

East London Children's University™ e-zine issue 4: Winter 2015

We have had an exciting 7 weeks, celebrating our very first graduation ceremony and expanding East London Children's University into Barking and Dagenham and Waltham Forest. We are busily preparing for our second graduation ceremony!

We also welcome the London Lions Basketball Team to East London CU, keep updated with their latest games and watch out for special offers for CU passport holders.

We continue to enjoy reading your comments on your experiences and seeing your photographs, please keep us updated with all the fun things you get up to by emailing us at jessica.worf@15billionebp.org or tweeting us @Newham_CU.



The Children's University Winter Challenge 2015



Spotlight On..... Ho! Ho! Ho! Will you take on our festive Christmas Challenge?

Whether you feel like writing, baking, singing or crafting this Christmas, you'll find loads to do with this activity! Merry Christmas!

Activities can be completed at home, and stamps can be collected from your Local School Coordinator (remember to take your evidence).

Details of the activities can be found on page 2 and also by following this link -

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/27720/cu-christmas-challenge-2015.pdf

Business Champions

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank our Business Champions



The Children's University Christmas Challenge 2015

Remember to ask permission from an adult before starting an activity.

1	Read <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> and write a Christmas poem and decorate the page	2	Learn a new Christmas Carol and sing it for us	3	Make your own wrapping paper and labels
4	Look up 5 facts about reindeer and use them to make a poster	5	Find information about the WW1 Christmas Day truce (football game) and write a summary	6	Make a Christmas ornament/decoration
7	Find out who is present in a 'Nativity' scene and draw it or recreate it with dressed up toys or family members	8	Create a Christmas pop-up card	9	Bake mince pies or biscuits for Father Christmas. Write out your recipe and how you made them.
10	Research how another country celebrates Christmas	11	Watch a Christmas film and write a film review	12	Make a calendar for 2016, featuring key dates

You'll earn 1 hour of CU Learning in your *Passport To Learning* for each activity that you complete.

Please note that, if your local CU has its own Christmas Challenge, you can only earn hours for taking part in one of the Challenges (i.e. this one or the local one), rather than both.

Remember that your school teacher (or your local Children's University Manager if you have an individual membership) will need some evidence that you have completed these activities.



Learning Destinations

What's going on in the holidays...

London Lions Basketball Team.

We are delighted to welcome the London Lions Basketball Team as our latest Learning Destination. Based in the Copper Box in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the London Lions is your local basketball team!

The London Lions have an amazing offer for all Children's University passport holders.



Did you know London has a Professional Basketball Team?

SPECIAL OFFER: £5 December Tickets!

The London Lions are based at the state-of-the-art Copper Box Arena in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Games are action packed and a great night out! East London Children's University are proud to partner with the Lions which allows all our students and parents to get discounted tickets to games!

The Lions December games are as follows:

- BBL CHAMPIONSHIP - London Lions Vs Glasgow Rocks
- Sunday 20TH December, 4.00pm tip off (doors open at 3.00pm)

Tickets on Ticketmaster retail at £19.50. We have a one-time special offer for you at just £5 each!!

To book your £5 ticket please copy past and click this link: <http://bit.ly/1N6du5w>

Copper Box Arena: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park,
Stratford, London E20 3HB

Website: www.londonlionsbasketball.com

THE Crystal

A Sustainable Cities Initiative
by Siemens

Come and visit the Crystal, earn CU stamps by visiting the Crystal this Autumn. Find out about sustainability and how you can make a difference to your environment.

Over the festive period, you will get the chance to make Christmas craft.

Normal admission prices apply but activities are free, either prebook a place by emailing

SRECrystalReception.gb@siemens.com or turn up on the day! For more information and for dates visit **www.thecrystal.org**

Address: One Siemens Brothers Way, Royal Victoria Docks, London, E16 1GB



Forestry Commission

Take a visit to your local woods/forest. It is a working forest, growing trees for timber. It also provides a great place for people to enjoy and a home for lots of wildlife:

- Download and fill in the activity sheet below as you walk around and enjoy the forest.
- Learn how a well-managed forest works, and how it can be so much more than simply a place to grow trees.

