

The Children's University™ in Stoke-on-Trent

With initial funding from the National Children's University™ and the support of Staffordshire University, the Children's University™ in Stoke was established in March 2009.

The underlying principle of the Children's University™ is to ensure that children, between the ages of 7 – 14 years, can choose to take part in 'quality' out of school hours learning. Providers of out of school hours learning can undergo Children's University™ 'validation' which guarantees the quality of the activities they make available. Providers may be located in schools or elsewhere within the community. For example, the National Children's University™ are closely affiliated to the Royal Shakespeare Company and Playing for Success.

The Children's University™ Stoke acts as a broker, validating activities which build up towards certificates at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Bronze – 30 activities
Silver – 65 activities
Gold – 100 activities

Activities may be programmes of learning based in schools or events hosted in the community. When the children have gained sufficient activities to reach a certificate level they are invited, with family members, to take part in a graduation ceremony at Staffordshire University.

Providers of out of school activities can take the opportunity to enhance their professional development, at a variety of levels, working in partnership with both the Children's University™ and Staffordshire University.

Activity programmes validated by the Children's University™ will be available during Summer 2009.

If you would like to be a part of the Children's University™ in Stoke please see our website at www.staffs.ac.uk/stokecu

