



News from the CLD Standards Council for Scotland

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Welcome from Rory MacLeod

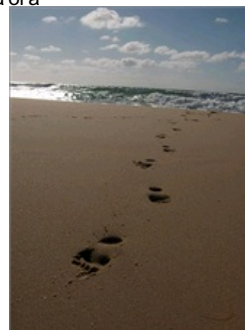
We are addressing some challenging issues right now - registration, a debate around ethics, new guidelines for training courses, a toolkit for the refreshed competences and a developing strategy statement for CPD...

So some big statements and hurdles ahead... and if we keep an eye on the developing debates around civil society, the impact of the social enterprise approaches that are growing and consider the concerns surrounding literacy levels, community development and a curiously understated debate surrounding a challenge of the dominant "command and control" approach to leadership in a public sector Scotland... then we can look forward to even more discussion soon... something is rumbling that will ask us to look at things differently and remind us that tinkering with an existing approach doesn't change anything...major changes in attitudes and practice is required too...



Walkabout

Congratulations to Ted Milburn and the committee for both the first lecture and the whole idea of a scholarship. [read on](#)
As reported in previous newsletters, we are pursuing a voluntary model of registration under which workers, managers, training providers and others involved in CLD will be able to register with us in various categories. Regardless of the category, a core element will be commitment to a Code of Ethics. We hope that this Code will also help to inform others in related fields of practice.



We will be launching an online consultation in March. To complement this, we are holding a number of events across Scotland. These events are aimed at qualified or experienced CLD workers in all strands of work, at all levels, including managers and volunteers, and in all partner organisations.

Five of the events are geographical and three are aimed at specialists from the three strands of CLD.

The geographical meetings are as follows:

9.30am-12.30pm	Wednesday, 24 March	The Tolbooth, Stirling
9.30am-12.30pm	Friday, 26 March	Dundee Contemporary Arts
1 pm-4pm	Wednesday, 7 April	Urquhart House, Inverness
1 pm-4pm	Monday, 12 April	Atlantic Quay, Glasgow
1 pm-4pm	Friday, 16 April	Thistle House, Edinburgh

The themed events are:

Youth Work Specialism
1pm – 4pm Wednesday **31st March** Thistle House, **Edinburgh**

Adult Learning Specialism
1pm – 4pm Friday **9th April** Thistle House, **Edinburgh**

Community Development Specialism
1pm – 4pm Wednesday **14th April** Atlantic Quay, **Glasgow**

Places are limited, must be booked in advance and are subject to confirmation.

Please contact Kirsty Home (Tel: 0300 244 1373, Email: contactclcd@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) to register an interest, giving name(s), job title(s), organisation(s), email address(es) and phone number(s) of those involved.

The Commitments



Before the roll-out of the refreshed



Competences begins in the Spring, we thought we would give them a wee makeover! The practitioner guides will be arriving with partnerships, training providers and online soon.

A Matter of Life and Death

The 10th of February found Rory MacLeod speaking at a CLD and Sustainable Development event in Stirling, alongside Morag Watson of Scottish Natural Heritage. Rory returned to us refreshed and incredibly impressed with the work already being delivered in the field by Sustainable Development practitioners.



It is increasingly the case that CLD workers need to be aware of the Sustainable agenda and this is an ideal time to get yourselves ahead of the game and share best practice. Some interesting starting points:

- [Going Carbon Neutral Stirling](#)
- [Forward Scotland](#)
- [Transition Scotland](#)
- [Scottish Natural Heritage](#)

A Man for All Seasons

Rory MacLeod reports on the inaugural Ted Milburn lecture, which was attended by over 90 supporters in Rutherglen Town Hall on the 16th February.



“We were introduced first to the idea of supporting a scholarship for training in our work – an excellent idea and in the name of a great CLD champion. The key event, a paper by Ted himself, took us through some of the key moments in his career, emphasising the role that others had on influencing that career – a point to note for all.

“In his own gentle but firm manner, Ted challenged the audience to reflect on the roles we fulfil now - are they the right ones for youth work, community work...? Do we have the right champions in the right places? Are we policy chasing, budget burbling or surviving on this years policy push? Who has the responsibility to remind us of why we do this work, why we are good at it and why we need to find a lexicon that is convincing to others without compromise? Tough questions but ones in need of answers”

A scholarship committee has been established at Strathclyde University, if you want to find out more click [here](#)

Great Expectations

Bob Waddell has been appointed as a Development Officer for the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Upskilling Programme which Lifelong Learning UK Scotland is delivering on behalf on the Scottish Government.



Grants have now been allocated to all CLD Partnerships across Scotland. The grants are being used by the partnerships to produce their local workforce development strategies and widen Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities.

Bob will support CLD Partnerships in identifying and commissioning appropriate training. For further information about this project, please contact the Programme Manager, Moira Stewart by email at moirastewart@luk.org or on 0131 221 7912.

Life is Sweet

As part of a University of Stirling initiative, the Stirling Institute of Education is offering a number of fully funded Postgraduate Research Studentships commencing in Session 2010-11 for students undertaking research leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).



