

## **Agenda Item 7**

**Falkirk Community Learning and  
Development (CLD) - Annual Update  
on Action Plan 2018-2021**

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**Meeting:** Education, Children's and Young People Executive  
**Date:** 23 March 2021  
**Submitted By:** Director of Children's Services

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Education, Children's and Young People's Executive with an annual progress update on Year 2 of Falkirk's CLD 3 Year Action Plan (2018-2021) which covers the period September 2019 – September 2020.

#### **2. Recommendations**

##### **2.1 The Education Children and Young People Executive is asked to:**

- (i) note the content of the overall report;
- (ii) agree that the progress made against 6 of the Priority Areas outlined in Appendix 1 can be used to update the actions recorded on the current Plan; and
- (iii) request the Director of Children's Services brings forward the proposals for the new draft Falkirk's CLD Action Plan covering 2021-2024 later in the year.

#### **3. Background**

##### National Position

- 3.1 CLD activity is an essential part of the education system in Scotland. The Scottish Government policy context for the provision of CLD is outlined in the Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development (2012) and the Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 ("the CLD Regulations").

##### Key Points from the CLD Regulations and Guidance Notes

- 3.2 The "Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013" place two obligations on the Council:
  - to ensure that the need for CLD provision within the Council area is assessed; and

- to publish a 3 year plan setting out what CLD provision the Council will make, how it will co-ordinate provision with other providers, what action the other providers intend to take during the period of the plan and what needs will be unmet.
- 3.3 In November 2017, the Scottish Government published revised guidance on "Community Learning and Development Planning 2018-2021". The purpose of the revised guidance is to support local authorities and their partners to meet their statutory obligations.
- 3.4 In December 2020, further guidance was published by the Scottish Government on CLD Plans (2021-2024). This guidance set expectations for Falkirk Council and their partners when meeting duties in community learning and development (CLD) planning for 2021 to 2024

### Local Position

- 3.5 Based on the above Regulations and Guidance, the current expectation is for Falkirk Council to:
- co-ordinate the provision of community learning and development with stakeholders;
  - describe the actions that will be taken to provide and co-ordinate community learning and development between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2024;
  - describe the actions of partners for the provision of community learning and development from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024; and
  - describe any needs for providing community learning and development that will not be met between 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024.

Within the guidance, the Scottish Government recognise that CLD practitioners have a vital role to play in rebuilding from the Covid pandemic and responding to the new challenges ahead. There is an expectation that Falkirk Council will take appropriate steps to:

- ensure that adequate and efficient CLD support is made available to assist disadvantaged communities to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic;
- consider the impacts on disadvantaged learners and communities as part of an ongoing assessment and reflect any changes in the planning and review process in 2021-22; and
- embed priorities for recovery and renewal of local CLD services with the Falkirk Plan and other relevant local plans.

- 3.6 Falkirk's CLD sector includes youth work, community-based adult learning, ESOL, community development and community engagement.

- 3.7 The Education Executive agreed Falkirk's CLD 3-year Action Plan (2018-2021) on 8 September 2018 and agreed to receive thereafter an annual report detailing progress and impacts. For Members information a copy of the original 3 Year Action Plan is attached at [Appendix 2](#).

#### **4. Considerations**

##### **4.1 Impact of Covid-19 on CLD**

The Covid pandemic represented a significant challenge for Falkirk's CLD partners. Almost overnight, it completely changed the way Falkirk CLD partners worked, putting new obstacles between young people, adults, families and communities and the vital support that CLD partners provide.

The pandemic inevitably presented challenges for Falkirk's more vulnerable learners - digital poverty and financial insecurity resulted in people being unable to access learning due to a lack of digital awareness, skills, devices or connectivity. In addition, the priorities of some learners changed from learning and development to a focus on health and wellbeing; and accessing essential services such as food, medicine, or money advice.

