

Newcastle University Library Education Outreach Learning Policy

Newcastle University Library's extensive range of information resources and unique and distinctive collections are a fantastic learning resource. Using these resources to provide engaging and impactful learning opportunities for children and young people is key to the work undertaken by Newcastle University Library's Education Outreach Team.

Our Learning Policy sets out our values and direction and is supported by a Learning Plan that links with the [University Library's Strategic Plan](#), which in turn supports the [University's vision and strategy](#).

Our Values

Our Learning policy is shaped and informed by Newcastle University's core values of Excellence, Creativity, and Impact.

Our Vision

We aspire to shape brighter futures by providing opportunities for children and young people to engage with the University Library. We aspire to widen horizons, raise aspirations, and help students make informed decisions about their futures.

Our Mission

Our mission is to use the library's vast information resources, as well as its unique and distinctive collections to provide excellent, creative, and impactful educational opportunities for children and young people.

- Excellence – We provide high quality, authentic learning experiences and resources for our audiences
- Creativity – We take a creative approach to the design and delivery our learning programmes, which aim to stimulate a creative response in those who participate in them
- Impact – We work collaboratively with our project partners and participants to deliver high quality learning programmes and resources that help young people widen their horizons, raise their aspirations, and make informed choices about their future careers

Our Aims

We aim to ensure our education offer is as widely accessible as possible by offering engaging and effective outreach activity for children and young people, including those from under-represented and disadvantaged backgrounds.

We aim to empower students to feel more confident about the transition from school to university by offering online learning resources and library visits to sixth form students and other year groups to help raise aspirations, enhance research skills, and inspire and enable them to succeed.

We aim to engage the widest possible audience with the unique material in our Special Collections and Archives through our Archives Alive Programme.

Our Audiences

We engage with primary and secondary school students, teachers and trainee teachers, home educated children and their families and further and higher education students.

Our Approach

We work collaboratively with teachers, academics, students, and external organisations to develop, deliver, and evaluate our learning programme, which includes free workshops, online resources, and project-based learning.