



Interested in becoming a Learning Destination?

Learning Destinations are places and organisations that provide high quality learning activities, validated by the Children's University. We are able to validate any learning activity that will enable children to develop skills and knowledge and relates to a subject that can be studied in Higher Education.

Children's University wants to ignite many sparks for inspiration and aspiration in children and would like as many places as possible to become CU Learning Destinations in order to support our aim in raising ambition and providing access to innovative Learning Activities.

There are two types of Learning Destination:

Public Learning Destinations: Places which offer access to learning activities in sport & leisure, theatre and arts, museums, heritage, culture and libraries as examples. Public Learning Destinations exist across the Country and can be found by visiting www.childrensuniversity.co.uk. The validation of a Public Learning Destination is managed through the local Children's University Manager.

Working with our Public Learning Destination partners, experience has shown us that Learning Destination status encourages first time visits for many children and their families who go on to return. More visits for our Learning Destination partners and more stamps in the Passport to Learning.

Restricted Learning Destinations: These places are not publicly accessible, such as schools and clubs that require membership. Schools will let children know which of their after school clubs are included.

CU Learning Destination status assures children of a good quality learning experience.

The Process: In becoming a CU Learning Destination **all** organisations are asked to undertake our quality assurance process, known as CU Validation to ensure there is a consistency of quality to the Learning Activities that our CU Learners participate in. CU Validation does not require the completion of an excessive amount of paperwork and works best when time is set aside to talk, with your CU Manager, about potential learning opportunities for the children they are designed to engage. We want all children to be confident that, wherever they choose to access a CU Learning Activity, that their experience is a positive one and that the learning is engaging, creative and fun.

It is important to note that CU Validation assures the quality of the learning opportunities offered. Matters of Health & Safety, Public Liability and Safeguarding remain the responsibility of the learning provider. *All* Public

Learning Destinations are expected to operate to their statutory requirements in these areas and to declare that they do so.

Once confirmed as a CU Learning Destination we ask that you display our Learning Destination logo prominently both inside and outside your learning environment so that it is clearly visible to visitors and children who may wish to use their Passport to Learning.

Many of our Learning Destination partners display our Learning Destination plaque (available to purchase at a cost) to promote their status as a Learning Destination. For those who do not wish to display a plaque we can supply, without charge, window stickers and posters.

Learning Destination status also gives access to our nationally recognised Learning Destination logo for use on literature, letter headed paper and on your website and social media sites, linking directly to the Children's University website.

Once the validation procedure has been completed, children are eligible to collect hours of learning in their Passports to Learning.

There is no cost associated with Learning Destination validation.

Next steps: Contact us to arrange a meeting. We will talk you through what's involved in the process of becoming a CU validated Learning Destination and explore the types of activities that can become CU Learning Activities.

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