

# The North Alliance meets the Northern Alliance

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# Why we developed...

- Began as mutual support, some joint working
- Teacher shortage
- Attainment Challenge, bid to develop collective expertise
- Structured approach- Directors, Heads, Officers
- Shared Post – Aberdeenshire and City

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# How we work

- Collaboration not domination
- Focus on professional practice with a focus on children, families, community
- Technology for day to day contact/ scheduling in strategic meetings
- Growing understanding of what we must do as authorities versus what can be done regionally
- Professional focus but keeping our elected members on board
- Recognise our role as leaders at authority, regional and national level



# Challenges

- Not simply a rural area! Two cities and lots of suburban contexts.
- Deprivation there, just not always so visible
- Agreed priorities were literacy, numeracy, small schools and understanding the impact of rural deprivation on attainment
- Key areas emerging are professional development, curriculum support and quality development, shared action research
- Early discussions on a governance model which would have happened anyway, despite review of governance



# CLD

- Time is right to look at linking two alliances
- Important that developments are tied into both local and national direction of travel
- Clarity required on areas of accountability –assurance, funding and resource allocation sits with the Local Authority, but development of professional practice and skills are key to regional work
- Key opportunity for CLD to articulate the role in DYW, GIRFEC and Raising attainment through adult learning, capacity building and work with young people

