

# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY SCOTLAND

We tackle disadvantage by removing barriers to wider learning and connecting children to experiences that boost their self-confidence, nurture their talents and raise their aspirations

## What we do

Funded by Scottish Government, our schools programme captures and rewards extra-curricular learning beyond lesson time.

Children's University lets pupils aged P4-S2 (P1-3 with extra support) explore exciting activities they can do in their own time: at home with their families, lunchtimes or after-school, or in the local community. Children unlock credits, skills points and special awards as they take part.

Our unique approach allows children to develop new skills, discover new talents and celebrate their achievements and aspirations.



## Connection

We connect children and families to fun, high-quality, *affordable* learning activities beyond lesson time:

### At home

- Reading challenges
- Science experiments
- Learning to cook
- Craft activities
- Nature walks
- Learning to code
- Learning music

### In the

- community**
- School clubs
- Sports clubs
- Arts clubs
- Local libraries
- Museum visits
- Historic sites

*Encouraging family learning  
Utilising meaningful learning networks*

## Wellbeing

Children lead their own learning journey. As they log their activities in the online portal *Aspire*, they collect credit coins and build a unique skills profile. This boosts their sense of personal achievement, and helps them recognise and articulate their talents and skills.

*Empowering learners with agency through choice  
Building confidence & resilience*

## Achievement

Children unlock awards that celebrate their achievements beyond the classroom. Awards are presented at special ceremonies in school or at local colleges or universities. Families are invited to attend, helping raise aspirations and celebrate learning in all its forms.

*Recognising personal achievement  
Raising aspirations*



Access to data and reports on wider learning and achievement for schools



Linked with thousands of activity providers across the country

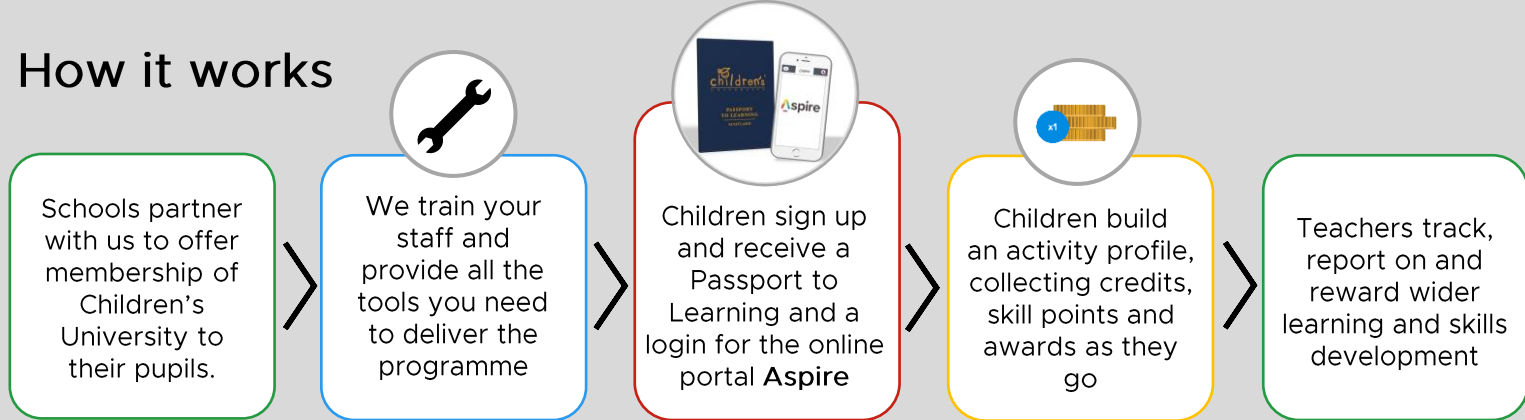


Full training and support for school staff



Tried and tested programme running in schools across Scotland

# How it works



# How we can help

| HGIOS Indicator                                |  |
|--|--|
| 2.4 Personalised support                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for personal achievement</li> <li>• Empowering learners to develop a sense of agency through opportunities for personalisation</li> <li>• Using meaningful learning networks</li> <li>• Sharing in the pleasure and benefits that come from learning</li> </ul>   |
| 2.5 Family Learning                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting family learning; helping to remove barriers to learning outside school and at home</li> <li>• Promoting learning beyond the school gates and engaging parents and carers in wider learning activities</li> </ul>   |
| 2.7 Partnerships                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through our network of learning providers, children, families and schools can link with groups and activities running across their local communities and beyond</li> </ul>  |
| 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrating individual learning and accomplishments encourages children to be active and healthy, and allows them to achieve success, feel respected and feel included</li> </ul>   |
| 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation is linked with positive cognitive outcomes and improved attainment in maths and English (EEF, 2018)</li> </ul>  |
| 3.3 Increasing creativity and employability    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing digital skills</li> <li>• Enabling children to experience a range of different learning environments</li> <li>• Building coherent links local employers and with higher and further education institutions</li> <li>• Supporting #No Wrong Path by showing young people that experiences and achievements beyond exam results can unlock future success</li> </ul> |

"A good thing about Children's University is having the chance to be recognised for what you are doing, and this gives you more confidence in yourself."

**P7 pupil, Banff**

"Through talking to children about their activities outside school, we have learned so much more about their interests and what they can do. We are now able to do more in-school that connects to children's interests outside school, linking up their learning at school and at home..."

Children's University has extended their understanding of what learning is."

**Mrs Moore, Primary teacher**



## Get in touch

[contactus@childrensuniversity.scot](mailto:contactus@childrensuniversity.scot)

0131 202 0430

[www.childrensuniversity.scot](http://www.childrensuniversity.scot)

@ChildrenUniScot

Find our PLC page on [GLOW](#)