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Qualifications	SCQF Level	Study base				
		University	College	Workplace CPD	School	Link to further information
Community Learning and Development (Professional Doctorate) DCLD	12	х				DCLD University of Dundee
Med/PgDip Adult Learning, Community Development & Youth Work *1	11	х				Med/PgDip University of Glasgow
PG Dip/MSc Community Education/ Community Development & Youth Work (CLD) *	11	х				PG Dip/MSc University of Dundee
BA Hons Community Education *	10	Х				BA Hons University of the West of Scotland
BA Hons Community Education / Community Development & Youth Work (CLD) *	10	х				BA Hons University of Dundee
BA Hons Community Education Workbased/ Community Development & Youth Work (CLD) *	10	х				BA Hons Workbased University of Dundee
BA Hons Community Development *	10	X				BA Hons University of Glasgow
BA Hons Child and Youth Studies with Community Development *	10	х				BA Hons University of the Highlands and Islands
BA Learning In Communities *	9	Х				BA University of Edinburgh
PDA Tutoring Adult Literacies	8		Х	Х		PDA Tutoring Adult Literacies - SQA
HNC Working With Communities	7		Х			HNC Working With Communities - SQA
SVQ Youth Work - SCQF level 7	7		Х	Х		SVQ Youth Work - SQA
NC Working with Communities	6		Х			NC Working with Communities - SQA
NPA Volunteering Skills	6		Х	Х		NPA Volunteering Skills SCQF level 6 - SQA

^{1 *} Qualifications marked with an asterisk(*) from the noted providers are recognised for Registered member status of the CLD Standards Council

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NPA Theory and Approaches to Youth Work	6	Х	X	Х	NPA Theory and Approaches to Youth Work - SQA
PDA Adult Learning in Scotland: an Introduction	6	Х	Х		PDA Adult Learning Introduction - SQA
PDA Community Involvement: an Introduction	6	Х			PDA Community Involvement Introduction - SQA
PDA Youth Work	6	Х			PDA Youth Work - SQA
SVQ Youth Work SCQF level 6	6	Х	Х		SVQ Youth Work - SQA
SVQ Community Development SCQF level 6	6	Х	Х		SVQ Community Development - SQA
PDA Introduction to Tutoring English to Speakers of Other Languages	6		X		PDA Introduction to Tutoring ESOL - SQA
PDA Support Adult Literacies Learning SCQF level 6	6	х	X		PDA Support Adult Literacies Learning - SQA
Adult Achievement Awards - SCQF level 6	6	Х			Adult Achievement Awards at Newbattle Abbey College
Adult Achievement Awards - SCQF level 5	5	Х	Х		Adult Achievement Awards at Newbattle Abbey
SVQ Community Development SCQF level 5	5	Х			SVQ Community Development - SQA
Adult Achievement Awards – SCQF level 4	4	Х	Х		Adult Achievement Awards at Newbattle Abbey
Adult Achievement Awards – SCQF level 3	3	Х	Х		Adult Achievement Awards at Newbattle Abbey
Volunteering Skills - SCQF level 5	5		Х		Volunteering Skills - SQA
Volunteering Skills - SCQF level 4	4		Х	X	Volunteering Skills - SQA
Volunteering Skills - SCQF level 3	3		Х	Х	Volunteering Skills - SQA
Adult Achievement Awards – SCQF level 2	2	Х	Х		Adult Achievement Awards at Newbattle Abbey