

Tayside and Fife CLD Upskilling News

‘Developing a Learning Culture’

Representatives from Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross, and Fife Councils meet regularly to plan and deliver joint CPD opportunities for CLD staff across the areas.

Funding from Education Scotland’s Innovation and Improvement Fund contributed to our joint CPD programme detailed below.



Here’s what we did in 2014-2015

Policy and Principles ‘The Changing Picture of CLD’

This exciting programme was devised and delivered in partnership with University of Aberdeen.



50 practitioners, from across the 4 Local Authority areas, took part in an intense and enjoyable 3 day programme. This was followed up by 6 online lecture and participative discussion sessions. The focus was on CLD Ethics, Values and Competences into practice, and an introduction to some of the current key thinkers influencing the academic CLD field.

This is what is planned for 2015-2016

There will be a roll-out of sessions from ‘The Changing Picture of CLD’, and an opportunity for practitioners to be involved in the delivery of these sessions in their local area. This will start in February 2016.

Sessions will be available on

- CLD in the current context
- CLD Ethics and Competences
- Statistics and Stories

As well as access to online reading materials.

If you would like to be involved in co-facilitating any sessions, please get in touch with Tricia Ryan or Sue Holland-Smith.



“Attending the three day course in Dundee and taking part in the online sessions has enabled us to gain an understanding and knowledge of current policy and strategy that we would not fully have been aware of. We have returned to our teams feeling that we are giving information and providing food for thought for our colleagues.”

Understanding People and Place

‘Community Needs Assessment and Community Engagement’ Training for Trainers Programme was devised and delivered in partnership with Scottish Community Development Centre. 30 participants attended a 2 day programme in Perth and Dundee. SCDC introduced a suite of resources and training ideas on day 1. Participants then tried out resources in their own settings before returning to review them on Day 2. **These Community Needs Assessment and Community Engagement resources are now live on i-develop.** Check them out!

In parallel to this training programme, SCDC have been working on a ‘live’ Community engagement process, supporting Lochee Pathfinder stakeholders to carry out a large scale exercise, parents conducting research with parents across Dundee.

Final reporting on both projects coming shortly!

Digitally Agile Practitioners

Our second Digitally Agile conference was held in Perth in April 2015.

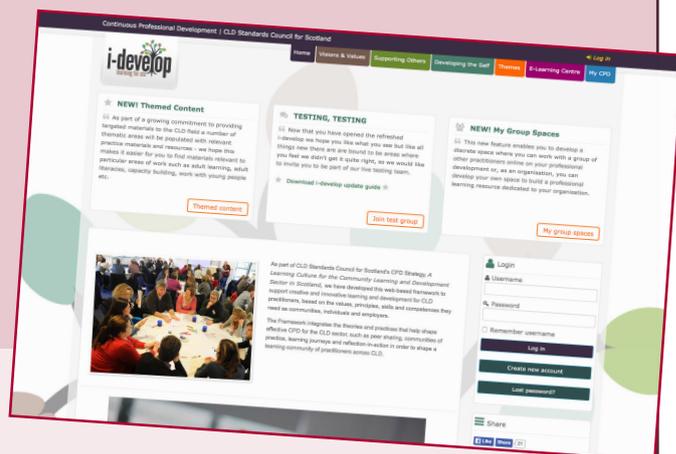
Practitioners from across all the authorities gathered for a range of interesting practice sharing workshops.

Workshops included LEAD Scotland introducing web based tools; SDS brought the My World of Work interactive resources so that everyone had the chance to get ‘hands on’ experience. IT4Work shared the work being undertaken in Dundee between Dundee City Council and DWP.

Those who used I-Pads (purchased by the Partnership) fed back about their projects and how accessing the I-Pads has helped them in developing opportunities within their area.

Thanks were also given to key note speakers Sally Dyson, SCVO and Graham Hewitson, Angus Council.

A network of colleagues involved in the implementation of the Community Empowerment Bill from across the four authorities will start to meet in December 2015. The network will enable the sharing of good practice, as well as an opportunity to plan CPD events to share knowledge and expertise more widely with other CLD colleagues across Tayside and Fife.



In 2016 we will have a virtual Digitally Agile Conference, with online workshops to take part in. A bit more ‘digitally agile’ than we used to be...

Hopefully will be a fun experience and will allow people to take part without leaving their own office!

We will be exploring ways to skill up staff to make better use of i-develop. If you are already a whizz on i-develop we want to hear from you!

In Fife there will be an ESOL tutor training initiative (November to Feb) aimed at increasing digital literacy among learners and staff, and focussing on the benefits and uses of mobile devices in the ESOL classroom. This training will be available to others across Tayside at a later date. Contact Tricia Ryan.

Building Confidence in our Youth Work Practice

This successful Youth Work Conference was held in September. 80 participants enjoyed keynote speakers Dave Beck and Morag Kerr, and took part in table discussions led by practitioners on a range of topical issues for Youth Work.

“Today has reminded me why I am a Youth Worker and given me the inspiration to be a more confident worker.”

“A reminder to re-visit my professional and personal value base and to hold this at the core of my practice!”

Family Learning

The ‘Focus on Families’ Conference was held in June, and brought together 80 participants from across Tayside and Fife. Keynote speakers from Dundee University, Education Scotland and EYC set the scene at a local, national and academic level.

Workshops shared good practice as well as lots of fun, practical ideas for people to take back to the workplace.



“Very interesting to hear all the different groups taking place over Angus, Perth and Dundee. Found networking very useful.”

“Well structured with talks and workshops. Good to meet other practitioners from across the Region and hear about their work”

The YW Conference planning group are meeting in November to re-visit the feedback from the 2015 conference and begin to plan the next one!

More details coming soon...

The Family Learning event planning group met in November to plan activities for 2016. There will be a series of exciting, half day workshops held across the Tayside and Fife area, to which practitioners from all areas are invited.

7 Habits of Successful Families

24th February
10am to 1.30pm
Lomond Centre, Glenrothes, Fife

Books for Bairns

16th May
Dundee

Focus on Dads Work

8th September
pm
Fairfield Centre, Perth

Family Cooking

25th November
Angus

Booking details to follow soon!

Accreditation and Attainment

Colleagues involved in SQA across the 4 authorities came together on 1st October for a network meeting. This is the first of what will be regular sessions to share experience and good practice in relation to the delivery of SQA awards.

Angus colleagues will lead a seminar on the Adult Achievement Awards in summer 2016, based on their current pilot project.

CLD Standards Council Members

There will be a series of events for CLDSTC members in Dundee, starting with a Members Lunch on 10th Dec.

If you are not already registered, register now, it is free to join your professional body!



Dundee CLD Staff Event, December 2014

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