CLD practitioners have been widely recognised as Key Workers during the pandemic, continuing to engage with young people, families, adult learners and community organisations, particularly in our most disadvantaged communities. As such, CLD practitioners are involved in essential front-line responses to Covid pandemic through adapting the CLD offer to include:

- contribution in responding to food emergency work, medicine delivery;
- being a first point of contact for vulnerable communities;
- developing and supporting networks of volunteers;
- moving services online and addressing emerging issues around mental health and wellbeing;
- providing front line support for vulnerable children and families;
- supporting communities develop local responses to the crisis, providing information and advice networks;
- continuing to be a front-line presence in the most deprived communities when many services had to withdraw; and
- offering a blended learning model that provides young people and adults with more opportunities for learning.

##### **4.2 Examples of Areas Where Progress Has Been Made**

Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018/21 highlights 15 agreed Priority Actions in Section 7.1. Progress was being made against all of these actions until March 2020, when due to Covid, priorities had to be changed and resources redirected.

Since March 2020, Falkirk's CLD partners have focused their efforts on developing services that particularly aim to mitigate the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Appendix 1 provides examples of the progress made across **6** Priority Actions areas against the **3** undernoted themes:

- Improve Health and Wellbeing
- Increase Community Engagement
- Improve Core Skills and Employability

#### **4.3 Other relevant issues - CLDMS/Education Scotland Key Performance Indicator's**

There are currently no nationally set Performance Indicators for the CLD Sector in Scotland and no mandated systems for gathering of CLD related data. It is challenging therefore to establish a coherent global picture of the level of delivery and the impact of the work in the sector.

CLD Managers Scotland and Education Scotland are exploring ways of gathering comprehensive data relating to the volume of CLD activity within local authorities. Falkirk's CLD partners have been testing draft Key Performance Indicator's.

#### **4.4 Development of Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2021 - 2024**

Officers are currently working with other stakeholders on the development of the new 3-year plan. As this plan requires to be submitted to the Scottish Government later this year it is timetabled that the proposed Draft Plan is brought to EC&YP Executive later in 2021 for approval at the same time as the Annual Update for Year 3 (September 2020 to September 2021) of the current plan.

### **5. Implications**

#### **Financial/Resources**

- 5.1 Whilst no specific additional resources are provided to develop these plans, the CLD Service has been successful in attracting some external funding to support a number of individual projects.

#### **Legal/Risk**

- 5.2 None

#### **Equalities**

- 5.3 Regulations and Guidance make specific reference to compliance with the Equality Act.

## **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

5.4 None

## **6. Conclusion**

Falkirk's CLD partners have played a crucial role in supporting children, young people, adults, families and community's health and wellbeing during the COVID pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, within the Falkirk Council area, we have seen partners rise to the challenge in supporting communities.

Falkirk's CLD partners are committed to working collaboratively to support education, economic and social recovery.

The development of Falkirk CLD Action Plan 2021 - 2024 will ensure that CLD provision seeks to address priorities identified by Falkirk Council and its partners.

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### **Appendices**

1. Examples of Progress Made Against 6 Priority Action Areas
2. Copy of Original CLD Action Plan 2018 – 2021.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **CLD ANNUAL UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN: 2018 - 2021**

#### **CLD Action Plan Theme: Improve Health and Wellbeing**

**Priority Action 2:** Develop the capacity of the public, voluntary and community sectors to meet the potential demands for support to people with complex needs, people with disabilities and older people to have access to activities in their own communities.

Falkirk's CLD partners have worked with people with complex needs, people with disabilities and older people to ensure that a range of activities are available to them. 'Dates n Mates', a dating and friendship charity, run by adults with learning disabilities is offering over 5 digital social events every month. Neighbourhood Networks are supporting members to create opportunities to develop community connections. Working with CLD partners, Falkirk's Sensory Centre are supporting young people to use digital creative arts to reduce social isolation and loneliness. CLD partners are working with older people to review provision within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and to co-design community lead activities. People with disabilities are being supported by CLD partners to working on a Health Issues in the Community Project with the aim to ensure that activities offered address health inequalities.

**Priority Action 13:** Ensure that people who participate within CLD activities have access to and are supported to use health services.

