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Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant

"Attempting to capture any calm in the rumoured chaos ahead is like herding flies so adopting the "stay with the big plan" approach levels the sanity thing but frankly doesn't put a dent in a current climate that seems to wrestle with a reality that no one can give us an accurate picture of.

So many phrases including "time of opportunity, new challenges and potential" etc will pepper the rhetoric and we will see what we will see...like flared jeans, these will come around again...

Meanwhile our, admittedly sometimes (thank goodness) contentious plans to develop a model that can support the CLD profession wherever it can be found to be practised roll on with the support of the 50+ members of our advisory groups and many others now throwing in ideas.

Good debate- competences and/or occupational standards, skills and/or capabilities...what are any of these? Ethics- don't like these..? In their place....? Don't know...values before standards? Are values too flimsy? Give me standards...tell me how good you are at it...

Please take time to comment on our [Strategy Statement for CPD](#)... something we should have enjoyed 20 years since...stating the blinding obvious some say, but we need the basis on which to build in this top down world we survive in.

We are starting a blog too....I hope you will take time to [chip in to it](#)..."

Rory Macleod

Talk is by far the most accessible of pleasures...

Standards Council News



We are delighted to unveil our new online look - as ever, we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback!

We are not the only ones undergoing a makeover...



Our colleagues at LTS will be launching their new look website in August - you can have a sneak preview [here](#).

On our new site you will find our [CPD Strategy consultation](#), where you can contribute to the development of this essential issue for our sector.

You will also find a dedicated Competences section which will host our new 'How To' guides when they are published in early September - resources will include booklets, cartoons, challenging questions and an adaptable presentation.



Last but not least, now our Code of Ethics for Community Learning and Development has been published, we have relaunched our [consultation site](#) so you can leave comments and offer us feedback on how you have used the Code in practice.

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CLD Sector News

LTS Communities Team

Now that they have settled into their new home, the Communities team – formerly Learning Connections – have sent out a briefing to explain who they are, what they do and how to stay in touch with them. You can read about the new team [here](#).

Scottish Government Learning Communities Team

There is also a new team representing CLD in Scottish Government – the Learning Communities Team. Read more about them [here](#).

WALT Challenge Fund wiki

The [WALT Challenge fund wiki website](#) was set up to help disseminate some of the interim findings and resources developed so far by the Working and Learning Together (WALT) Challenge fund projects.

The purpose of the Challenge Fund is to support CLD partnerships to address national challenges for CLD through developing and modelling local solutions. This fund supports partnerships in addressing national challenges for CLD through developing and modelling local solutions.

SCVO – Future Jobs: Future Communities

Communities are benefiting from a [pioneering employment initiative](#) delivered by the voluntary sector in Scotland according to new research launched on 30 June 2010 by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).

'Future Jobs: Future Communities' provides a snap shot of the impact of over 1,300 jobs created by the Third Sector Consortium which helps deliver the Future Jobs Fund in Scotland.



ARIGHT blether is a creative, exciting national consultation with children and young people to ensure their opinions are heard on the issues that affect their lives.

Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, is spending 2010 visiting different parts of the country to meet and have a blether with thousands of children and young people about their rights. He's already visited the Highland Youth Voice Conference and the Scottish Youth Parliament - to find out where else he'll be, visit the [What's Going On pages](#) of the RIGHT blether website.

Why all this blethering now? 2010 marks the 21st birthday of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. A wide range of resources and ideas for workshops, lessons and celebrations are available on the [RIGHT blether website](#), along with ways that adults can show their support.

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Resources

[Engage: Log on to Learn About Your Area](#)

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's online resource '[Engage](#)' features 2000 organisations and invaluable information on the size, scope and contribution groups make to communities across the city. It is managed by Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS).

[New SCDC training services brochure available online](#)

[A minimum income standard for the UK in 2010: Joseph Rowntree Foundation report](#)

JRF's annual update, based on what members of the public think people need to achieve a socially acceptable standard of living.

The study reveals:

- What different family types need to earn to meet the minimum income standard.

- How much the cost of a minimum household budget has risen over the last decade and since the recession.
- The effect of tax allowances and tax credit thresholds, and how the recent Budget announcements could affect people on low incomes.

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Events

Scottish Learning Festival 2010

Curriculum for Excellence: Enhancing Experiences, Raising Standards



Are you looking for inspiration? New ideas? An opportunity to meet with colleagues from across Scotland? Then [register today](#) for the Scottish Learning Festival!

The Standards Council will be there in partnership with YouthLink in the Exhibitor Zone, just outside the Scottish Learning Village. Come and say hello!

**Community Development – now more than ever?
Empowering communities to respond to the challenges facing public services**



*Hampden Stadium, Glasgow G42 9AY
Tuesday, 21 September 2010
10.30am (Registration 9.45) – 4pm*

For bookings please complete the electronic booking form by following [this link](#).
For any further details, please contact Peter Taylor, CDAS: peter@pdtaylor.com (0141 586 7588)

Youth Work Week Conference & YouthLink Scotland AGM



Wednesday 3 November 2010

The national Youth Work Week Conference and YouthLink Scotland AGM will take place in Edinburgh on Wednesday 3 November. This conference will be a partnership event with Scottish Government, LTS, Young Scot, HME and the Scottish Youth Parliament around the theme of 'Youth Voices' which will also link into Curriculum for Excellence and pupil inclusion.

Contact: Susan Symington, Tel: 0131 313 2488

Mind the Gap: An International Conference on Youth Work and Youth Studies



*Glasgow
7th - 9th September 2010*

This [sixth international conference](#) crosses disciplinary boundaries to examine research, theories and practices that contribute to youth work and to our understandings of young people in the 21st century. The conference title, Mind the Gap, relates to many aspects of the theme of connecting research, theory and practice.

EPIC 'Voices for Change, Creating Change'

When: Friday, 3 and Monday, 6 September 2010. Day 1: 9.30am - 3.20pm, Day 2: 9.30am - 3.00pm.

Where: Thurso, The Weigh Inn

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Where: The Royal Highland Hotel, Inverness

Do you feel that there is a need for change in the communities where we live and across Scotland in general? Have you ever had something to say on an issue but didn't know who was best to say it to? Ever wondered how decisions are made and who makes them? And do you want to join with others to work for real change in your community? If the answers are yes, then this training is for you! Find the details [here](#).

Realising Potential – Next steps for social enterprise in Scotland

Thursday 2 September 2010, 9.30am to 4.15pm (registration from 9.00am)

Organised by CEIS, in partnership with RBS, The Big Lottery, Scottish Government, Kibble, The Wise Group, HIE and Lanarkshire Enterprise Services, this year's Scottish social enterprise annual conference will bring together social enterprise leaders, practitioners, supporters and policymakers to establish a vision for social enterprise in our communities.

For further information, visit the [CEIS website](#).

Poem of the Month

Swallows Travel To And Fro

Robert Louis Stevenson

Swallows travel to and fro,
And the great winds come and go,
And the steady breezes blow,
Bearing perfume, bearing love.
Breezes hasten, swallows fly,
Towered clouds forever ply,
And at noonday, you and I
See the same sunshine above.

Dew and rain fall everywhere,
Harvests ripen, flowers are fair,
And the whole round earth is bare
To the moonshine and the sun;
And the live air, fanned with wings,
Bright with breeze and sunshine, brings
Into contact distant things,
And makes all the countries one.

Let us wander where we will,
Something kindred greets us still;
Something seen on vale or hill
Falls familiar on the heart;
So, at scent or sound or sight,
Severed souls by day and night
Tremble with the same delight -
Tremble, half the world apart.