

Children's University and Arts Award



Peterborough Museum photo Caroline Bray

The Children's University™ aims to promote exciting learning opportunities and experiences outside normal school hours for children aged 5 to 14. At the heart of its work is the ambition to raise aspirations, boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that young people can make the most of their abilities and interests.

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that supports all children and young people aged up to 25 to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world through taking part in arts and cultural activity. Organisations working with a trained Arts Award adviser to deliver the award are called Arts Award centres.

Arts Award Supporters provide arts and cultural activities, events and resources for young people who are doing their Arts Award. They do not run the award but can work with Arts Award centres to provide artistic input.

Are you a Children's University Learning Destination?

If your organisation is already an Arts Award centre

You can map your Children's University validated learning activity alongside your Arts Award offer by using our suggested guidelines below. If you are currently working to validate your Children's University activity, make sure to tell your local Children's University Manager about your Arts Award status so they can highlight this opportunity beside your activity on their website.

If you require support to align your Children's University and Arts Award activities simply [visit the adviser hub to request a support session](#).

If you are interested in becoming an Arts Award centre

A member of your team will need to train as an Arts Award adviser. You can find out more and [book a training course in your local area here](#). You can check out our 3 simple steps to [getting started with Arts Award here](#).

Arts Award level	Target age	Level on Regulated	Parts to be completed	Children's University hours	Children's University Award
Discover	Designed for 5-9 year olds, but open to all young people up to 25		<p>Part A: Take part in the arts</p> <p>Part B: Find out about artists' work</p> <p>Part C: Share your Arts Award experience</p>	Recommended 1 per session *Recommended 4 if delivering Discover in a Day	N/A
Explore	Designed for 7-11 year olds, but open to all young people up to 25	Entry Level 3	<p>Part A: Take part in the arts</p> <p>Part B: Explore the work of artists and arts organisations</p> <p>Part C: Create an art work</p> <p>Part D: Present your Arts Award experience</p>	**Recommended 1 per session	Bronze Award (30 hours) if Arts Award Explore is completed through the recommended qualification time of 35 hours

*Arts Award Discover in a day

A structured visit to an arts or cultural organisation can provide the activities and evidence children need to achieve Arts Award Discover, Arts Award's introductory level. Discover can be done in one visit or spread out across several. It can be a good way of encouraging repeat visits and building up a lasting relationship with family audiences.

**Arts Award Explore in 5 steps

Arts Award provides planning support for you to run Arts Award Explore in 5 sessions (or equivalent). **Our planning template** offers structure whether your programme runs over 5 days or 5 weekly sessions. This isn't the only way to deliver Arts Award, but it works well for a holiday project or condensed period.

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