

Celebrating and Recognising Achievement

The Children's University believes that celebration of achievement plays a key part in raising the aspirations of all children. This celebration is important in itself and is made more meaningful by two central themes of recognition, which all local CU centres will work towards.

University awards ceremonies

Many children will not have encountered a University environment and many will not imagine that they might one day belong there. To make this real to children, to help them to see that such opportunities are within their grasp, the main celebration of achievement takes the form of award ceremonies in or with a University or Further Education institution near to the children's homes, attended by parents, family and friends.

Children's University certificates

At these ceremonies, children are presented with national certificates that recognise their participation in Children's University activities. These certificates are awarded on the basis of hours of attendance so that they can be gained by all children irrespective of ability. Importantly, the certification follows the same pattern nationally, giving a real currency to the children's work. At the same time, it provides a clear record of participation on a cumulative basis that is useful to schools in monitoring children's out of school learning and helps to identify and evaluate the extent of children's involvement.

Children's University certificates can only be awarded to children who have followed courses that have been recognised by the Children's University, through its validation scheme, as providing high quality education. Again, this ensures that the certificates have real meaning.

Awards structure

Children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on their number of hours of attendance throughout their involvement with the Children's University. Initially, they will aim to gain a national Bronze certificate, awarded for 30 hours of attendance. Thereafter, a national Silver certificate is awarded for achieving 65 hours of attendance, and a national Gold for 100 hours of attendance.

The certification process also provides a ready means of recognising and monitoring the highest achievers or those who may need encouragement. In turn, this links in to mentoring schemes that operate in local CU centres and which aim to support children and to help them plan the next stages of their involvement.

National Children's University™ Certificate Specification

Recognising, rewarding and celebrating participation, enjoyment and achievement are very important aspects of the learning activities that the national Children's University advocates. In order to safeguard consistency and quality as part of the national Children's University's recognition and rewarding of participation, the following procedures and specifications must be adhered to:

1. National CU certificates can only be issued by member local Children's Universities on behalf of the national CU; membership of the national Children's University is renewed annually.
2. National CU certificates must only be issued for the purposes intended. Records of certification must be kept (numbers, ages, gender) and made available to the national CU upon request.
3. National CU certificates must not be altered or added to without written permission of the Chief Executive.
4. National CU certificates are only valid when they display a matching bronze, silver or gold Children's University logo label.
5. National CU logo labels must be ordered by member local CUs from the national Children's University using the attached order form.
6. National CU certificates are only valid when they display the name of the issuing local Children's University.
7. National CU certificates must be printed in colour.
8. National CU certificates must be printed on matt white A4 paper, at least 180gsm.
9. CU student name and date of award must be handwritten in black ink.
10. The procedures regarding national CU certificates are part of a local Children's University's quality assurance process.

The national CU's certificates are an important part of the national Children's University and its aims and objectives. A clear expectation is placed upon the issuing local Children's Universities that this is reflected in a ceremony as part of recognising and rewarding participation in high quality out of hours learning as validated by the national Children's University.

National Children's University Certificates

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Celebrating and Recognising Achievement

National Bronze Award

presented to

who has successfully attended the Children's University for 30 hours

Congratulations!


Ger Grass
Chief Executive


Kevin Jones
Chair of the CU Trust

Date: _____ 2018

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Celebrating and Recognising Achievement

National Silver Award

presented to

who has successfully attended the Children's University for 65 hours

Congratulations!


Ger Grass
Chief Executive


Kevin Jones
Chair of the CU Trust

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Celebrating and Recognising Achievement

National Gold Award

presented to

who has successfully attended the Children's University for 100 hours

Congratulations!


Ger Grass
Chief Executive


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ORDER FORM

National Children's University™ Logo Labels

For use with national CU certificates

Copies of the bronze, silver and gold national CU certificates are emailed to all CU Managers annually on receipt of a signed membership agreement. The certificates are only valid when displaying a matching bronze, silver or gold label.

National CU logo labels can be ordered at any time during the year by completion and return of this form.

Name:	
Title:	
Children's University™:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Delivery Address:	

National CU Logo Labels:

Type	Quantity required (max 100 of each per order)
Bronze	
Silver	
Gold	

Please return the completed form to the national CU head office. The labels will be delivered to the specified address within 28 days:

Email: contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk

Post: Children's University™, c/o Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD

Fax: 0161 907 5391

(Please contact the National CU office on 0161 907 5389 if you have any queries)

For office use only

Date received: _____

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