Tip: Before you set off, have a quick look through these sheets, so you will know what you are looking out for. You might also find a small collecting bag is handy. Download available here: http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/334778/children_s_uni_activity_sheet_v9.pdf



Forestry Commission



Roosterbank Rookie Money Matters

Whether you are The Queen, a butcher, rock star or football player, everyone has to manage money on a daily basis. Having some money know how, understanding the importance of saving and being savvy with your cash is really important.

There are two modules in the series, designed to help you prove you know about Money Matters.

http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/12898/141111_roosterbank-rookie-module-optimised.pdf



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Code Kingdoms

Code Kingdoms allows children aged 6 to 13 to learn computational thinking alongside a real coding language, whilst promoting essential skills like problem-solving, teamwork and time management. As their skills in coding and computational thinking develop, so does their ability to create challenging and exciting puzzles.

Each Puzzle Pack is worth 1 hour of CU learning and more packs will be added here as they are made available.

Packs can be downloaded here - http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/16854/code_kingdoms_puzzle_pack_1_kids.pdf and http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/16855/code_kingdoms_puzzle_pack_2_kids.pdf

Code Kingdoms - Invitation for 10-16 year olds in London

We're looking for a group of 10-16 year olds to learn to code and test our products at CK HQ on a weekly basis. Would your students / daughter / son like to become a CK Adviser?



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Benefits of being a CK Adviser:

- Learn to code with real developers and games designers (CK staff)
- Free subscription to CK for Modding for regular attendees (worth £34.99)
- Test the latest (and top secret!) Code Kingdoms games and features
- Help shape Code Kingdoms' latest products with feedback and ideas

Requirements - You are eligible to be a CK Adviser if you:

- are between 10 and 16 years old
- can attend weekly workshops at CK HQ (near Liverpool St, London)
- can attend with your own laptop and Minecraft account
- can talk to us and others your age about your ideas
- You don't need to have ever coded before - we can teach you that!

Extra information

We'll be hosting weekly workshops for our advisers to learn to code with us at Code Kingdoms. As well as coding for a living, our developers have years of experience teaching in classrooms and Code Clubs. (We also have a former teacher on the team!)

CK Advisers will learn to write programs in real programming languages (JavaScript and Java) for the BBC micro:bit and Minecraft. Their feedback will help us make the best software for 10-16 year olds around the world.

We'll help improve their team working skills, digital creativity and speaking confidence through projects based on the Computing at Schools Progressions Pathways.

Dates: 5-6.30pm Thursdays, at our offices near Liverpool Street (we'll send you further details when you register)

Register to be a CK Adviser

If you'd like to register or have any questions drop us an email: team@codekingdoms.com



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Active Newham have arranged a fabulous programme of environmental, fun and sporting activities for you and your family to try out over the school holidays.

Would you like to try out nature activities, gardening, social bowls, football, tennis, wildlife adventures, athletics or would you like to explore your local area? Families are encouraged to join in together, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

All Active Newham activities are CU accredited, to see the vast range of wonderful activities on offer please visit: http://www.activenewham.org.uk/whats_on



Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Come and join us at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park this Autumn, we have a wide range of activities to suit everyone!



ArcelorMittal Orbit

Visit the ArcelorMittal Orbit over the festive period and receive a free child entry for every paying adult,

Festive Fun Park Run

Come and join us on the Park this Christmas for this all-ability festive run!

- Open to all ages and abilities - no previous experience necessary
- Two races: 2k and 5k
- Starts at 10am at the Timber Lodge Cafe with registration from 9.30am
- £5 entry for adults, £3 for children under 12 (two children run free with every adult)
- Goody bag and medal given to all finishers!
- Dress code: Festive!
- Please be aware that there will be no parking available for this event at any of our venues on the Park
- Parking will be available at Here East and Westfield Stratford City
- Please be aware that Stratford Tube Station is served by several different lines including Central, Circle Jubilee and London Overground . You can visit our 'Getting Here' page for more information

Register by calling 0300 124 0123 or find out more by emailing cnourrice@englandathletics.org



Festive Fun Run

(2k & 5k)

ACTIVE PEOPLE
ACTIVE PARK



Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
Saturday 19 December 2015

Open to all ages and abilities – no previous experience necessary

Registration 9.30am at the Timber Lodge • Start 10am

£5 Adult • £3 Children under 12 • 2 Children run free with every adult

Goody bag and medal given to all finishers!

