your school or other NCU validated learning providers
- Local and national certificates available from 15 hours completed
- Invitation to an annual NCU Graduation Day at UEA after 30 hours
- Access via National CU website to learning venues nationwide
- Proven popularity with children and parents alike
- Author/Musician Louis de Bernieres is our Norfolk CU Chancellor

The school's role:

- Purchase of Passports at £2 per child
- Providing a list of quality in-school extra-curricula learning activities
- Giving stickers for learning hours completed
- Ordering of local and national certificates
- Bringing children to annual UEA Graduation day

Want to know more?

Contact Kingsley Abbott, Study Support Team, on 01603 638056 or kingsley.abbott@norfolk.gov.uk for full details of how to involve your children.