



Skills for Learning Professionals

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## **NEW STANDARDS BODY FOR COMMUNITY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN SCOTLAND A STEP CLOSER TO LIFELONG LEARNING SECTOR**

Lifelong Learning UK has today been recommended by the Scottish Government to act as the host of the Community, Learning and Development (CLD) Standards Council for Scotland, following today's publication of the Strategic Review of Learning Connections.

One of the review's key recommendations is for the CLD Standards Council to be transferred to Lifelong Learning UK, the Sector Skills Council for lifelong learning.

The new Council is the professional body for those working in community, learning and development in Scotland, and was set up earlier this year – a move which builds on more than a century of commitment to improving educational and development opportunities for the people of Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning UK has directed the Council to:

- Deliver a professional approvals structure for qualifications, courses and development opportunities for everyone involved in CLD;
- Consider and establish a registration system available to practitioners delivering and active in CLD practice; and
- Develop and establish a model of supported induction, CPD and training opportunities.

David Hunter, chief executive of Lifelong Learning UK, said: "I believe the Council's establishment will help spread recognition of the important role of the lifelong learning workforce in helping to build the skills, confidence and resources of communities and the individuals who live and work in them. It also gives greater focus to the contribution of practitioners themselves in driving up the standards of the profession.

“Following the outcome of the Strategic Review, Lifelong Learning UK is proud to be recommended as the initial host of the Standards Council, and I hope that this exciting development will be an exemplar for the UK.

“On behalf of Lifelong Learning UK, I wish the Council every success in what will be a period of intense work over the next few years as it moves towards becoming a fully independent body.”

The full report is available to view by clicking on [Strategic Review of Learning Connections](#) .

For more information on the new CLD Standards Council for Scotland, please visit:

[www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk](http://www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk).

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#### **About Lifelong Learning UK**

- Lifelong Learning UK is one of 25 Sector Skills Councils that make up the Skills for Business Network - each one is an employer-led, independent organisation.
- Lifelong Learning UK aims to encourage teachers, trainers, librarians, careers advisors and other staff in the lifelong learning sector to gain new skills and qualifications so that they offer a better service to young people, adult learners, employers and the wider community.
- Lifelong Learning UK 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, Lifelong Learning UK also produces labour market intelligence so that lifelong learning employers can identify skills gaps and shortages among their own workforce.
- For more information please visit **[www.lluk.org](http://www.lluk.org)**