



STANDARDS COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

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Rory's Welcome

There is so much tension around at the moment in the world of communities and community work that sometimes the bread and butter stuff seems a tad mundane. For the CLD Standards Council in next 6 months, notwithstanding any changes in our circumstances, we will see a national Strategy Statement for CPD, a first design of a national CPD framework, a proposal for a registration model, a challenge to the existing training courses available to CLD colleagues and inevitably the repeated assertion of the value of community based approaches to learning as building bound functionaries continue not to "get it!"



Hopefully the respect and understanding that I believe has been growing between the range of community based activists and agencies continues. Continue with the demythifying, apologies, process amongst partners and friends of community based and owned work.

We are also in the next 6 months convening about 15 occasions where we are asking what the CLD contribution to a new Learning Culture and Society might be. The clue there is that we have to ask it at all.

Keep safe and warm.
Rory

Standards Council News

We're always looking for ways to make it easier for you to let us know what you think about our work, what's going on in the sector and the wider issues affecting CLD. You can contact us through our own [website](#) by emailing us directly or leaving comments on [Rory's Blog](#); you can follow us on [Twitter](#) and now you can find us on [Facebook](#) as well!

2011 will bring many opportunities to talk to us face to face. Our first large **Conversation**, for practitioners in the West and South West of Scotland, takes place on the **25th February** at the Royal Concert Halls in Glasgow. Details of the Conversation project, including dates for the large gatherings for the East and Borders, North and Central Scotland [can be found here](#).



We have also confirmed dates for our other large gatherings: **Training the Trainers**, which is being developed in conjunction with the LTS Communities Team, will take place on the **17th May** and the **Supported Induction** event on the **18th May**.

From the Approval Committee

Iain Guthrie has been engaged to work on our **Learning and Development Pathway** and he would welcome your views to help inform further development of the project. The L&D Pathway aims to provide a clear career progression route in CLD from entry at volunteer level through to professional status.

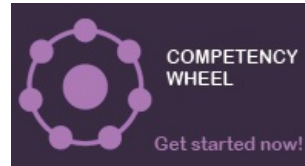
We would appreciate your input on the following areas:

- Are there gaps and barriers which exist that may prevent career progression? What are they? Do you have any ideas/solutions that may help to address them?
- Are you aware of any planned developments (local or national) that might feature as part of a career progression route in CLD? If yes, please tell us about the status and or stage of development including award level, delivery mode and target audience.



You can e-mail your response to iain.guthrie2@btinternet.com or to us at contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk

If you think a telephone conversation might be more productive, please do not hesitate to give Iain a call on 01324-831247.



LTS News

Scotland's Songs is a rich new online resource from LTS bringing together a diverse collection of traditional songs and music from across Scotland. Each song features a short introduction, with song lyrics and the musical notation for almost every tune as well as selected songs in Gaelic.



The website provides easy access to Scottish songs and music for all age groups, helping children and young people develop an understanding of themes and influences that have shaped Scotland's musical heritage.



Scotland's Stories aims to give educators and learners a small taste of Scottish storytelling with wonderful tales told by some of Scotland's finest storytellers. Learners will meet selkies and trows, Thomas the Rhymer, Ossian, Finn, Auld Cruivie and Whuppity Stoorie. Each story is beautifully illustrated with original artwork.

Events

VOICE Online training

SCDC is offering a one day open course to learn more about VOICE Online. This series of one day courses will run on:

- Tuesday 1 February 2011
- Tuesday 8 February 2011
- Friday 11 February 2011

For more information, please [click here](#).

What Should I Do Next?

YouthLink Scotland has been engaged by the CLD Standards Council to develop a Youth Work commentary for the CLD Code of Ethics.

From the CPD Committee

The redrafted **CPD Strategy** will be published early in the New Year. In the meantime, we wanted to share with you a brief report on **how and why the Strategy has changed** from the draft version published in July 2010.