When the country went into lockdown in March 2020, CLD partners immediately started to develop plans and build capacity to support people who were at risk of not being able to provide themselves with essentials services. During lockdown, Falkirk's WRVS recruited 60 people, who supported over 700 clients in the Falkirk Council area with food and medication deliveries as well as regular companionship phone calls and latterly 'garden gate visits'. CLD partners worked tirelessly to ensure that people were safe, secure and equipped with everything they needed to get through the lockdown period. They helped with housing issues, maintenance problems, household administration and signposted people to other sources of support as appropriate and they worked with people who not only had physical disabilities but also poor mental health, addiction issues and other social problems such as homelessness and abuse.

#### **CLD Action Plan Theme: Increase Community Engagement**

**Priority Action 8:** Falkirk's CLD Partners will work with communities to co-design, co-produce and co-delivering services.

Recent bank closures in Denny made things difficult for local people to access financial services. To address this issue, local people worked with CLD partners and 'OneBanks' to co-design and establish a local bank within the Denny Co-operative. Staff are on hand to help people deposit cash or use online services.

The open banking platform makes everyday banking needs happen easily. CLD partners are working collaboratively with residents of Bridge Crescent, Denny and the surrounding area. Adopting a campus approach, Denny Community Support Group and Denny YMCA Management Committee have co-produced a number of initiatives

in the priority area. This approach has enabled both projects to secure over £70K for the refurbishment of both DCSP Flat and the YMCA Hall.

The improved environment has enabled both Projects to expand their services to include Food Pantry, Recovery Community Support Groups, environmental project for children and young people, a regular surgery for migrant workers and a Talking Point for community well-being conversations.

**Priority Action 15: Falkirk's CLD Partners will increase food skills of vulnerable people and increase opportunities for them to access affordable food choices/activities within their local communities.**

In November 2019, Falkirk Food Consortium secured £156,000 of investment from the Scottish Government to support the development of the community food pantry model. The Covid pandemic meant that Falkirk CLD partners had to focus on supporting those disproportionately affected to access essential services such as food. CLD partners worked with local communities to develop a network of 25 community food aid providers who in turn provide approximately 800 households with food on a weekly basis. The community food aid providers have worked very closely with Falkirk Council, Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership and Falkirk CVS to establish grant funding mechanisms that seek to meet community needs.

**CLD Action Plan Theme: Improve Core Skills and Employability**

**Priority Action 5: Develop a range of diverse CLD interventions aimed at reducing the poverty related attainment gap.**

During the pandemic, Falkirk's CLD partners have played an important role in tackling learning loss through food insecurity. Losing interest in school is one of the impacts of food insecurity. Falkirk's Summer Takeaway, delivered during summer 2020, took a family learning approach to promote health and wellbeing. 92% of young people involved in the Project reported improved mental wellbeing, with 80% indicating that they were looking forward to returning to school. CLD partners have also been responsive to requests from families for family learning support to help parents and carers with devices/connectivity and support their children. This has been critical in supporting families with home schooling. Forth Valley NHS Family Nurse Partnership, working with Falkirk CLD partners, have established Supporting Falkirk's Young Parents Project. The Project provides young parents with opportunities to make new friends, discuss issues that are relevant to them, access information and advice, learn new things and receive support. Partners have secured £24K to develop the work of the Project. CLD partners have secured £48K to develop Falkirk's Creative Youth Project with young people in 4 of Falkirk's secondary schools and Forth Valley Sensory Centre.

**Priority Action 9: Develop services that promote digital inclusion and literacies.**

One of the impacts of digital poverty is that people are unable to access some services due to a lack of digital awareness, skills, devices, or connectivity. The Covid pandemic has exacerbated this issue further with a growing need to access services online. Falkirk's CLD partners have worked with local businesses and Connecting Scotland Project to provide over 1000 devices to support those most disproportionately affected

by digital poverty. Falkirk's CLD partners have been delivering digital skills support through:

- Digital Skills for Life
- Digital Skills for Work
- Connected Scotland-Falkirk Digital Champions
- Falkirk's Council's Digital Inclusion Project

Through this support, CLD partners have worked with participants to identify further literacy, numeracy, and employability learning needs.

