Are there costs for Membership?

All School and Academy members of the Children’s University™ are expected to pay an annual membership fee. The membership fee is determined by the number of pupils you have. For further information please contact the local CU Manager.

The cost of CU Membership for each child is £5. We strongly believe that, where possible, families should cover this cost. Experience has shown that in making a financial commitment, a far greater value and commitment is attached to Children’s University learning.

We do recognise that for children from the lowest income families this amount could prove prohibitive. In these circumstances a school or academy will, typically, purchase the CU Membership on behalf of the child using their Pupil Premium.

How do we get involved?

Please contact the local CU office to arrange a discussion with the CU Manager (all contact details of local CU centres are available through the CU website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). The CU Manager can provide you and your school staff with detailed info about what’s involved in becoming a part of the CU network. It is not a difficult or time consuming process and we will support you every step on the way.

We will go through the list of your school / academy-based activities you would like to be quality approved as Children’s University Learning Activities; these will then be assessed against our quality assurance guidelines laid down by the national framework ‘Planning for Learning’. Support will be given to implement the E-Passport data management tool to ensure you are able to track the participation and impact of your Children’s University participation.

For more information please contact:
Tel: (01622) 694987
Email: kcu@kent.gov.uk
Visit: www.kentchildrensuniversity.co.uk
What is a CU Learning Destination and what kind of activities are CU Learning Activities?

We are able to consider, for Learning Destination status, any activity that:

- Enables children to further develop and improve their skills & knowledge
- Is undertaken voluntarily, outside of normal school hours and can include activities that run before school, at lunchtimes and after school
- Relates to a subject that can be studied in Further or Higher Education
- Raises aspirations, showing children that learning can be challenging and fun

As well as school based Learning Activities offered with restricted access, there are Public Learning Destinations that can include, but are not limited to one-off workshops, lectures, libraries, museums, creative arts, sports coaching... the list continues to grow both locally and across the UK.

The quality assurance process of assessment for Learning Destinations status is called CU Validation.

What are the benefits to schools and academies?

- CU provides the opportunity for targeted support for the most vulnerable children
- CU brings coherence to an enrichment programme and allows close tracking of uptake and impact of participation
- CU provides instant reporting methods to meet all current OFSTED and internal requirements
- CU supports exciting opportunities for transition
- Key findings of our work through independent national evaluation show that CU impacts on: Attendance; Attainment; Achievement; Attitudes; Adventure; Awards; Agency; Aspiration; Adaptability; Advocacy

For copies of annual CU evaluation reports by Professor John MacBeath (University of Cambridge), please visit the CU website: www.childrensuniversity.co.uk