

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY?

Children's University (CU) encourages children aged 5 to 14 to participate in high quality, exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside of the school curriculum.

Our ambition is to raise aspirations, boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that young people can make the most of their abilities and interests. Children sign up through their school and are issued with a Passport To Learning. They collect a stamp for every hour of validated CU activity. Certificates are awarded for bronze, silver and gold levels. Graduation ceremonies are held for children who achieve gold levels.



WHICH ACTIVITIES CAN YOU GET A STAMP FOR?

Children collect stamps for participating in activities at validated Learning Destinations, which have been approved by Children's University.

These include:

All school clubs

Organised clubs such as Brownies and Cubs

Public destinations such as castles, zoos, leisure centres and English Heritage sites

Other clubs or activities (please ask us to validate them)

Children can receive one stamp, per activity, per week at validated learning destinations. This encourages them to get involved in a broader scope of activities, widening their horizons and involving them in their local communities.



DANCING • SCHOOL CLUBS • ART
BROWNIES • MUSIC • SWIMMING
DRAMA • KARATE • TENNIS

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Plymouth University also run events throughout the year on campus, which count towards Children's University hours. Children are able to come to Plymouth University, to see what happens on campus, take part in exciting learning opportunities and experience University life.

Please visit our Events page at www.plym.ac.uk/childrens-university

CERTIFICATES

There are 30 Children's University certificates, named after real qualifications.



Children receive their first bronze certificate when they have stamps for 30 hours of CU activity, their first silver for 65 hours, and their first gold for 100 hours. Children can achieve up to 1000 hours of CU activity. Certificates are awarded in school assemblies.

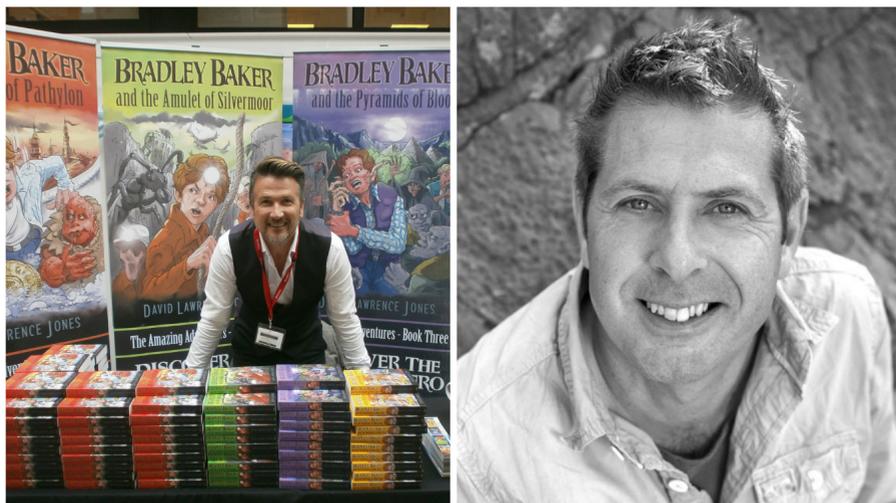
GRADUATION EVENTS

When children have achieved any gold level certificate, they are invited to attend a graduation ceremony on campus at Plymouth University or a partner institution. Parents and carers are also invited along to share the celebration. Children are robed in traditional graduation gowns and mortarboard caps. Registration is managed through school coordinators.



DEVON & CORNWALL CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHANCELLORS

Devon & Cornwall Children's University has two fantastic chancellors, children's author David Lawrence Jones and Professor Iain Stewart.



David (left), over the past fifteen years, has produced stories to capture the imagination of both children and adults. His first novel was published in 2009 and he is well known for the popular Bradley Baker adventures. He visits as many primary schools as possible throughout the UK to share his love of literacy.

Iain (right), is a Scottish geologist, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and President of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. He is Professor of Geoscience Communication at Plymouth University and is best known to the public as the presenter of a number of science programmes for the BBC.

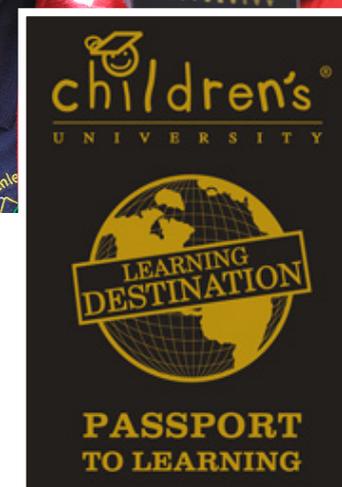
HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Children can get involved by signing up through their school, if the school is registered with us.

Each school has a designated member of staff who is the Children's University coordinator to help parents or carers with any questions they may have. The coordinators also keep an up to date record of the children's hours and award them their certificates in school.



Once signed up check online at:
[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/
learning-destinations](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/learning-destinations)
or look out for activities that display this sign.



RAISING ASPIRATIONS WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY



ANY QUESTIONS?

The school that issued your passport will be able to answer any questions you may have, so ask your designated Children's University coordinator. Or you can visit the national website for lots more details:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

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