

Chancellor ([Latin](#): *cancellarius*) is the head of a university. In most Commonwealth (or former Commonwealth) nations, the Chancellor is usually a titular (figurehead) non-resident head. A Chancellor is chosen as an individual who will appeal to, and provide a role model for, the various constituencies the university serves, including most obviously its students and its local, national and international stakeholders.

Local Children's Universities can (or maybe even should?) also have a Chancellor: a CU Chancellor as a role model for children, parents or staff - a figurehead who appeals to and influences a range of communities, including education, business and political.

The duties of the Chancellor include:

- Ceremonial - at graduations, receptions for example
- Pastoral - an affection for and interest in students and staff
- Scholarly - a commitment to the world of learning, teaching and 'culture'
- Ambassadorial - carrying the university banner at home and abroad

A CU Chancellor can be expected to attend 'Graduation ceremonies' and 'Award evenings'. S/he should be able to identify with the local (learning) community and strengthen partnerships (or win-winships), particularly between the local Children's University and Higher and Further Education Institutions as well as the worlds of business, commerce and (local) politics. The local CU Chancellor should be proud to wear the 'CU badge'.

The Chancellor's most public role is, of course, conferring degrees at university ceremonies, but duties can be as varied as the postholder likes. They can involve attending other university events with staff and students, or being an ambassador for the university and its community.

Apart from the ambassadorial aspect of the role, a CU Chancellor can use her/his position and influence to enhance the sustainability of the local Children's University by facilitating introductions, brokering new partnerships and meeting with the local CU Manager to assist in meeting the local targets. The CU Chancellor can play a lead role in engaging the local and wider communities in terms of active engagement and participation, be this schools, parents, the local media, volunteers, businesses, charities, Further and Higher Education or clubs. The local CU Chancellor represents the ethos and principles of both the local CU and the CU Trust.

The Chancellor is appointed by the university on the recommendation of, among others, the academic and general governing bodies. The Chancellor is appointed for a fixed term period, which is renewable.

The choice of the local CU Chancellor should reflect the local CU needs and plans for the duration of the term of office. The term of office is determined locally but should typically be in the region of 3 years (and can be renewed where appropriate). The local CU Chancellor is appointed locally through the local CU's management arrangement - the CU Trust is notified of the appointment. A wider network of CU Chancellors may develop over time.

Patron ([Latin](#): *patronus*) defender, protector, advocate. Meaning "one who advances the cause".

Local Children's Universities can also have Patrons: a figurehead who locally advances the cause through good-will, influence and brokerage.

Patrons can influence politically, financially as well as in certain curriculum and learning areas, such as museums, galleries, Further and Higher Education Institutions. Patrons can by name and nature raise the profile of the Children's University in their own field and beyond.

CU Chancellors (so far...)

CU Trust	Michael Morpurgo	<i>Children's Author</i>
Blackpool CU	Pauline Waterhouse	<i>Principal and Chief Executive Blackpool and The Fylde College</i>
Bolton CU	Rob Campbell	<i>Pro Vice Chancellor The University of Bolton</i>
Bradford and District CU	Sandy Needham	<i>Chief Executive Officer Bradford Chamber of Commerce</i>
Cambridge and Cambridgeshire CUs	Professor John MacBeath	<i>Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge</i>
Chesterfield CU	Toby Perkins MP	<i>Chesterfield CU Vice-Chancellor Member of Parliament, Chesterfield</i>
Derby CU	Leon Taylor	<i>Paralympian</i>
Devon CU	Iain Stewart	<i>Professor of Geoscience Communications Plymouth University</i>
Doncaster CU	Gervase Phinn	<i>Author and Public Speaker</i>
Dorset CU	Michael Turvey	<i>Chief Executive and Town Clerk Christchurch Borough Council</i>
Durham CU	David Harker	<i>Chief Executive Durham County Cricket Club</i>
Enfield CU	Andrew Fraser	<i>Director of Schools and Children's Services London Borough of Enfield</i>
Essex CU	Les Nicoll	<i>Community Connector Essex County Fire and Rescue Service</i>
Havant CU	Ali Sparkes	<i>Children's Author</i>
Hull CU	Alan Johnson	<i>Member of Parliament Hull West and Hessle</i>
Isle of Man CU	Dr Jeremy Paul	<i>Wildlife Artist</i>
Kent CU	Debi Hayes	<i>Director - Partnership Division University of Greenwich</i>
Kirklees CU	Jim Reid	<i>Senior Lecturer in Childhood Studies University of Huddersfield</i>
Knowsley CU	Cllr Graham Wright	<i>Cabinet Member Family and Children's Services, Knowsley</i>

