



Community Learning Services LiveArgyll Update

HMI Community Learning and Development (CLD) Progress Visit of Argyll and Bute Council January 2024.

Argyll and Bute Council has just undergone and HMI CLD Progress Visit (08/01/24 – 10/01/24) As with previous inspection models, the starting point was the CLD current Strategic Partnership Plan 2021 -2024 and How good is our Community Learning and Development?

Overall Argyll and Bute received a positive outcome and this will reflect in the published report which we hope to receive and circulate 6 – 8 weeks' time.

Newly Elected MSYPs for Argyll and Bute

We are delighted to announce Alasdair Paisley, Mariska Silkowski & Sophie Bennie-Twist as the new Members of Scottish Youth Parliament elect for Argyll & Bute. They will embark on a period of training and development and will officially start their new positions from February 2024. Alasdair and Mariska will represent Argyll and Bute, whilst Sophie will represent Helensburgh and Lomond. Entirely youth led and diverse, the Scottish Youth Parliament provides a national platform for young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign to effect the change they wish to see; developing young people to be the leaders of tomorrow through training and international opportunities, encouraging young people in decision making, supporting youth action and developing essential life skills for leadership. It is a true model of youth participation and a key aspect of democracy in Scotland.

You will find out more about your MSYP elect's in the coming weeks so follow to find out more.

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Here's the link to the Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/LAyouthwork/posts/pfbid0ha5wHk8kYEVZ7LmKmuGNhGSfWhwAtmbMrQJZadufLdedTudXqgh1NipUd7ceWY8FI>

Independent Review of Community Learning and Development (CLD) - A programme of Engagement and Consultation

The Minister for Higher Education, Further Education and Skills, has actioned an independent review of Community Learning and Development (CLD) across all authorities and has appointed Kate Still who is an Independent Reviewer – Community Learning & Development.

A programme of events will take place through face-to-face engagement, events online, engagement events and an online consultation surveys for both CLD practitioners and Stakeholders and also for Learners and service Users.

Further Information is being circulated through Partners, Organisations and other communication channels please see the links for two surveys/consultations and encourage members of your groups and organisations, service users and learners to complete.

The link to the survey is <https://consult.gov.scot/lifelong-learning-and-skills/community-learning-learners/>. It consists of 12 questions, which can be answered online. Please encourage CLD learners and potential learners to complete the survey.

Also published is a separate survey, also available on Citizen Space, to hear from CLD practitioners, budget-holders, decision-makers, organisations with a direct or indirect interest in CLD, professionals and volunteers working in other services related in some way to CLD services e.g. employability, mental health, money advice, etc. This survey can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/lifelong-learning-and-skills/community-learning-practitioners-stakeholders/>. Once again, the survey can be completed online, If that is not possible, then you can send your thoughts to the CLD Review mailbox at cldindependentreview@gov.scot. If you do send it to the mailbox, please make sure to structure your input in line with the online survey questions. Doing this will help me make sure your contribution is not missed.