## **A Children's** University means

- \* Encouraging children to be curious and to think critically - the mainsprings of research and science
- \* Communicating to them the idea of universities and providing insights into academic culture as well as their role in the society at large
- \* Working with young people in such a way as to help universities to be more responsive and open
- \* Making encounters between children and "the university" (as a community of academic staff and students) possible
- \* Enthralling them with diverse scientific fields (from humanities, to social sciences and natural sciences) and with diverse scientific methods unbiased by commercial interest
- \* Giving young people an understanding of their future educational choice and options

## A Children's **University** is based on the aims of

- Providing access for all children without boundaries and on a voluntary basis
- \* Involving and providing benefit for children from disadvantaged groups (including barriers caused by social or economic, impairment, language or gender)
- Providing an atmosphere of respect without pressure to per-\* form
- \* Contributing to the enhancement of universities as concerning organisational, didactical and research development

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