**Before considering a Practice Placement Student CLD Practitioner**

This document is designed to prompt you to consider the impact that a Practice Placement Student CLD practitioner will have on your organisation and why certain criteria/guidelines are in place.

The Student CLD Practitioner will supply this document to you when they approach you to ask you to consider providing them with the placement opportunity. Please note that the Educational Provider should already have given you a copy of the full pack (INSERT NAME WHEN DECIDED) that this document forms part of. If you have not received this please get in touch at [contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk](mailto:contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk) . The (INSERT NAME WHEN DECIDED) will be used throughout the placement and forms part of the Student CLD Practitioners assessment.

Students undertaking qualifications approved through CLDSC Professional Approved Degree routes, must undertake a minimum amount of practice in order to achieve the professional qualification. This is based on the QAA Benchmarks for Youth & Community Work which advise that:

“Students have significant involvement in community and youth projects as well as in other, more formal, settings. Learning through working with experienced practitioners of youth work, community education and/or community development, as well as other professional staff, is a central feature of courses in this subject area.”

<https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmarkstatements/subject-benchmark-statement-youth-and-communitywork.pdf?sfvrsn=5e35c881_4>

Full details of the Professional Approval Standards from CLDSC can be found [HERE](http://cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/approval/professional-approval-process/).

**Flow chart of process to be added?**

* What does your organisation need to consider in advance of accepting a Student CLD Practitioner into your agency?
* Do you have a CLDSC Approved Qualification and 2 years practice experience?
* Have you completed the Online Practice Placement Supervisor Training course? (insert link?)
* What work can you make available to the Student CLD Practitioner during their placement? What time will this involve? How can you protect this time in your own calendar?
* Are you comfortable in assessing the work of the Student CLD Practitioner or do you need to seek support and guidance to complete this?
* Are you prepared to undergo Practice Supervisor Learning? (if required)
* Has your employer agreed for you to take on the responsibility of a practice placement Student CLD Practitioner?
* Do you have a clear understanding of the areas that the Student CLD Practitioner will require to be involved in?
* Are you ready to meet with the potential Student CLD Practitioner and create the working contract?
* Do you know who your contact person is at the Educational Provider throughout the placement process?

When you are ready to meet with the Student CLD Practitioner you can begin to consider information needed in the discussion to agree the Practice Placement contract – Template 4 is provided to support this process.

The Student CLD Practitioner will be required to share the contract agreed with you to their Educational Provider. They will be unable to start the placement opportunity until this is done.