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To: Chief Executives of all Local Authorities

Cc: Community Learning and Development Managers
Community Planning Lead Officers

Dear Colleague,

Scottish Government Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategy

The Scottish Government announced in the post-16 education pre-legislative paper *Putting Learners at the Centre* that it will work with local authorities, the Third Sector and others to develop a strategy for community learning and development (CLD). Education Scotland has taken on the role of promoting a discussion to inform this strategy. The Scottish Government expects to publish the strategy in May, and recognises the significant role CLD can play across a wide range of national outcomes.

As you know, the Scottish Government's existing framework for CLD, *Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities (2004)*, was issued as guidance to Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) and, given the cross-cutting role of CLD in relation to a range of key policies and outcomes, we expect the new strategy to call on CPPs to take on a similarly central role.

We have arranged 4 regionally-based events which will play a key part in informing the strategy and we are asking Community Planning Partnerships to organise representation at these events. The dates and locations for the events, which will run from approximately 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., are as follows:

- 30 January 2012 – Edinburgh
- 8 February 2012 – Inverness
- 9 February 2012 – Glasgow
- 20 February 2012 – Perth

We are inviting your CPP to nominate up to **six** representatives to attend (either all at one location or divided between several).

We ask you to consider the range of partners who will have an important contribution to make to this discussion. In addition to council services with specific responsibilities for CLD (including adult learning, youth work and community capacity building), others who already have a key role in CLD include: schools; other council services; a range of third sector organisations; colleges; NHS staff including those with roles focused on health improvement; and, notably, community organisations involving people of all ages. We would be very grateful if you can arrange representation that best reflects your own particular ambitions for CLD within that context.

This letter is being copied to the manager with responsibility for CLD in your local authority, who may be best placed to identify and make contact with the appropriate representatives from partners active in CLD, and also to the officer with lead responsibility for Community Planning.

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Further information about the events will follow in January. In the meantime please use the form attached to book places at the events. Please complete and return the attached booking form by **20 January 2012** to Joan Reilly (joan.reilly@educationscotland.gov.uk) 0141 282 5015.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Colin Ross by email colin.ross@educationscotland.gov.uk or telephone 0141 282 5252.

There will of course also be an opportunity to provide a written response to the issues for discussion.

The CLD Strategy is an important opportunity to drive forward essential aspects of key agendas including Curriculum for Excellence, the Literacy Action Plan, 16+ Learning Choices, regeneration and community empowerment. The Scottish Government also sees the discussion as a way of developing our shared thinking on key issues including post-16 education, college regionalisation and the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill.

We look forward to working with your Community Planning Partnership to take this discussion forward and ensure that the strategy for CLD plays a key part in delivering positive outcomes for our communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Jardine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in "Jardine".

Anne Jardine
Director of Learning and Community
Enc Booking Form

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Booking Form**Scottish Government Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategy Events**

Please **tick** the event the delegate will be attending and return **by 20 January 2012** to Joan Reilly (joan.reilly@educationscotland.gov.uk)

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