## **Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021**



**Falkirk Council**

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### 1. Foreword

I welcome Falkirk's Community Learning and Development (CLD) Action Plan 2018-2021. Falkirk's CLD partners continue to make a significant contribution to the life chances of individuals and communities within the Falkirk Council area.

We are all aware of the fiscally challenging times that public and voluntary sectors are experiencing and the impact that this has on communities across the Council area. However, it is my view that we can all do more collectively to improve the inequalities which result from social-economic and other forms of disadvantage.

CLD partners are in a good position to engage directly with individuals and communities to ensure that they feel they can empower themselves to make a meaningful contribution to community life across the Council area.

Tackling inequalities is a priority for Falkirk's CLD partners. Central to this is the delivery of preventative and early intervention activities that promote the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities within the Falkirk Council area.

It is my belief that Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 offers partners, including importantly communities, the opportunity to work together on key actions to ensure that resources, assets and services are best used to meet the needs and aspirations of individuals and communities within the Falkirk Council area.

I would like to encourage all partners to take the opportunities that Falkirk's Community Learning and Development (CLD) Action Plan 2018-2021 offers.

Cecil Meiklejohn, Leader of the Council, Falkirk Council.

## **2. Introduction**

- 2.1 Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 is intended to support Falkirk Council and its CLD partners to meet the statutory requirement for community learning and development.

## **3. Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018 – 2021: Strategic Fit**

- 3.1 Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 and its priority actions do not stand alone, but rather is part of a developing policy and strategy framework designed to improve collaboration between Falkirk's CLD partners and deliver improved outcomes for children, young people, adults, families and communities within the Falkirk Council area.
- 3.2 Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 is designed to complement and align to Falkirk's Community Planning Partnership Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan 2016-2020, which is Falkirk's Community Planning Partnerships equivalent of Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

## **4. Key Points from the CLD Regulations and Revised Guidance**

- 4.1 The requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place two obligations on Falkirk Council:
- The first is to ensure that the need for CLD provision within the Council area is assessed.
  - The second is to publish a 3 year plan setting out what CLD provision the Council will make, how it will co-ordinate provision with other providers, what action the other providers intend to take during the period of the plan and what needs will be unmet.

- 4.2 In November 2017, the Scottish Government published revised guidance on Community Learning and Development Planning 2018-2021. The purpose of the revised guidance was to support local authorities and their partners to achieve the requirements of Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
- 4.3 Community Learning and Development (CLD) is seen as a way of working which supports disadvantaged or vulnerable groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning that is negotiated with them, with a focus on bringing about change in their lives and communities. The goal of ensuring communities across Scotland, particularly those that are disadvantaged, have appropriate access to the CLD support they need is underlined by the requirement under the Education Scotland Act 1980 to "secure adequate and efficient provision" of CLD in the area.
- 4.4 The CLD Regulations in referring to CLD include "both programmes with explicit learning focus and other type activities that are designed with participants and promote their educational and social development".
- 4.5 The Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development (2012) continues to underpin national CLD policy. The Strategic Guidance states that "the foundation of CLD delivery is an assessment, in partnership with learners and communities, of needs, strengths and opportunities".
- 4.6 In deciding how best to meet the requirements of the CLD Regulations, Falkirk Council and its CLD partners should take account of policy priorities which relate to the assessed needs of learners, groups and communities. These should include:
- The Scottish Attainment Challenge
  - The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
  - The National Improvement Framework

## 5. FALKIRK CLD PARTNERS SHARED UNDERSTANDING

- 5.1 Falkirk's CLD partners have shared understanding of the purpose of community learning and development and this is detailed below:
- Falkirk's CLD partners work with individuals to support them build their **core skills**, knowledge, understanding and confidence in order to be more effective in their personal, family, community and working lives. Central to this process is the voluntary engagement of the individual. **Core skills** are the ability to communicate, use numbers and ICT effectively in order to handle information, communicate with others, express ideas and opinions, make decisions and solve problems.
  - Falkirk's CLD partners offer **community capacity building** support to enable communities to understand, inform and influence the decision making processes that impact on their lives. **Community Capacity Building** can support communities to address the inequalities that act as barriers to participation in society to thereby effect sustainable change.

