

# Argyll and Bute CLD Partnership Strategy

## SUMMARY

### WHAT IS CLD?

#### CLD stands for 'Community Learning and Development'

CLD includes a huge variety of informal and formal learning, delivered locally in our communities by a wide range of agencies.

In Argyll and Bute CLD partners work together to respond to what **young people, adults and community groups** say they want to learn, and deliver it in the right places at the right times.

**CLD helps people make positive changes in their lives through learning.**



## THE STRATEGIC GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS: CLD

The Scottish Government issued the 'Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development' in June 2012. It says that CLD's specific focus should be on:

Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship; and stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

**There are also some Regulations that form the legal part of the CLD Guidance.** The Regulations have been attached to the Education Scotland Act 1980, and place legal obligations on each Education Authority.

**There are four CLD Regulations, requiring the Authority:**

### 1. TO BE CLEAR ABOUT:

- What CLD is
- Who are the priority groups within Argyll and Bute for CLD provision

### 2. TO SECURE CLD PROVISION IN THE AREA BY:

- Looking at the needs of the priority groups and individuals
- Assessing if these needs are already being met, and how well that is happening
- Identifying any barriers or reasons if needs are not being met

### 3. TO INVOLVE AND CONSULT WITH:

- CLD providers, to find out what they are already doing
- Priority groups and individuals, to find out what they need and want in Argyll and Bute

### 4. TO CREATE AND PUBLISH A THREE YEAR PLAN BY SEPTEMBER 2015

- The plan will use all of the information gathered from regulations 1, 2 and 3 to identify needs within communities and barriers that might exist. The plan will show how Argyll and Bute Council and its partners are going to work together to meet those needs and try to remove the barriers that individuals/communities face.

## HOW ARE WE CARRYING OUT THESE REGULATIONS IN ARGYLL AND BUTE?

A CLD Strategic Partnership has been formed between the key CLD providers: Argyll College; Argyll and Bute Council (Adult Learning and Literacies Service, Community Development Team, Libraries, Education Services, and Youth Services); Argyll Voluntary Action; Skills Development Scotland; Fire Scotland; Police Scotland; NHS; and JobCentre Plus.

- The partners formed relevant groupings to look at needs which had been identified through community consultations, inspection reports and Area Community Planning group discussions.
- Together they developed priority new actions to address the needs as necessary. These actions have been entered into the new Plan, with realistic targets and time-scales.
- The Plan also includes the most relevant actions from the Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement, so as to give a more rounded picture of the CLD activity in the area.

## THE NEW CLD PLAN

The new Argyll and Bute CLD Plan is an online web-based plan ([www.cldplanning.com](http://www.cldplanning.com)) that meets both the Regulations and the Guidance. The web-based plan can:

- Identify needs within a local authority area, using national and local sources of data;
- Link these to national and local policies and outcomes;
- Assess how to target resources to maximise the benefits;
- Assess current activity and plan future activity.

By doing so, this **meets Regulations 1, 2, and 3.**

The plan will, when published, be very readily accessible to the public and to partners, and, has a 'feedback' facility that they can use to contact the strategic partnership.

- By publishing the plan the partnership can share what activity is happening or planned, to meet identified need, and encourage feedback.

By doing so, this **meets Regulations 3 and 4.**

## HOW DID WE PUT THE PLAN TOGETHER?

In order to ensure these duties are met, the needs assessment, consultation, planning and monitoring requirements form a cycle that involves key Community Planning Partners and communities.





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