This is an incredible opportunity - applications are invited for fully funded full-time PhD studentships in any of the following areas

- Curriculum and pedagogy
- Professional education/learning
- Early years education
- The theory and philosophy of education
- Educational inclusion

For more information on the studentships and the University of Stirling, please visit [this website](#).

For all enquiries, please contact ioe@stir.ac.uk

Local Hero

New on our [website](#) this month you will find a provocative essay by Fraser Patrick on community/learning. He suggests that now might be the time to undertake a 'reappraisal of some foundational matters... The purpose of community learning needs to be restated.' Read, reflect and let us know what you think...



An Education



It's Never too Late, a new STV programme sponsored by The Big Plus, made its debut on the 18th February.

Presented by well-known broadcaster and journalist Tam Cowan, the new series brings together six Scots with literacy or numeracy difficulties, and sets them on a journey of learning and discovery.

Viewers will follow the ups and downs of the participants as they attempt to overcome the literacy and numeracy issues that impact on their everyday lives, with guidance and support from a range of professionals.

Determined to make positive changes to their work and home lives, each of the participants - Garry, Amanda, Colin, Ryan, Kevin and Vi - take on a task designed to challenge their individual difficulties, such as writing a short story, timing and preparing a family meal, reading mail and dealing with paperwork.

Over six inspiring episodes, Tam follows their progress as they tackle their issues head on to change their lives forever, before bringing the group back together in the final episode to reflect on their journeys. He says: "I'm thrilled to present this inspirational new series for STV, which is quite a different project for me. I think this programme has been a truly rewarding experience for everyone involved, and hopefully one that will reach out to viewers and encourage them to tackle their own issues".

The programme airs on STV every Thursday at 7.30pm; it is also available through the [STV player](#)

In the Loop

The Executive Committee of the Standards Council met for the last time this cycle on the 3rd February in Glasgow. A packed agenda covered:

- the impact of volunteers and the Standards Council;
- the roll-out of the refreshed Competences;
- updates from the other three committees;
- the progress of the Upskilling project, and
- a robust debate on a draft model of Registration.

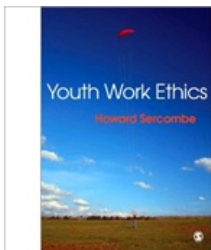


Restless Natives

It's a hive of activity here at the moment as we prepare for the second meeting of the full Standards Council. As well as hearing updates from our committee chairs – Garry Cameron (Approval), Gillian Lithgow (CPD) and Richard Hardie (Registration) – we will of course hear from Duncan Simpson, Chair of the Standards Council. Duncan will reflect on our progress so far and discuss the key question – where next?

The meeting has an Ethics focus – very much our Spring focus indoors and out – and we are lucky to have secured Professor Gordon Kirk to speak to us in the morning session. The afternoon will be led by our own Howard Sercombe, whose

expertise in Youth Work Ethics is highly regarded here and in his native Australia. Indeed **The Long Good (Thursday and Friday)** which is available [here](#).



THE GATHERING 2010
get involved!



The Gathering 2010 saw two interesting launches: the Voluntary Sector manifesto and the Get Involved campaign.

The manifesto – [Doing Things Differently](#) – outlines the importance of the Third Sector to Scotland and sets out where government intervention would enable the sector to play an even greater role.

The mission of the Get Involved campaign is to inspire more people to stand up for what they believe in and to become involved with issues and causes in more ways.

The Get Involved website will bring together organisations and individuals, making it easier for individuals to find and get in touch with organisations, and keep up-to-date with the latest events, campaigns and volunteering opportunities.

[Get Involved here!](#)

In This World

Conference: Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe through Education for Democratic Citizenship / Human Rights Education

3rd and 4th March 2010, Glasgow

Organised by BEMS (Black and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland) and DARE (Democracy and Human Rights Education in Adult Learning), the conference programme consists of country reports and case studies from all over Europe to highlight the effects of poverty and social exclusion on education for democratic citizenship and human rights education - and vice versa.



If you are interested in attending, please contact Tanveer Parnez at BEMS.

SOCIETAL EXHIBITION

Hope and Glory

YouthLink Scotland Conference and Awards

18th March 2010, Glasgow

Anticipation is building for this year's YouthLink conference, where we look forward to hearing about the newest ideas and best practice in Scotland. And then, slipping into our gladrags, it's on to the National Youth Worker of the Year Awards... A chance to celebrate all of the great work and great people who are making a difference to Scotland's communities every day.



Wish You Were Here

Conference: Putting the Community Development into Community Safety
CDAS in association with Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN)

22nd March 2010, Renfield Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP

Much good work has been done to build community safety partnerships and community engagement in safety issues. But can community development make a more fundamental contribution to enhancing people's safety and perceptions of safety? This conference looks at how we can foster the ability of communities to:

- Help people to look out for each other and their safety
- Tackle problems that lie at the root of disorder and other threats to safety
- Reach out to and integrate vulnerable groups
- Have the confidence to understand the safety issues that they face in an accurate and proportionate way.

To register, go [here](#)

