

What is the CLD Standards Council for Scotland?

The Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland is the professional body for those working in community learning and development.

Background

During a period of establishment from 2007, the staff team overseen by an Interim Standards Council talked to over 1000 people from the CLD sector, completed two research projects, set the refresh of the CLD training competences in motion and made recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary, before advertising opportunities to sit on the four committees of the CLD Standards Council.

There was a strong response from the field, and we now have over 50 people sitting on the Executive, Approvals, CPD and Registration Committees.

Responsibilities

The CLD Standards Council will:

- Approve CLD training, skills and development opportunities
- Implement a system of registration for CLD practitioners
- Work with partners to develop models and standards for the delivery of continuing professional development and training
- Work with employers and partners to ensure high quality workforce development strategies, including the design of their supported induction
- Advocate on behalf of the sector on matters pertaining to registration, training courses and CPD in CLD
- Advise government with regard to registration, training courses and CPD in CLD

Objectives

- Individuals, groups and communities will be supported by reflective, competent and confident CLD practitioners (whether paid or voluntary) to achieve their goals and aspirations
- Practitioners will receive appropriate initial training and support to fulfil their roles
- Practitioners will actively and continuously develop their skills and practice
- The CLD sector will engage in a raised standard of professional debate with groups, communities and practitioners
- Employers will promote, acknowledge and value the skills, knowledge and understanding of practitioners
- The CLD sector will be widely recognised and valued amongst other professional disciplines, policy makers and the general public

The CLD Standards Council is not only for fulltime staff but for part time and voluntary staff and partners. To find out more go to www.cldstandardscouncil.org