

CLD REVIEW FAQs

1. Why is the review of CLD being undertaken?

On 5th December 2023, in the Scottish Parliament, the Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans announced his intention to review CLD. This review is part of a number of next steps in the reform of Scottish education. All reports to date mention CLD and now this CLD Review offers an opportunity to fully consider the role of CLD in our lifelong education system.

The reports available to date include:

- [Scottish Funding Council review: Scottish Government response](#) - October 2021
- [Putting Learners at the Centre: Towards a Future Vision for Scottish Education](#) - March 2022
- [All Learners in Scotland Matter: Our National Discussion on Education](#) - May 2023
- [Post-school education, research and skills - purpose and principles](#) - June 2023
- <https://www.gov.scot/news/hayward-review-published> - June 2023
- [It's Our Future: Report of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment](#) - June 2023
- [Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#) - June 2023
- [Supporting Further and Higher Education and skills - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) December - 2023

More information on the Terms of Reference for the Review can be found here: [Independent Review of Community Learning and Development: terms of reference - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

2. What is the timescale for the Review?

The Minister announced that the independent review of Community Learning & Development (CLD) in Scotland will run from December and report its findings in June 2024.

3. Why is the Review specifically considering the learning element of CLD?

The Terms of Reference note that “this review is being undertaken in a period when the Scottish Government is considering wider education reform, and as such is intended to provide useful input on the role CLD plays, and will continue to play, as an integral part of Scotland’s learning landscape.”

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/independent-review-of-community-learning-and-development-terms-of-reference/>



4. What is the CLD Standards Council's role in the Review?

CLD Standards Council has unique governance arrangements and a specific member-led role, separate to Education Scotland, HMIE and the Scottish Government CLD Policy Unit.

The CLD Standards Council is participating in the review to represent the views of members. We have no role in the implementation of the review, the analysis of findings, or the development of review recommendations.

We have created a [dedicated i-develop CLD Review space](#) where all information relating to CLD Standards Council activities and timelines will be stored. CLD Standards Council members can access this by logging into their i-develop accounts. If you have any difficulty accessing your account, or need a password reset, please email contact@cldstandardscouncil.org.uk

5. Why is CLD Standards Council holding separate events?

We want to ensure that the views of our members are fully included in the response we will submit. The sessions we are holding are for CLD Standards Council members only and focus on how the review may impact the work of the Standards Council and how it supports its members.

In particular, we are keen to make sure that sufficient and appropriate attention is paid to the importance of supported CLD career pathways at all stages of practice. Trained and supported CLD practitioners are crucial to ensuring the impact of CLD practice for our communities.

6. Why are all CLD Standards Council events taking place online?

As with most events, the preference would have been to engage with members on a face-to-face basis, but the short timescale for the review makes organisational and practical travel challenges difficult.

As well as the specific CLD Review focussed online sessions, we will also use in-person events and engagements we have already committed to during the consultation period, to gather members' and practitioners' views.

7. Why have these dates been chosen?

The Reviewer specified the dates for the consultation period. We are also mindful of the mid-term break dates being observed in local authorities across Scotland in February.

8. Can I attend all the CLD Standards Council online sessions?

Yes, you can attend all sessions.

Sessions 1-4 will focus on one of the Review areas: Awareness & Visibility; Accessibility & Availability; Support & Learning; and Pathways & Progression. Members are welcome to attend any, or all, of those sessions. Session 5 will look at all areas and is an opportunity for any members who were not able to attend one or more sessions to input.

If you are unable to attend any sessions, you can also contribute to online Padlets for each of the four themes. These will be available via the I-Develop website.

9. How can I share my views on elements that are separate to the work of CLD Standards Council?

The Reviewer is inviting all CLD practitioners to respond to a Call for Evidence; an online questionnaire is live on CitizenSpace and will run to 3 March 2024. The questions included in these consultations have been developed with the intention of seeing things from the perspective of the learner and/or potential learner and this approach will be followed for the review as a whole. Further details can be found on the Independent Review web page [here](#).

10. Is there a way for learners and stakeholders to contribute their feedback?

The Reviewer is inviting all learners, potential learners and interested stakeholders to respond to a Call for Evidence and an online learner questionnaire published on CitizenSpace. The consultation is live and will run to 3 March 2024. The questions included in these consultations have been developed with the intention of seeing things from the perspective of the learner and/or potential learner and this approach will be followed for the review as a whole. Further details can be found on the Independent Review web page [here](#).

11. How can I contact the review team to discuss the consultation events or the practice visits?

You can contact the Review Secretariat at CLDindependentreview@gov.scot

12. How will I find out what will happen at the end of the Review period?

CLD Standards Council will update members on the Review findings once available. We will regularly update the [i-develop CLD Review space](#) with information and links. The final report will be available there and emailed to the membership.

Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details. You can do this on i-develop. To update your Primary Email address, log into i-develop, then go to the top right of the screen and hover over your name. Then hover over Preferences and



select Edit Profile. There, you can change your main email address. This is where all emails from CLD Standards Council will be sent. We encourage people to use a non-work email so that if you change job, you don't lose access to the emails.

To update the Alternative Email, hover over your name again, hover over Preferences and select Edit My Membership Details. You will then have the option to include an alternative email.

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