## 6. HOW WAS FALKIRK'S CLD ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED?

- 6.1 Falkirk's Community Planning Partnership have used the Place Standards within Falkirk's East and West Localities and this data has informed the development of Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021.
- 6.2 Details of partner organisations who have been consulted on Falkirk CLD Action Plan 2018 – 2021 is detailed in Appendix 1.

- 6.3 Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 has also been informed by:
- Falkirk's Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation data
  - Falkirk's Realigning Children's Service's data
  - Falkirk's Pupil Equity Fund/Attainment Challenge data
  - Falkirk's Integrated Children's Services Plan
  - Falkirk Integrated Strategic Plan and Strategic Joint Needs Assessment
  - Falkirk's Community Planning Partnership Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan 2016-2020.
- 6.4 In addition to the above, Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 has been developed with the involvement of Falkirk's CLD partners, learners and communities. This has included:
- Partner organisations who deliver CLD within the Falkirk Council area
  - Individuals who participate within CLD activities within the Falkirk Council area
  - Individuals who live within the Falkirk Council area
  - Falkirk's Community Planning partners
- 6.5 In particular, the Action Plan's development process has involved individuals and community groups who experience inequalities as a result of socio-economic and other disadvantage. This has been an important feature and it is envisaged that this involvement will continue throughout the lifespan of Falkirk's CLD Action Plan.

## **7. FALKIRK'S CLD ACTION PLAN 2018-2021**

7.1 Falkirk CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 seeks to maximise the impact of community learning and development by focusing on activities that would improve the outcomes for the most disadvantaged communities. Falkirk's CLD partners will do this collectively to ensure that resources are best deployed to achieve the priority Actions detailed within the CLD Action Plan. Detailed below are the priority actions that have been agreed by Falkirk's CLD partners.

<b>Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 Priority Actions</b>
Action 1: Falkirk's CLD partners will work to develop the capacity of the public, voluntary and community sectors to meet the potential demands for social prescribing.
Action 2: Falkirk's CLD partners will work to develop the capacity of the public, voluntary and community sectors to meet the potential demands for support from people with complex needs, people with disabilities and older people to have access to activities within their own communities.
Action 3: Falkirk's CLD partners will develop evidence based practice with children, young people, adults and families that seek to improve their mental health and wellbeing.
Action 4: Falkirk's CLD partners will reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are not in education, employment and training.
Action 5: Falkirk's CLD partners will develop a range of diverse CLD interventions aimed at reducing the poverty related attainment gap.
Action 6: Falkirk's CLD partners will develop a range of diverse CLD interventions aimed at supporting vulnerable people into work.
Action 7: Falkirk's CLD partners will ensure that they have appropriate information, advice and guidance and referral routes in place to support vulnerable people.
Action 8: Falkirk's CLD partners will work with communities to co-design, co-produce and co-deliver services.
Action 9: Falkirk's CLD partners will develop services that promote digital inclusion and literacies.
Action 10: Falkirk's CLD partners will develop services that mitigate the impact of welfare reform.
Action 11: Falkirk's CLD partners will prioritise engagement with protected characteristics communities to ensure that they have a voice within the locality planning and community action planning process.
Action 12: Falkirk's CLD partners will, where appropriate, implement quality standards for CLD delivery. For example, LGBT Charter, Equally Safe Framework and Rights Respecting Schools/Service Awards.
Action 13: Action 1: Falkirk's CLD partners will ensure that people who participate within CLD activities have access to and are supported to use health services.
Action 14: Falkirk's CLD partners will ensure that, where possible, physical activity will be integrated within any CLD activity.
Action 15: Falkirk's CLD partners will increase food skills of vulnerable people and increase opportunities for them to access affordable food choices/activities within their local communities.

