**INITIAL THINKING FOR COLLEGE DISCUSSION SERIES**

Purpose of this series of discussion is to

* Raise awareness of CLD programmes provided by colleges
* Support the expansion of provision
* Improve career pathways for CLD student practitioners

Duration: 1 hour Not anticipated that college staff/partners will attend all sessions.

A summary and conclusions/next steps from each session written up.

**1 CLD programmes in colleges**

Promote awareness of range of qualifications – NC/HNC Working with Communities, SVQ, PDA

Where are these programmes available? Where are the geographical gaps?

Why are fewer colleges providing? What are the barriers to provision? Getting the numbers?

How can CLDSC help?

**2 Career Pathways**

Articulation within the college sector

HNC Working with communities - entrance to second year on CLD Degree courses

How is that working where it operates at the moment? – from student/college/HE perspective

Importance of CLDSC approval

**3 Supporting Placements**

Programmes requiring placement - NC/HNC/PDA/SVQ etc

General issues and COVID related

Practice placement supervisor training

Promoting benefits of taking a placement

Collective CLDSC of qualifications

Involvement of SQA

**4 Addressing Barriers to participation**

Equalities

Funding SAAS

Digital access

Developing blended learning/part-time options in CLD context

**5 CLDSC Approval**

Developing support for submission/re-submission from colleagues and CLDSC

**6 Working together to create a better ‘new normal’**

CLD’s role in the new normal

Using Engage, Educate, Connect, Empower as a base for discussion on how CLDSC and work with the college sector to take ideas forward