**Tayside & Fife Professional Learning Alliance**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18 January 2021, 2pm via MS Teams

**Present:** Gwen Bowles (chair), Susan Epsworth, Sarah MacEwan, Ross Martin, Anita Jamieson, Sue Holland-Smith, Vicky Wilson, Tricia Ryan (minutes)

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Gwen welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Pete Glen

1. **Minute of the previous meeting**

Agreed as an accurate record

1. **Matters arising**

Evaluative writing – Tricia and Vicky still to meet and will report back to next meeting

1. **CLD Standards Council**

Career Pathways template: Sue reminded everyone about the work being undertaken and the ask that had been made of the Alliances to provide details of what is available in their respective areas. Sue has agreed to pull this together and individual responses to be with Sue by Friday 29th January 2021. Gwen will forward the template again.

Digital Learning Offer: Sue noted the discussions that had taken place at the practice sharing blether event in October. Work now taking place to move forward on further practice sharing and Alliances have been asked to get involved and share examples of good practice they have been involved in. Agreed that for TFPLA this would be the digital story telling session that was delivered. This is being discussed at the national network so will be fed into discussion at that meeting.

1. **CLDMs QI sub-group update**

Core Performance Indicators for CLD Sector: Gwen gave an update on the discussion that have been taking place at this sub-group. This group has recommended that data should be gathered from all local authorities for last year to start building a holistic picture for CLD in Scotland. Essentially this will be a first step towards the development of core PI’s for the sector. This is currently awaiting approval from the executive and more information will follow in due course.

The ongoing gathering of case studies was also noted and all encouraged to keep sending in to CLDMS.

1. **CLD – Future Planning**

How Good Is ……….4: Gwen noted that as part of the consultation on this, AA’s had attended a session where the new QI’s and challenge questions were presented and discussed. Responses on the day were fairly positive though it was noted that there were some mixed views.

ES staff meeting HMI at start of February to start moving this forward. Gwen will circulate the draft that was discussed at the AA session

Community Learning & Development Plans: Guidance has now been published and a briefing for CLD Plan leads is taking place on 9th February. Susan is also going to set up a meeting with CLD Plan leads for Tayside and Fife to discuss the next round of Plans.

1. **T&FPLA Planning**

Agreed that although peer review won’t happen at this time Tricia and Vicky will meet to progress the evaluative writing guide and workshops

This group also keen to deliver something for staff to re-engage / re-motivate and provide an opportunity to consider their practice as they move back into their job roles. Noted that a wider event will provide a good opportunity to do this and could include speakers such as Karen McArdle around the research done in Fife, and Margret Ledworth. Gwen, Sue, Susan and Ross agreed to meet to progress this further.

It was also noted that resources / books could be purchased with some of our funding – all to give some thought to this for the next meeting.

Ross noted that Fife had been holding the funding for some time so Anita will discuss with colleagues at DVVA the possibility of them taking over this role.

1. **Updates**

***Education Scotland***: Susan provided a few points for update -

Webinars have proved successful and the aim is to continue these over coming months.

Scottish Govt are going to be re-visiting the AL and the YW strategies.

Events will be running around the rights of children and young people in February and April – more info to follow.

Building stem capacity -keen to continue to build connections with science centres and other key partners**.**

Susan also noted the publication What Scotland Learned: 100 stories of lockdown and this highlights some cld practice very positively.

***Adult Learning***: Ross noted that the ESOL network met before Christmas and Sharon Doyle is now the P&K rep. ESOL online has been very active in Angus and Fife resulting in an increase in learners over shorter sessions.

***Youth Work:*** Vicky noted the work being undertaken by her and Jennifer on the PDA has been overtaken by the work around the sqa youth work levelling but further update on PDA to be given at next meeting.

***Community Empowerment:*** No subgroup has yet been formed

***Dundee University:*** Sarah had to leave the meeting earlier but added a note in the teams’ chat to say that 10 free upskilling places will be allocated and information will come out from Pete in April 2021. She also noted that promotion material will be coming out regarding the postgraduate diploma and has asked that we share with our networks.

1. **AOCB**

Ross highlighted the ongoing challenges around the various platforms used within the sector and noted that Microsoft Teams is a corporate business platform therefore is not the best for engaging learners and communities. However, Ross currently has a member of staff seconded to explore other platforms that might work more effectively for the sector so he will provide an update at future meetings.

1. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 1st of March at 2:00 PM

Chair – Tricia / Minutes – to be decided