- 7.2 The priority actions detailed above, through regular review, may change over the lifetime of the Action Plan.
- 7.3 During the processes of developing Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018 – 2021, partners highlighted the need for further investment in the following area: -
- Access specialist ESOL provision for inward migrants
  - Access to assisted digital support for vulnerable individuals
  - Access to capacity building support for community organisations wishing to progress with asset transfers
- 7.4 Falkirk's CLD partners recognise that demand for the above services is outstripping the supply of services and that it may be the case that some requests for support will be unmet. Falkirk's CLD partners are committed to collective action to secure additional investment to meet the identified unmet needs.
- 8. CLD PARTNERS: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
- 8.1 Within the first 6 months of the implementation of Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021, Falkirk's CLD partners will develop a shared understanding of their workforce development priorities that support the CLD Action Plan. This may include Falkirk's CLD partners' involvement in:
- Developing knowledge, skills and attitudes
  - Networking
  - Practice sharing
  - Building leadership capacity
- 8.2 Falkirk's CLD partners have had a long commitment to and involvement with national and regional alliances such as the CLD Standards Council, Forth Valley CLD Regional Collaborative and the South East & Central CLD Workforce Development Consortium.
- 8.3 These alliances have provided valuable continuous professional development opportunities for Falkirk's CLD practitioners.
- 8.4 To support the CPD of practitioners Falkirk's CLD partners will encourage CLD practitioners to register with the CLD Standards Council.
- 9. REVIEWING, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRESS AND IMPACT**
- 9.1 Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018-2021 will be regularly reviewed to ensure that needs and resources remain relevant to the changing context and environment within the Falkirk Council area. This will include:
- Falkirk's CLD Action Plan will be monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis and improvement areas identified and acted on.
  - Performance data relating to Falkirk's CLD Action Plan will be updated by CLD partners on a quarterly basis.
  - Falkirk's CLD partners will participate within twice yearly review and action planning sessions for Falkirk's CLD Action Plan.
  - Twice yearly reports on progress will be provided to Falkirk Community Planning Partnership Group and regular reports will be provided to the Planning Locality Group.
  - Falkirk Council Education Executive will also receive a Falkirk's CLD Action Plan Annual Report detailing progress and impact.

- Falkirk CLD partners will publish an Annual Report detailing the progress and impact of Falkirk's CLD Action Plan.

## **10. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

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- Youth Link Scotland
- Service users of Denny Community Support Project
- Service users of Falkirk's Work Club
- Service users of Central Scotland Regional Equality Council
- Service users of LGBT Youth Scotland

## Appendix 1

Partner Organisations who have been consulted about Falkirk's CLD Action Plan 2018 – 2021.

- Skills Development Scotland
- Forth Valley NHS
- Forth Valley College
- Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership
- Workers Education Association
- Youth Scotland
- Falkirk Council Employment and Training Unit
- Royal National Institute for the Blind
- Link Living
- Falkirk Council Children's Services
- Falkirk Community Trust
- Falkirk Council Corporate and Neighbourhood Services
- Falkirk Council Development Services
- Communities Along the Carron
- CVS Falkirk
- Falkirk Credit Union
- Falkirk Food Bank
- LGBT Scotland
- Fire Scotland
- Police Scotland
- Falkirk Football Community Foundation
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Forth Environment Link
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Geographical areas and schools who have participated within Placed Standard exercises are: -

- Bo'ness
- Grangemouth
- Upper Braes
- Denny/Dunipace
- Larbert
- Bonnybridge
- Langlees

Secondary School pupils at:

- Bo'ness Academy
- Braes High School
- Grangemouth High School
- St Mungo's High School
- Carrongrange High School
- Denny High School
- Larbert High School

Primary school pupils at:

- St Bernadette's Primary School, Stenhousemuir
- Bankier Primary School, Banknock

