

# 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, we support and inspire children to engage in wider learning beyond lesson time.

Children aged 5-14 explore activities that take place at home, in school and in the local community. They unlock credits, skills points and awards as they take part.

Our unique approach allows children to develop new skills, discover new talents and celebrate their achievements and aspirations. This helps inspire a love of learning beyond the classroom that enriches children's lives and transforms their prospects for the future.



### Connection

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

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| Sports clubs | Music groups    |
| Reading      | Science centres |
| Dance groups | Drama           |
| Youth clubs  | Online learning |
| Libraries    | Museum visits   |
| Outdoor      | After-school    |
| Lunch clubs  | At home         |

*Encouraging family learning  
Utilising meaningful learning networks*

### Wellbeing

Children are empowered to 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, boosting their sense of personal achievement, and enabling them to recognise articulate their talents and skills.

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

### Prospects

Children unlock awards that celebrate their achievements at key milestones along their learning journey. Awards are presented at special ceremonies in school or at local colleges or universities. Families are invited to attend, helping raise child and parental aspirations.

*Recognising personal achievement  
Celebrating learning in all its forms*



Tried and tested programme embedded in schools across Scotland



Linked with thousands of activity providers and venues across the country

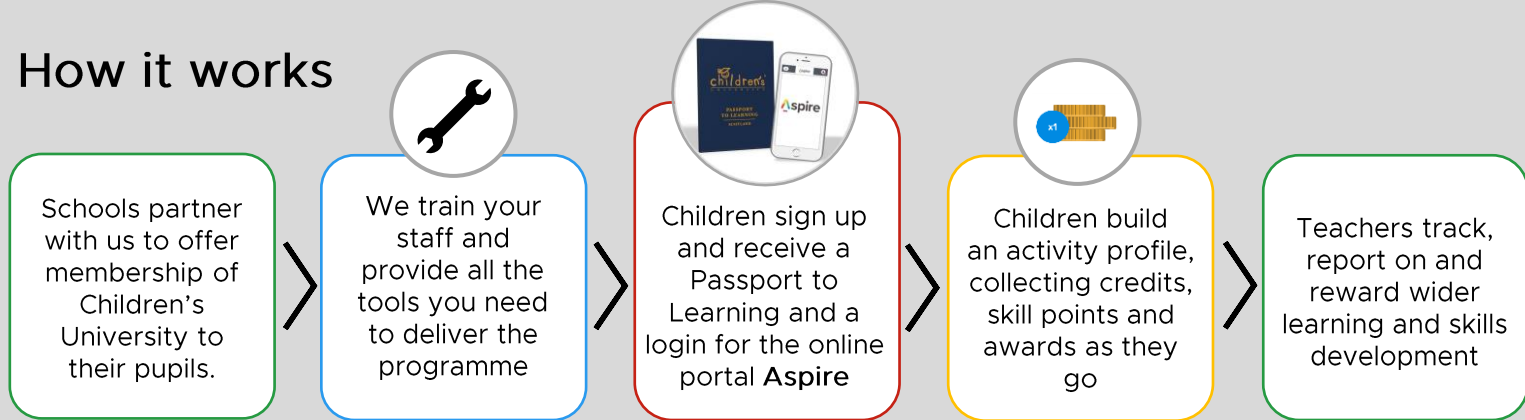


Full training and support to help schools maximise impact and sustain delivery



Access to data and reporting on wider learning and achievement for your pupils

# 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 and helping to remove barriers to learning outside school</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**



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