Dress Code: Festive!

Register by calling 0300 124 0123

Further information from Coral Nourrice 07718 394756 cnourrice@englandathletics.org



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Royal Gunpowder Mills

The Royal Gunpowder Mills is a great place for families and individuals to spend days out exploring the fascinating history of gunpowder, explosives and rocket propellants.

Much more than a museum, the visitor attraction also lets visitors experience first-hand some of the science behind explosives and rockets in our Mad Lab and Rocket Vault. On our Test Range you can have a go at kid's archery, try your skills on the BB airsoft rifle range, build and fire air rockets, plus race water rockets along our unique monorail track.

The Main Exhibition, Film Show and Armoury introduces visitors to the 300 year old history of the Royal Gunpowder Mills after which it is possible to explore more of the 170 acre site by foot, on Land Train or Military Truck. On site you are quite likely to come across a wide variety of wildlife that lives on this Secret Island being enclosed by rivers on all sides.

For more information please visit <http://www.royalgunpowdermills.com/plan-your-visit/>

Address: Royal Gunpowder Mills, Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 1JY



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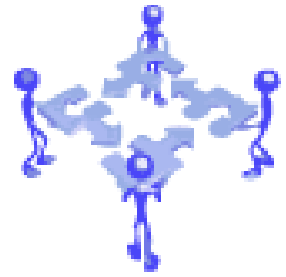
Visit one of the 115 National Trust validated learning destinations this Winter. With exciting and interesting places to visit across the UK, visit our website - <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/> for a list of the local and national ideas for great days out!



Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre
Albert Road, North Woolwich, London, E16 2JB

Contact Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre to find out about their half term activities and holiday club.

Telephone - 020 7476 1666.



Imperial War Museum

Take part in our free family activities, suitable for all ages with parental supervision. Supported by the Clore Duffield Foundation. Visit www.iwm.org.uk.



Free Exhibitions and Galleries

First World War Galleries - In the First World War Galleries, visitors can discover the story of the war through the eyes of people in Britain and its empire, both on the home front and the fighting fronts. A series of special family captions are accessible for younger visitors, telling the story of Alfie Knight a nine year old boy.

A Family in Wartime - Explore the lives of William and Alice Allpress and their ten children and what life in London was like during the Second World War.

Secret War - Reveals the work of Britain's Special Forces.

The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes - 270 personal stories of bravery.

HMS Belfast - As part of a season of new art across IWM

London and HMS Belfast, families can take part in a series of exciting adventures and activities on board the ship. Visit www.iwm.org.uk for more information, admission charges apply.

Museum of London

Discover the history of London and its people. Complete the Family Trail to take you around the Museum of London highlighting some of London's most exciting times.

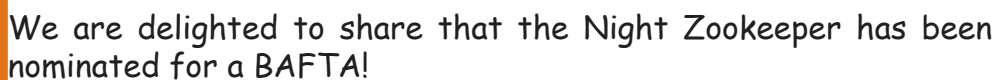


Family Trail resource available here:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/media/326950/museum_of_london_-_activity_sheet.pdf

Information on half term activities are available on the website:

www.museumoflondon.org.uk



Here is your chance to participate in a BAFTA nominated Learning Destination. The NightZookeeper have launched a partnership with the 100 Word Challenge. A National, weekly writing competi-

From September children can log on to NightZookeeper.com and enter for free.

Sign up for your interest here: <https://www.nightzookeeper.com/100wc.html>

Night Zookeeper will award passport badges for anyone that is chosen in her weekly showcase!



East London Performers Academy

Come and join our drama, dance and singing club.

Little ELPA

Saturdays 10 - 11.30am

Drama, Dance and Singing club. We understand that for some children the idea of spending 3 hours at a club can be a daunting one. Which is why we have decided to set up 'Little ELPA'. There are three spaces left. These 90 minute classes will run every Saturday (Term time) aimed at 4-6 yr olds. Cost is £28 every 4 week. Park Primary School, Mathew Park Avenue, E15 4AE

No experience necessary, please wear comfy clothing you can move around in & bring some water. The term ends with a special performance for the parents.

