

Appendix 2: New CLD Plan 2021-2024

Community Learning and Development services, practitioners and volunteers have demonstrated, creativity, flexibility and resilience in the face of the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and lockdowns. Support has been available via helplines and online. Connectivity and access to the online world, whilst crucial, has been one part of the response. In many other cases, the approach has been direct support to the most vulnerable with a door-to-door approach. CLD is changing with learner's needs and this will have to be reflected in the priorities of the new Plan.

On behalf of GCLDSP, Glasgow Life is now leading on the development of the new CLD plan for publication in September 2021. The partnership has agreed that this plan should be a refresh of the existing plan, rather than a re-write. The top three priorities, Economic Recovery and Growth, Resilient Communities and a Fairer More Equal Glasgow will remain alongside the underpinning priorities of Continuous Improvement and Strengthening and Embedding CLD. Tackling poverty and health related inequalities remains at the heart of CLD and new priorities will need to take account of what is needed for pandemic recovery.

The impacts of the pandemic have both deepened and widened poverty and health related inequalities in the city, and partners recognise that CLD has a key role to play in supporting recovery. The refreshed CLD Plan will be more focussed and targeted on addressing the following areas of need in the city. Partners have recognised that a strong focus has to be on Economic Recovery since the pandemic and Economic Growth will likely be a longer-term aspiration. Early indications are that we will need to have a greater focus on youth mental health, employability and play for children.

We are currently in the consultation phase with key stakeholders and learners and it is expected that the GCLDSP will initially produce a one-year implementation plan that allows us to focus on pandemic recovery.