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January E-Bulletin

Dear David

Learning Link Scotland Update

Review of the Unified Voluntary Sector Funds and CLD HQ Funds

The Scottish Government announced on the 4th November 2011 that there is to be a full review of the Unified Voluntary Sector Fund (UVSF) and CLD HQ funds. You can view the [official consultation paper here](#).

WEAScotland, Dyslexia Scotland, Lead Scotland and Learning Link Scotland are some of the national voluntary organisations who are recipients of this HQ funding that covers adult learning and community capacity building.

The deadline for the consultation is the 29th February 2012.

For more information [please visit our website](#).

The Strategic Guidance for Community Learning and Development in Scotland

As you may know the Scottish Government are undertaking a review of CLD and are hosting a series of regional discussions coordinated by Education Scotland.

Four regional events are being held across Scotland:

30th Jan. in Edinburgh (already taken place)
8th Feb. in Inverness
9th Feb. in Glasgow
20th Feb. in Perth

Invitations to these events will be going out to each local authority area and more details will be available from the CLD Manager in your area.

National discussion session on 15th February in Edinburgh

In partnership with Youthlink Scotland and Education Scotland we are also hosting a discussion specifically for national voluntary organisations on the CLD review to held in Edinburgh at the Grosvenor Hilton Hotel.

For more information please [visit our website](#).

Members' News Items

WEAScotland Announces New Director

WEAScotland is pleased to announce the appointment of Jayne Stuart as WEA Director for Scotland.

Please click on the [joint press release](#) from Learning Link Scotland and the WEAScotland to read more.

ENABLE Scotland

ENABLE Scotland are proud to announce a series of events taking place from February through to May 2012. For more information please [visit our website](#).

News from Gorgie City Farm

The farm is open 7 days and, as well as a lovely green space for visitors, provides numerous learning and volunteering opportunities for all. On the 12th of January the first lamb of 2012 was born large and healthy in Gorgie City Farm.

For more information please [visit our website](#).

Glasgow YWCA

Glasgow YWCA are offering free classes and events from January - March / April 2012.

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LWTT and Pathways to work in CLD

The CLD Standards Council are working on improving access to, and progression within, community learning and development.

To progress this work they have appointed Linked Work and Training Trust to identify and describe pathways into work within CLD.

For more information please [visit our website](#).

Areas of Interest

News from **The Scottish Government**:

Targeting reoffending

Scotland's newest prison, due to open in March this year, will use its modern design and facilities to impose a regime of work and rehabilitation for the 700 prisoners expected to occupy HM Prison Low Moss.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice Kenny MacAskill met with Governor Michael Stoney and toured the prison which when opened will contribute towards efforts to relieve overcrowding across the whole prison estate...

For further information please visit the [Scottish Government website](#)

Budget Bill 2012-13

The Government will continue to invest in jobs and the economy, Finance Secretary John Swinney said today as the Budget Bill for 2012-13 was published ahead of the Stage 1 debate next week and reflects the Spending Review published in September...

For further information please visit the [Scottish Government website](#)

New Council of Economic Advisers

A group of expert economic advisers to the Scottish Government has held its first meeting of the new Parliamentary session.

Today's first meeting of the new Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) - which includes two Nobel Laureates - focused on the Scottish Government's priorities of jobs and recovery, internationalisation and economic levers during a six-hour session in Edinburgh...

For further information please visit the [Scottish Government website](#)

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Appeal Hearing December 2011

The appeal hearing on money owed to the Foundation by Lloyds Banking Group has found in favour of the Foundation.

This means that the Banking Group is now due to pay the Foundation £3.5m from 2010 and £1.75m from 2011.

The [full judgement from the Court of Session](#).