Learning changes lives for the better

Community Learning and Development Plan 2024-2025

Community Planning Aberdeen

We are updating our strategic plan for what CLD providers should be focusing on in future. Help shape our future plans for youth work, adult learning, family learning and community development to improve wellbeing, address poverty and build community capacity through learning, participation and empowerment.

In Scotland, CLD work follows guidance for community planning partnerships, which outlines the following outcomes:

- Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
- Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities
- CLD should support 'primarily disadvantaged or vulnerable groups and individuals of all ages and to engage in learning, with a focus on bringing about change in their lives and communities



Youth Work

- Employability skills, helping young people gain skills for work
- Mental wellbeing
- Promoting and protecting children rights
- Delivering activities for young people, with a focus on priority areas
- Working with schools to support improvements related to the National Improvement Framework





Adult Learning

- Support families to raise attainment and build their capacity and resilience
- Improving the mental wellbeing of adults in the community
- Equip adult learners to meet key challenges and transitions in their lives, including digital inclusion, ESOL, literacy & numeracy
- Developing and supporting outdoor learning initiatives
- Provide accredited qualifications and progression routes

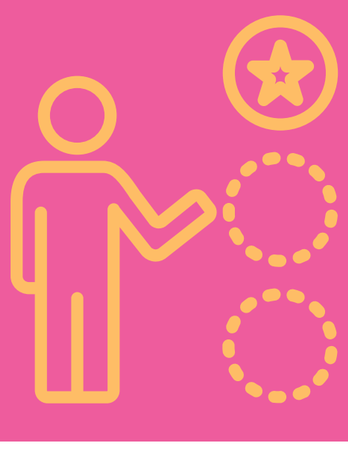
Community Development

- Build community capacity; addressing cost of living, migration, supporting young people, minority ethnic communities, and people with disabilities
- Improve support for volunteers
- Support for Social Enterprise & Community Wealth Building
- Develop Community Resilience: Harnessing community volunteering
- Ensuring community planning partners work closely with people and communities
- Support community Green Spaces and Food Projects



What's missing? - What do we need to do more of ? - How? - What do we need to do less of?

Emerging priorities



Young people: We are working on how we use information and plan together to support young people in their transition to work. We're also working on new ways to help young people in difficult situations, like through The Promise that provide extra support.

Adult learning: We're working on improving programs that help families, and how different services work more effectively to contribute to this. We're also looking at how data can show the positive effects of these programs and how they help reduce re-offending.

Strengthening communities: We're figuring out better ways to measure and show the impact of programs that help communities grow. We're also working on making sure that decisions about these programs are made with input from community members, young people, and adult learners.