

Community Learning and Development work sits within the context of the vision of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, which is:

**"In 2010 Renfrewshire will be a thriving, safe and forward looking community, which provides opportunities for all and which cares for its people and its environment."**

Community learning and development has a key role to play in closing the opportunity gap that can exist between different people and communities and in regenerating communities across Renfrewshire. Targeting community learning and development activities to the areas and people that need it most contributes to addressing social and economic disadvantage.

The Community Learning and Development Strategy, and activity resulting from it, will contribute to achieving progress against the targets set in the Renfrewshire Community Plan. Community learning and development activity is a key contributor to delivering these targets by supporting communities and individuals to develop the skills they need to improve their own health and well-being, contribute to the improvement of their neighbourhood, improve the sustainability of our resources and make our neighbourhoods safer.

Partners are committed to the principles drawn from the Renfrewshire Community Plan, which embrace and expand upon the following:

- Social Inclusion - community learning and development work will contribute to empowering people and communities who currently experience disadvantage

or social exclusion by making learning and development opportunities available to those who need them most, strengthening their participation within society and their capacity to make their own choices.

- Sustainable Development - community learning and development work will contribute to making our communities more sustainable by raising awareness of the issues of waste, energy and travel.
- Modernising Government - partners will work together to provide the best community learning and development opportunities we can by identifying priorities together, combining and targeting our collective resources and making it easier for people to take up learning opportunities and have a real say in their communities.

Diagram 1 below details the structure for implementation of Renfrewshire's Community Plan, "A Pattern For Partnership".

Under the three guiding principles of the Community Plan there are three thematic groups:

- Learning and Work
- Housing Neighbourhoods and Community Safety
- Health and Social Care

The Community Learning and Development strategy will sit under the umbrella of the thematic group of Learning and Work, which has as

its core aims, providing and promoting learning opportunities, to increase peoples involvement in lifelong learning and provide young people with a range of skills to enable them to enter the work environment. Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities identifies a need to integrate Community Learning and Development with the Community Plan at a local, and community level. It is therefore appropriate now to look at a more localised approach to both Community Learning and Development and the Community Plan.

Diagram 1 also shows the 6 Community Planning fora for Renfrewshire, together with 16 Learning Neighbourhoods. A Learning Neighbourhood is a construct to support:

- Working together to promote an integrated Learning for Life service
- Young people and adults develop the skills they need to live full lives as active citizens
- Every community develops the skills and confidence to take responsibility for its own economic and social well being.

**Key features of a Learning Neighbourhood**

- Focus on the learning needs of all who live in a neighbourhood
- Engagement with individual learners
- Engagement with the wider community
- Increased access to leisure and cultural opportunities
- Access to information, advice and guidance on learning opportunities.



Diagram 1



A partnership strategy for Community Learning and Development in Renfrewshire

**“Working and learning together to build a better Renfrewshire”**

A vision for Renfrewshire:

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Renfrewshire Community Plan "A Pattern for Partnership"

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To achieve this, the Partnership will work with key organisations and communities throughout Renfrewshire and at a national level to ensure we make the strategy as straightforward as possible.

The Partnership will work to ensure that the best packages of support are available to increase learning opportunities for young people and adults to work towards building healthier, more sustainable, more economically viable and more vibrant communities in Renfrewshire.

The importance of community involvement and lifelong learning are at the core of this strategy. It encompasses the policy statement "Community Learning and Development: The Way Forward" and takes forward the guidance "Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities", issued by the Scottish Executive in January 2004. This long-term framework brings together the familiar themes of Community Education and Community Development, acknowledging the key roles they play in revitalising lifelong learning and placing it at the heart of the community planning process. This high profile role embeds community learning and development within the Scottish Executive's priorities such as improvement of public services, community regeneration, social inclusion, active citizenship and valuing the contribution made by young people.

In preparation for this guidance Renfrewshire Council, as the lead partner agency, took the opportunity to restructure and re-organise its Community Education Service. Following consultation Renfrewshire Council has developed its service to reflect the three national priorities for Community Learning and Development:

- Achievement through learning for adults
- Achievement through learning for young people
- Achievement through building community capacity

Lifelong learning is about personal fulfilment and enterprise; employability and adaptability; active citizenship and social inclusion. We want learning to be a lifelong experience and we will ensure that a range of opportunities is available to every resident in Renfrewshire.

We rely on everyone involved in community learning and development - all communities and all partner organisations - to work together, because no single organisation or individual can make the changes required to reach our goal.

Thank you for your participation and continued support. We look forward to working and learning together to build a better Renfrewshire.

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