



Skills for Learning Professionals

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LIFELONG LEARNING UK AND THE STANDARDS COUNCIL FOR CLD IN SCOTLAND SIGN UP TO PARTNERSHIP WORKING AGREEMENT

Lifelong Learning UK and the Standards Council for Community Learning and Development in Scotland have today announced they are to formally work together over the next three years. They have committed to this by signing a Memorandum of Understanding that sets out the agenda for collaboration between the two organisations over the next three years until 2011.

The memorandum provides a framework within which Lifelong Learning UK and The Standards Council for Community Learning and Development in Scotland can work in partnership. Both bodies have agreed to ensure appropriate, reciprocal representation on committees, working groups and advisory groups, thereby establishing a dynamic of mutual support.

The memorandum was signed on behalf of Lifelong Learning UK by chair Sir David Melville and chief executive David Hunter. It was signed on behalf of the Standards Council by chair Duncan Simpson and director Rory MacLeod.

David Hunter, Lifelong Learning UK Chief Executive commented:

“In signing this MOU, We have demonstrated our commitment to increase the skills of people working in the community learning and development sector. This will ensure that CLD in Scotland is well placed to meet the needs of the learners, communities and employers they serve”.

Standards Council Chair Duncan Simpson agreed:

“Through working in partnership, we can ensure that CLD continues to develop a skilled and confident workforce of the highest standard which is well motivated, flexible and dynamic, delivering high quality learning and development opportunities for participants and learners”.

Part of the Skills for Business network of 25 employer-led Sector Skills Council



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Notes for editors

- LLUK is a member of the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils. LLUK is one of 25 sector skills councils that make up the Skills for Business Network - each one is an employer-led, independent organisation.
- The Standards Council for Community Learning and Development in Scotland has been established by the Scottish Government to improve training and skills for those active in CLD practice. It has three principal strategic areas of activity.
 1. To deliver an approvals structure for professional qualifications, courses and training and development opportunities for everyone involved in CLD.
 2. To consider and establish a registration system available to practitioners delivering and active in CLD practice.
 3. To develop and establish a model of supported induction, CPD and training opportunities.
- The lifelong learning sector has more than a million employees across the UK working in community learning and development (including youth services and family education), further education, higher education, libraries, archives and information services and work-based learning.
- LLUK aims to encourage teachers, trainers, librarians and other staff to gain new skills and qualifications so that they offer a better service to young people, adult learners, employers and the wider community.
- LLUK also promotes lifelong learning as a career so that employers in the sector have less difficulty recruiting and retaining staff.
- In addition to developing sector-wide occupational standards and qualifications frameworks, LLUK also produces labour market intelligence so that lifelong learning employers can identify skills gaps and shortages among their own workforce.