You said: The vision and values reflect our needs
We have: Emphasised that message
You said: Messages are repeated too often
We have: Stated them in a clear, concise way
You said: What about the role of the employer?
We have: Clarified these roles and responsibilities

From the Registration Committee

This month, we would appreciate your input on the proposed **minimum requirement for Registration**, which is as follows:



All individuals seeking registration with the Standards Council will be required to formally commit to the following principles:

- Commitment to the values underpinning CLD
- Commitment to the Code of Ethics for CLD
- Commitment to ongoing CPD
- Commitment to practise using the CLD competences

Is there anything that should be excluded from this list?
Is there anything else that should be added?
How will we know that CLD practitioners are fully committing to these principles?
How should we record ongoing CPD?

Your views will, as ever, be very much appreciated. Please contact us on contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk

CLD News

LLUK: Relicensing announcement



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It was announced on the 9th December that the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has decided not to relicence Lifelong Learning UK in its own right. The alternative models for the workforce footprint are actively being considered. For more information, please visit the [LLUK website](#).

Upskilling Programme Headlines

The completion date for activities has been extended to the 31st of March 2011. Partnerships who have received their first payment can now send in updated spreadsheets in order to receive the second payment. Completion surveys are due in January but any early submissions are welcome. For further information on Upskilling, including news on national programmes, please visit the [dedicated section of the LLUK website](#).

CDAS: Does Scotland need a Big Society?

The note of the discussion at the CDAS November 2010 Members' Meeting, which was led by Martin Sime, Director of SCVO is [available online](#) and makes a thought provoking read.



Community Empowerment through the Recovery

CDAS has also recommended [this paper on the Big Society](#), written by Gabriel Chanan and Colin Miller of PACES.

PACES (Public Agency and Community Empowerment Strategies) was launched in April 2010 and is dedicated to deepening local democracy at a time when it is threatened by cynicism and a sense of being disempowered by forces too large to control. They work with public, private and third sector organisations to integrate the improvement of services, the empowerment of communities and the invigoration of local democracy. You can find more information, and examples of their work, [here](#).

Scottish Youth Parliament elections

The New Year will bring us the Scottish elections and young people can get involved by engaging with the Scottish Youth Parliament elections which happen in March. There is still time to become a candidate – nominations close in January – you can find [more information here](#).

Ted Milburn Online!

There is now a dedicated [Ted Milburn page](#) on the Strathclyde University website



Christmas Crackers!

And finally, for some festive cheer...



- Astriking and timely

As part of this process, YouthLink Scotland is running a series of free seminars for practitioners on these dates:

- 12th January: Glasgow Renfield Centre, Bath Street
- 13th January: Perth Ramada Jarvis, West Mill Street
- 18th January: Edinburgh YouthLink Scotland offices, Rosebery House, Haymarket Terrace

For more information, [please click here](#).

SCQF Workshops

LLUK has commissioned the SCQF Partnership to run training sessions for CLD practitioners on how the SCQF might be used in community learning and development. The sessions will take place on:

- 20th January: Glasgow
- 21st February: Edinburgh
- 17th March: Aberdeen

Places are limited so please book early. For more information, [please click here](#).

Poem of the month

Stealing Carol Ann Duffy

The most unusual thing I ever stole?
Asnowman.

Midnight. He looked magnificent; a tall, white mute beneath the winter moon. I wanted him, a mate with a mind as cold as the slice of ice within my own brain. I started with the head.

Better off dead than giving in, not taking what you want. He weighed a ton; his torso, frozen stiff, hugged to my chest, a fierce chill piercing my gut. Part of the thrill was knowing that children would cry in the morning. Life's tough.

Sometimes I steal things I don't need. I joy-ride cars to nowhere, break into houses just to have a look. I'm a mucky ghost, leave a mess, maybe pinch a camera. I watch my gloved hand twisting the doorknob. A stranger's bedroom. Mirrors. I sigh like this - Aah. It took some time. Reassembled in the yard, he didn't look the same. I took a run and booted him. Again. Again. My breath ripped out in rags. It seems daft now. Then I was standing alone among lumps of snow, sick of the world.

Boredom. Mostly I'm so bored I could eat myself. One time, I stole a guitar and thought I might learn to play. I nicked a bust of Shakespeare once, flogged it, but the snowman was the strangest. You don't understand a word I'm saying, do you?

- campaign from the [new economics foundation](#)
- An impressive [use of YouTube](#), recommended to us by Thinktastic
 - [A cautionary tale](#) from Dunfermline, recommended by our resident Fifer

