

## 150th Sheffield is a Learning Destination!

## What is the Sheffield Children's University?

Sheffield Children's University is part of an exciting national initiative that encourages and celebrates children and young people's participation in a wide range of inspiring learning opportunities outside school hours.

Activities might take place at schools that are subscribed to Sheffield Children's University, such as after-school clubs, and at approved activity providers called Learning Destinations – including 150th Sheffield Scout Group!

Children's commitment to learning is celebrated by recording participation in all aspects of voluntary learning through an awards system. One credit is awarded for each hour of learning that takes place outside of normal school hours, including every Beaver, Cub or Scout session attended.

## What do I need to do?

To receive credits children need a Passport to Learning - a small, black booklet which looks like a real passport! This is used to record out-of-hours learning, where it happened and for how long, including attending sessions at 150<sup>th</sup> Scout Group.



Passports to Learning can be bought for £3.50 from any Sheffield library.

Once your child has a passport, sign the consent form inside and bring it along to your next session. Please post it in the beaver, cub or scouts box located in The Den (i.e. the room just after the kitchen as you enter our Wadsley Scout HQ). We will return all passports to you shortly after we have received them.

Each time your child attends a session, we will keep a record alongside the weekly register and let the Children's University know how many hours are attended each term. Credits will start from the term we receive the Passport to Learning and are not backdated so please ensure you give it to us as soon as it is signed. If your child's school is also a member, these credits will be added to any out-of-school learning and count towards an award.

In addition, please ensure you get your Passport to Learning stamped for each session your child attends. Please fill in the date, hours and activity then meet volunteers in the kitchen five minutes before the session ends to obtain your stamp. If the passport isn't brought on the night it may be stamped at the following meeting but after this the stamps cannot be backdated.

## More information

To find out more visit <u>www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/universities/sheffield-childrens-university</u> or contact Kath via treasurer@150th.org.uk.