#### **Community Learning in Scotland**

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#### The History of Community Learning

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#### November 1998

'Communities - Change Through Learning'

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#### The History of Community Learning

New Scottish Executive's key policy priorities:

- Lifelong Learning
- Social Inclusion
- Active Citizenship

#### April 1999

Scottish Executive Guidance to Local Authorities requiring publication of Community Learning Strategies by April 2000

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#### The History of Community Learning

Insisted this be a **PARTNERSHIP** document which included local authorities, further education colleges, enterprise companies and the voluntary sector.

#### January 2002

Acknowledged by the Scottish Executive as a METHODOLOGY which engages communities, and is therefore central to their vision for Community Planning. Should be used by a wide range of agencies.

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#### The History of Community Learning

#### February 2003

The role of Community Learning embedded within the Local Government (Scotland) Act and in Executive guidance on Community Planning

#### January 2004

Executive publishes new guidance on Community Learning and Development Strategies, requiring all local partnerships to publish revised Strategies by September 2004

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#### The Principles of Community Learning

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Adopts a multi agency, partnership approach to the planning and delivery of learning opportunities.

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#### The Principles of Community Learning

# Takes place outwith institutions such as schools, colleges



#### The Principles of Community Learning

The participant is actively engaged in shaping the content, design and evaluation of the learning programme

#### The Principles of Community Learning

Personal and social issues facing learners may provide a starting point for learning

Childcare, Housing, Unemployment, Health, Crime etc.

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#### The Principles of Community Learning

Learning can lead to qualifications, but this is not a requirement.

Learning is seen as valuable in its own right, as a enjoyable and fulfilling experience

#### **Community Learning Strategy Priorities**

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#### **Community Learning Strategy Priorities**

- Community Engagement
- Targeting Disadvantaged Communities
- Setting Robust Targets
- Widening Ownership

#### **Community Learning in Practice**

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#### The Partnership

Fife Council (Community Services, Education, Social Work & Development Services) 4 Further Education Colleges Scottish Enterprise Fife Careers Scotland Workers Educational Association Youth 1<sup>st</sup> FRAE Fife

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#### Capital Investment

Capital Modernisation Fund

The Peoples Network

• I.2 million

• 0.9 million

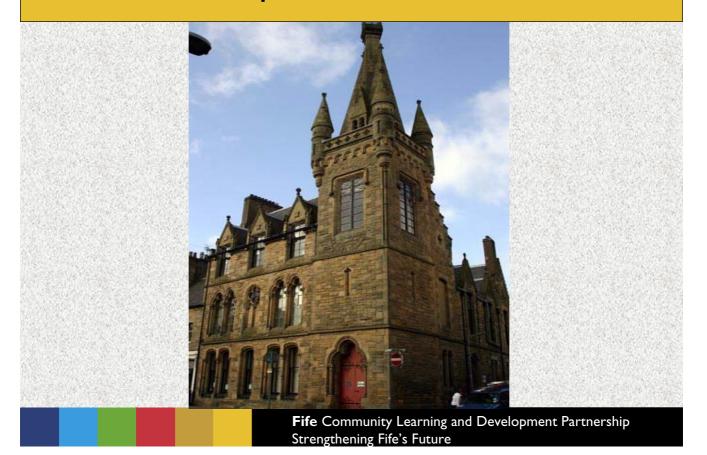
Establishes a network of 45 large and small fully equipped learning suites

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#### **Revenue Funding**



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#### **Revenue Funding**

Additional funding for special projects aimed at social inclusion and narrowing the opportunity gap

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#### **Community Planning**



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#### **Community Planning**

6 local Community Learning and Development Partnerships Average population 60,000

> Locality planning groups Populations from 7,000 - 15,000

#### **Community Planning**

#### Focus on specialist work areas

- Adult Learning
- Children and Young People
- Community Capacity Building

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#### **Community Planning**

Mirrored by Youth Forums, Community Forums and Adult Learners' Forums

At locality, Area and Fife levels

#### **Community Planning**

#### Supported by statistical data

#### Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics Project

Provides information on Income, Employment, Education and Training, Health, Housing, Geographic Access and Telecommunications

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#### **Community Planning**

# Provided in datazones of approximately 750 population

Ranked in Scotland and Fife order

# Who Benefits?

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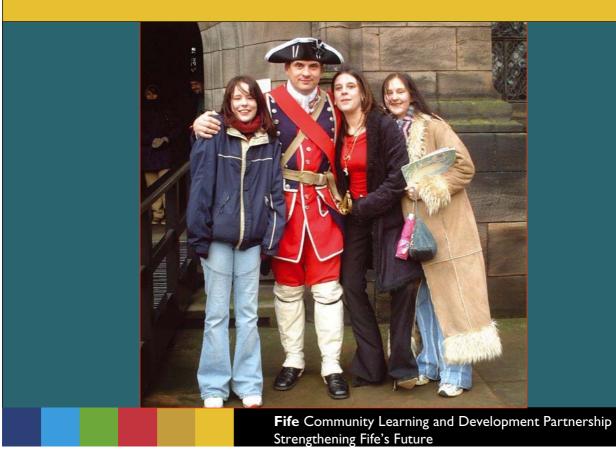




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#### What Makes It Successful?

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# Lessons Learnt?

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- Allocate tasks / Partnership accountability
- Communications within organisations
- Understanding develops at different speeds
- New skills are required

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