



## News from the CLD Standards Council for Scotland

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the first E-Newsletter from the Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland.

The CLD Standards Council is the new professional body for everyone active in community learning and development in Scotland. We have launched this regular newsletter so that you can keep in touch with what we're doing and the opportunities available to contribute.

Some of you are receiving this as you previously indicated you'd like to be kept up to date on Standards Council news. If you no longer wish to receive it, simply follow the 'Manage your email subscription' at the top of the page.

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### A note from Rory Macleod

I'm always amazed at the commitment of CLD practitioners, regardless of their role, to commit to "stuff" beyond their regular duties - do employers value that? We have had two cycles of meetings of the Registration, CPD, Approvals and Executive committees and great turnouts at them. Is there a more wide ranging and experienced group of peers meeting in Scotland? Congratulations to them if there is!!!

We are now tying down goals and themes for the next two years - sparking again, thank goodness, lively debate about registration - what, who, when...and why? CPD frameworks- will employers buy in? Is CPD linked to registration? What about resourcing it? Do I have to be called a professional? You'll find more details on key tasks below, and the work plan will be on our website shortly.

And finally a massive acknowledgement for the work done by Peggy Macnab who has been our approvals officer (CeVe before that) for 5 years, but whose secondment from Highland Council has come to an end. The impact she made in modernising the approvals process is difficult to measure - maybe the fact that we have the biggest number of requests for professional approval ever is an indicator?



### Ensuring the voices of volunteers are heard in all debates

Apriority for us will be a series of dialogues with volunteers to see where they are in the training world - needs, ambitions etc - are we over formalising training?

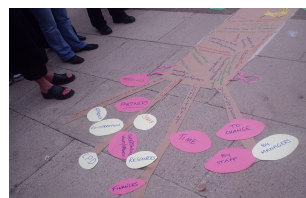
We hope that established volunteers working directly with either young people, adult learners in community based settings or active community groups will engage in these events. Watch this space for more!



### Continuing professional development for CLD

The CLD Standards Council has been asked by Learning Connections (Scottish Government) to develop a workforce strategy statement and a national CPD framework for CLD in Scotland.

The CPD committee are meeting for 2 days in November to develop a draft spine for this, and intend to consult widely with practitioners and employers after that. This is still at an early stage, but if you have any thoughts or queries, please do [contact us](#)



### CLD competences

Many of you will have participated in the events and discussions around the refresh of the [CLD competences](#) earlier this year. These have been broadly welcomed, and we are about to start work on developing materials to embed them into practice. The three main audiences for this will be:

- Practitioners
- Employers/ managers
- Training providers

We are also considering ways of using the competences to explain what we do to non-CLD audiences, for example partners in the health sector or within schools. What would you find useful in such a context? For example, do you want customisable Powerpoint presentations? Please [let us know](#) what you think would be useful



## What else is the Standards Council doing?

The CLD Standards Council is planning a wide range of events and debates over the coming 18 months. These include:

- A seminar around developing supported induction models for those taking up new posts
- A debate on ethics in CLD
- Discussing practice-based learning and placements with both employers and training providers

As well as these we are, of course, developing the three main strands of our remit:

- Approval of training programmes
- Better continuing professional development
- Registration - what might this look like for a CLD workforce?

As the detail of each of these develops, you can expect to see more about these core areas in this bulletin, and you will be the first to hear about ways of contributing to the discussions.



## CLD Standards Council website

The CLD Standards Council now has its own website where you will find up to date information about news and events relating to the Council and the wider CLD field. To see the names and roles of the 52 practitioners, employers, academics and others on the committees, [click here](#).

You can also access updates from the four standards council committees - Executive, Registration, CPD and Executive - who meet on a quarterly basis.

As well as up to date news, you can access a wide range of publications relating to CLD in Scotland via our [e-library](#).

Over the next few months we hope to make the website a lot more interactive as we continue to grow and develop. Please [email us](#) if you have any comments or suggestions.



## Recently approved courses

Rory mentions above that there are lots of training programmes seeking professional approval at the moment. We have four programmes coming before the Approval Committee in November, and recent successful approvals include:

- TQAL: [Teaching Qualification Adult Literacies](#), offered via a consortium of universities and FE - approved under CPD guidelines
- YMCA George Williams College - [BA\(Hons\)/BA in Informal Education \(Youth Work and Community Learning and Development\)](#) and [Certificate in Supervision Studies](#)
- Adam Smith College - [Working with Communities Programme](#) which includes courses at a range of levels

~~We have removed~~ Indeed - [BA\(Hons\) in Community Learning and Development](#)

The CLD Standards Council team, along with the rest of Learning Connections, has recently moved office and is now based in the Scottish Government building at 5 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow.

You can email us at the same address as before ([contact@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:contact@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) but we have a new telephone number. To contact the team, tel: 0300 244 1369.

We look forward to hearing from you on any of the topics mentioned above,

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