

# Newsletter

## APRIL 2021

## Emerging from UK lockdown

As we slowly and carefully emerge blinking into the light, we are aware that the past year has been incredibly difficult for everyone in our schools, in our learning destinations and at home.

Here at Children's University we have been working throughout the crisis to help children gain joy from learning, even when cooped up at home.

We have posted over 100 activities on our social media platforms. We have developed new online and physical resources.

We have delivered a remote graduation to 380 children, and virtually inducted over 300 new participants to our programme. We now have over 1000 children registered! We have also worked with partners to deliver new online after-school clubs in response to Covid.

And now we are ready to support you all as we strive to ensure our children develop a lifelong love of learning, and to revive our struggling learning destinations. The Children's University is perhaps needed now more than ever, as children have missed so much in their young lives due to the pandemic.

We're here for you; get in touch and let us know how we can help.

**Rich, Michelle and Keely**

## Welcome to Scarborough & North Yorkshire Children's University's first newsletter!

### Remote extra-curricular learning

We've been working with partners and the Opportunity Area to bring exciting, expert after-school learning into people's homes and to key workers' children in schools during lockdown.

Our friends at Creative Briefs have been beamed in their unique brand of imaginative design workshops to pupils from Braeburn School.  
[www.creativebriefs.co.uk](http://www.creativebriefs.co.uk)

The Living Seas Centre have been running their fantastic Marine Pollution Clubs for us online.  
[www.ywt.org.uk/living-seas-centre](http://www.ywt.org.uk/living-seas-centre)

Our newest learning destination, Emotion Switch have been piloting new ways to deliver their unique approach to mental wellbeing.  
[www.emotionswitch.org](http://www.emotionswitch.org)

And the Stephen Joseph Theatre have worked with us to produce a fabulous series of Creative Industries Videos for use at home or in the classroom – available free for all. Hop over to... [www.sjt.uk.com](http://www.sjt.uk.com) to see the videos and join in the fun!



# Graduation

The 2020 graduation was sadly cancelled due to the pandemic.



Instead of joining us at the Spa, each participant with over 30 verified hours received a lovely pack through the post from us containing:

- Their certificate
- An Amazon gift voucher
- A make-it-yourself mortar board hat
- Any trophies and special awards they had earned

Watch this space for more news on this year's graduation!

## REMINDERS

### Scarborough Winners of Write it Darkly!

Two CU members from Braeburn School won a regional gothic writing competition during lockdown.

Well done Jack and Tamzin.  
You can read their stories on the website [gothicky.com](http://gothicky.com)

**PASSPORT CHECKS** - we'll be doing our regular passport checks after Easter; so please ensure your passport, folder, scrap-books etc. are all clearly named and together. Thank you!

**SCHOOLS** – if you'd like us to beam into classrooms via Zoom to deliver a reminder session – just get in touch!

**LEARNING DESTINATIONS** – we'll be getting in touch to offer our support and to take you through the new revalidation process soon.



Email us if you have any questions about the Children's University – E. [childrensuniscar@hull.ac.uk](mailto:childrensuniscar@hull.ac.uk)