Main Academy - Drama, Dance and Singing.

Saturdays 9.45 - 1pm

Our flagship performing arts session aimed at building confidence and teaching life skills. Cost is £200 for the term (5th September - 19th Dec). Monthly fee structure also available. Park Primary School, Mathews Park Avenue, E15 4AE. Children age 6-16. Children are split into groups based on age. No experience necessary, please wear comfy clothing you can move around in & bring some water & a light snack. The term ends with a special performance for the parents.



East London Performers Academy

Come and join our drama, dance and singing club.

ELPA Dance Company

Tuesdays 4.45 - 6.15pm

If dancing is your one true passion then this is for you. This session will be for children 7-16yrs old. We will cover many dance styles including Commercial, Jazz, Contemporary & Street Dance. One of the main elements of this dance company will be to represent the East London Performers Academy at public events and competitions. Cost is £28 every four weeks. Monthly fee structure available. • Venue to be confirmed. Will be located close to Stratford. No experience necessary but a passion for dance & performance is a must.

Ballet 4-6yr olds

Saturdays 9:15 - 9:55am

Cost is £20 every four weeks. Park Primary School, Mathews Park Avenue, E15 4AE. Children (boys and girls) aged 4-6yrs. Beginners always welcome. Ballet attire recommend but not compulsory. Children take part in our end of term performance.

Ballet 7yrs and above

Saturdays 9:15 - 9:55am

Cost is £20 every four weeks. Park Primary School, Mathews Park Avenue, E15 4AE. Children (boys and girls) aged 7 and above. Beginners always welcome. Ballet attire recommend but not compulsory. Children take part in our end of term performance.

Street Dance

Saturday's 1-2pm

Cost is £20 every four weeks
Park Primary School, Mathews Park Avenue, E15 4AE. Children age 6-16. No experience necessary, please wear comfy clothing you can move around in & bring some water. Students take part in our end of term performance.

Register online www.eastlondonperformers.com or call 07432 133 006



Passports are stamped at Guest Services. Passport holders and up to 2 accompanying adults qualify for a reduced entry fee of £25 per person. To claim the discount, bookings must be made using the phone number on the flyer. The passport will need to be shown at Admissions prior to entry. This cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer and additional child tickets are at the standard rate.

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Find out more at: www.LEGOLAND.co.uk/education

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Contact each library to see the exciting activities you can participate in this half term.



Clapton Library - Northwold Road, E5 8RA. 020 8356 2539

Dalston CLR James Library - Dalston Square, E8 3BQ, 020 8356 2539

Design and make your own Christmas Hat - Thursday 17th December 2015, 4-5pm

Children's Christmas Film Club. Free popcorn provided! Saturday 19th December, 2-4pm

Hackney Central Library - Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ, 020 8356 2569

Create a Calendar for 2016 - Celebrate the New Year by creating your very own calendar for 2016! Monday 21st December, 2-4pm

Christmas Cupcakes - Come along and design your very own Christmas Cupcake to take home and eat! Festive stories and songs too. For ages 7 up. Tuesday 22nd December 2-3.30pm

Homerton Library - Homerton High Street, E9 6AS, 020 8356 2539

Family Film Club Christmas Special - Free popcorn provided!! Children to be accompanied by an adult. Saturday 19th December 2015

Shoreditch Library - 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP. 020 8356 2539

Christmas Crafts - Make some Christmas decorations to decorate your home and Christmas tree, Saturday 19th December, 2-4pm

Christmas Extravaganza - Join us for an afternoon of festive fund. Try our treasure hunt for a chance to win a prize. Monday 21st December, 2-4pm

Stamford Hill Library - Portland Avenue, N16 6SB, 020 8356 2539

Festive Badge Making - Come and create your own festive themed badges to take home. Monday 21st December, 2-3pm.

Stoke Newington Library - Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS, 020 8356 2539

Feedback

Your feedback is very important to us, if you have any ideas for great Learning Destinations please let us know! If you have any comments, concerns or have problems getting your passport stamped, please contact Robert or Jessica on:

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