**CLD CPD National Network Leads Meeting**

**30 April 2020**

**Video-conference**

Present: Vicky Wilson, Karen Delaney, Mark Conway, Karen McGowan, Diann Govenlock, Linda Clark, Tricia Ryan, Joan McVicar

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Apologies: Dot Grieve, Jamie Tait, Sue Briggs, Stephen Jack, Theresa Marsali, Dominique Carlisle-Kitz

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Alona welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Short updates from everyone on current situation for CLD in their area**

North

North Alliance - Very little North Alliance update as the group was due to meet last week. A new date for a virtual meeting is being established. There continues to be some difficulty between the RIC and NA – some colleagues feel there is not parity of esteem.

Moray – no service as such. Access to IT is an issue for communities.

Aberdeen – YW supporting wellbeing hubs in city. 1:1 support using social media. AL – some delivery of online courses. CD – setting up local volunteer groups across the city.

Fife & Tayside

F&TPLA - met in March. Digital skills session had been planned but had to be cancelled when lockdown started. Reps met with University of Dundee re work based route recruitment – positive meeting and have agreed plan for new intake. Self-evaluation peer learning training has been delayed – will review timescales.

Fife – emergency food hub/responses – many CLD teams involved in this. Youth Space Fife are engaging with YP re their own experiences/feelings around COVID. Using social media to communicate and share content. Trying to establish depth of reach to YP. ESOL – experimenting with different digital platforms to deliver learning. Literacy – communicating online/by phone to learners. Struggling to find an appropriate platform.

South East & Central

Consortium - Family learning event was held and hope to have a follow up later in year. Peer Evaluation project has been postponed.

East Lothian – all CLD staff have been pulled into supporting community resilience bases. The CLD delivery element is not in focus at this stage. Looking at targeting children and families for support but in the early stages of this. Platforms causing difficulties in terms of access/security.

Mid Lothian – CLD service is the focus for community resilience work, including supporting community councils to undertake activities re covid response. Working with Health and Social Care colleagues to identify people who are shielding to provide support. Humanitarian Aid Centre – coordinating FareShare food and delivery to community food banks. Ready Scotland volunteers – setting up online training for telephone befriending. Continuing to deliver other services; ALN/ESOL – being done mainly through SLACK with Zoom built in. Weekly Zoom meetings/phone calls with older learners. A community group offered an online REHIS course to community to support food distribution health and safety. Employability sub group – concerned about YP leaving school in next few weeks with no positive destination. Starting to scenario plan for when volunteers start to go back to work therefore less capacity to support.

South West

Network - 2 day coaching event for team leaders – 1st day went ahead, but 2nd day will be rescheduled.

South Ayrshire – HAC – heavy involvement. Delivering free school meals and food boxes. Some staff redeployed eg. If they are SSSC registered they may now be placed in care homes. ESOL classes online. Uptake from YP on social media platforms not particularly high. Offering funding to community groups to help buy food, petrol for deliveries etc.

West

Network update – minute of last meeting submitted by email:



South Lanarkshire – wellbeing helplines, food delivery, school hubs, media packs for internet access for families, ALN/ESOL online, YP joining in with Zoom and uptake is good. Range of themes being covered eg art, keep fit. A lot of 3rd sector partners have had staff furloughed.

**3. Short update from national organisations – Standards Council, Education Scotland**

ES CLD Staff –

Staff were assisting in Local Authority hubs before Easter.

The team has been producing information/resources for practitioners: [Wakelet Link](https://wke.lt/w/s/e3qxzG)

A National Working Group has been established to look at current issues and needs of the CLD sector and inform the Minister on CLD response/needs.

The team is linking in on some of national work being undertaken online. E.g. Awards Network.

ES HMI –

Involved in various working groups internal and external to ES.

Alona still leading up work re Frameworks – looking to get frameworks online properly rather than as PDF upload.

Family Learning report still being worked on and is taking account of current situation. Work on thinking about the longer term (e.g. 2021/22) and what CLD/Education system needs.

CLDSC –

Grant evaluations for 19/20 to be submitted as soon as practicable. CLDSC has had no update on its budget for 20/21 so no information on grants for 20/21 is available.

Please encourage practitioners to complete the [CLDSC Workforce Survey](http://cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/covid-19-survey1/) over the next 4 months.

Kirsty is working with national ESOL coordinators on the creation of a Good Practice in ESOL Volunteering. A survey for ESOL volunteers is available and would ask networks to encourage completion. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ESOLVolunteeringFramework/>

CLDSC has created guidance regarding university and college student placements <http://cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/updated-guidance/>

A weekly Members Bulletin is being issued.

Career Pathway review – still need info on what is available locally, so info to Maggie would be helpful if possible (email contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk ). Currently there is information on accredited programmes (via SCQF website) and Maggie has pulled this together. How this will be taken forward once Maggie’s contract ends is being discussed.

Ethics resource update – looking for case studies/examples of where the ethics have been used in practice. Again, contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk if you can contribute.

Virtual Meet Up – First informal practitioners’ virtual meet up to be held in a couple of weeks. Will also be looking for volunteers to be mentors to practitioners who may need support in professional learning development/verification.

Placement supervisor training – working on an outline of content on this.

**4. Discussion about professional learning needs; during lockdown, as lockdown starts to ease, in the new world we will face as we start to emerge into the new normal**

Immediate Needs

Digital skills

How to use platforms for delivery

Research on use of different platforms – which work, which don’t.

Open University – Kirsty is compiling a list of free OpenLearn professional learning courses relevant to CLD practitioners and will forward the list once it is finalised.

Mental health training

Building practitioners resilience both in regard to the impact supporting very vulnerable people can have but also in regard to feeling isolated and rapidly changing remits.

Recovery Phase

Learning opportunities for potential new volunteers in CLD – retaining the involvement of people who have come forward as a result of COVID.

Bringing CLD back into focus – for practitioners and employers

Consideration of what training will be required to support long term changes to delivery such as more blended learning (partly online, partly small group).

**5. AOCB**

It was agreed that the survey CLDSC has created for its committees regarding suitable platforms should be send to the Network Group to try to identify issues/solutions to issues raised above. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CLDCPDNetworksVCSurvey/>

**6. Review of meeting and possible date for next meeting**

Next meeting - end of May. The focus will be on PL requirements for practitioners. Send agenda items to Alona alona.murray@educationscottland.gov.scot by 3rd week in May.