Leeds CU	James Milner	<i>Professional footballer for Liverpool and England</i>
Middlesbrough CU	Max Howard	<i>Consultant and Lecturer for the animation industry</i>
New Forest and Southampton	Aaron Phipps	<i>Paralympian</i>
Norfolk CU	Louis de Bernières	<i>Author and Musician</i>
Northamptonshire CU	David Laing	<i>High Sheriff of Northamptonshire Northamptonshire County Council</i>
Northern Ireland CU	Stephen Nolan	<i>Radio and Television Presenter BBC Northern Ireland</i>
Oldham CU	Shobna Gulati	<i>Actress and Writer</i>
Oxford and Bicester CUs	Hilary Lowe	<i>Assistant Dean Westminster Institute of Education, Oxford Brookes University</i>
Peterborough CU	Warwick Davis	<i>Actor</i>
Plymouth CU	Antony Jinman	<i>Polar Explorer</i>
Rotherham CU	Martin Kimber	<i>Chief Executive Rotherham MBC</i>
Sefton CU	Sir John Jones	<i>Educationalist</i>
SCE CU	Major General Christopher Callow CB OBE	<i>Retired Major General</i>
Sheffield CU	Eliot Kennedy	<i>Songwriter, Producer and Owner, Steelworks Studios</i>
Slough CU	Cllr Natasa Pantelic	<i>Cabinet Member Education and Children, Slough</i>
Somerset CU	Annie Maw	<i>High Sheriff of Somerset (2009) Somerset County Council</i>
Stoke CU	Tristram Hunt	<i>MP for Stoke-on-Trent central, historian, broadcaster and newspaper columnist</i>
Walsall CU	Nick Gillingham	<i>Double Olympic Medallist</i>
Warrington CU	Professor Steven Broomhead	<i>Professor of Entrepreneurial Education Liverpool Hope University</i>
West London CU	Professor Ian Campbell	<i>Pro-Vice Chancellor Brunel University</i>

CU Patrons (so far...)

CU Trust	Keith Bartley	<i>Educationalist</i>
CU Trust	Dr James Bradburne	<i>Direttore Generale</i> Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi (Italy)
CU Trust	Shami Chakrabarti	<i>Director</i> Liberty - The National Council for Civil Liberties
CU Trust	Lord Lingfield	<i>Pro-Chancellor</i> Brunel University
CU Trust	Lord Puttnam	<i>Film Producer and Educator</i>
CU Trust	Robert Muchamore	<i>Children's Author</i>
CU Trust	Hilary Robinson	<i>Children's Author</i>
CU Trust	Dr Tessa Stone	<i>Chief Executive</i> The Brightside Trust
CU Trust	Professor Mick Waters	<i>Educationalist</i>
CU Trust	Julian Lloyd Webber	<i>Cellist and Founder</i> In Harmony
Kent CU	Cheryl Baker	<i>Television Presenter and Singer</i>
Kent CU	Charlie O'Brien	<i>Heart FM DJ and Journalist</i>
Kent CU	Jason King	<i>CBBC Presenter, DJ and Film-maker</i>
Warrington CU	Curtis Jobling	<i>Children's Author and Illustrator</i>