

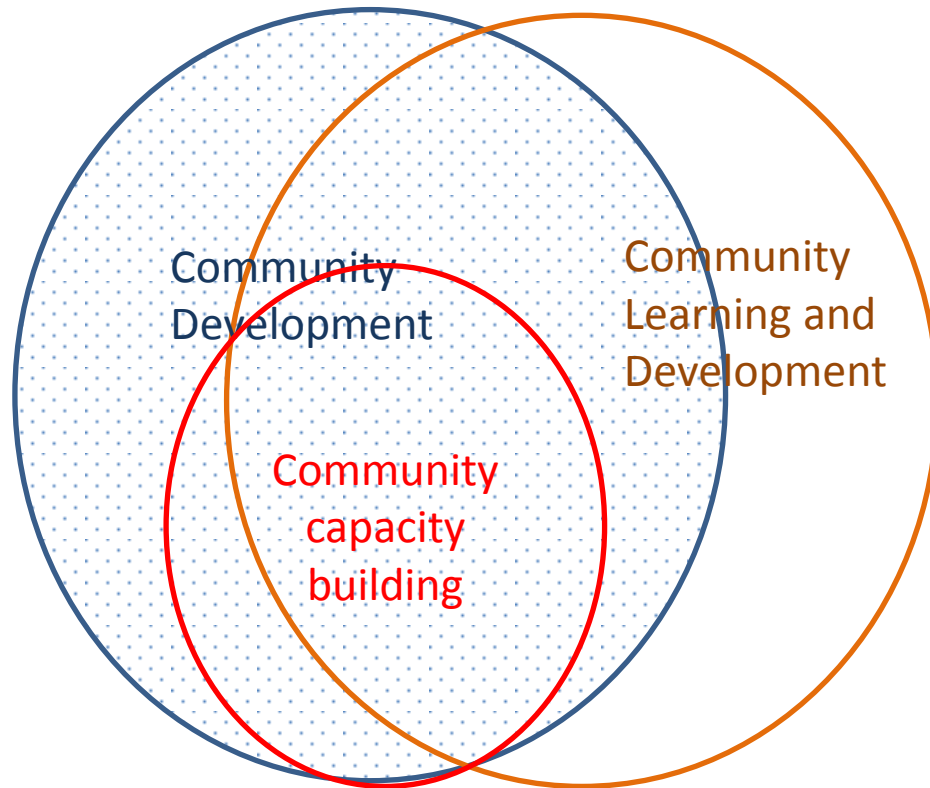
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Community Development and Community Learning

- The Scottish context for 'acting locally'
- Differing but overlapping approaches with shared values
- Principles that can underpin sustainable development
- Practice that can contribute, but often does not directly
- A fast changing policy environment

How practitioners see it?



Community development

- “A way of strengthening civil society by prioritising the actions of communities, and their perspectives in ... social, economic and environmental policy.
- It seeks the empowerment of local communities... It strengthens the capacity of people as active citizens through their community groups, organisations and networks; and the capacity of institutions ... to work in dialogue ...
- It has a set of core values ... covering human rights, social inclusion, equality and respect for diversity
- And a specific skills and knowledge base”.

Budapest Declaration, IACD 2004

CLD: Strategic Guidance, Scottish Government 2012

- **PURPOSE:** CLD should empower people, individually and collectively, to make positive changes in their lives and their communities, through learning
- **SPECIFIC FOCUS:**
 - improved life chances for people of all ages, including young people in particular, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
 - stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

CLD and Prevention

“Make full use of CLD’s ability to:

- build an in-depth understanding of people’s needs, strengths and aspirations through sustained dialogue
- identify issues and solutions at an early stage
- identify barriers to participation and strategies for overcoming these
- mobilise and support direct participation in planning and service design; and
- enable community organisations to develop their infrastructure”.

(Strategic Guidance)

CLDMS statement

Community capacity building is deliberate action to make sure that everyone has the chance to achieve the vision set out in Scotland's National Outcomes (#11): "We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others".

CLDMS statement

It involves bringing people together to discover the interests or issues that create common links, building effective and sustainable community organisations and enabling everyone to take part in them on an equal basis. It can go under various names, such as community development

Social Practice in Community Based Adult Learning

- Key Feature 1 – The learning provider... has a clear understanding of the social, economic and policy context of the (potential) learners that are being targeted.
- Key feature 3 – Learner and provider... have a shared understanding of the changes that are being sought (in the learner's life or in the life of a group or community)

<http://tinyurl.com/oegendq>

OUR AMBITIONS FOR IMPROVING THE LIFE CHANCES
OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND
A NATIONAL YOUTH WORK STRATEGY 2014-2019

“Youth organisations are key partners in taking forward learning for sustainability which encompasses outdoor learning, sustainable development education and global citizenship. Learning for sustainability aims to build the values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and confidence needed to develop practices and take decisions which are compatible with a sustainable and equitable society”.

Ideas for action – CD/CCB

Supporting community action aimed at:

- Greenspace
- Food/Growing
- Energy
- Recycling
- Asset ownership/ management
- Social enterprise
- Social and economic regeneration
- Health and wellbeing

Ideas for action – YW/AL

- Environmental volunteering/ skills training
- Outdoor education/ environmental learning
- Environment as a topic for and an aid to learning
- Skills for community action
- Global citizenship

Fast-changing policies

- CLD Strategic Guidance 2012
- Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013
- National Youth Work Strategy 2014
- Adult Learning Statement of Ambition 2014
- Community capacity building, community development??

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

- Land and asset ownership and management
- National Performance Framework
- Strengthening 'Community Planning'
- Local democracy?
- Participation in delivering outcomes