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COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

A LETTER OF THANKS

I am writing to personally thank everyone across Scotland's Community Learning and Development (CLD) sector for their incredible efforts in responding so brilliantly to the COVID-19 crisis - a time, I know, that has been hugely unsettling for many.

I have been heartened to hear of the myriad of examples of hard work, adaptability and dedication being shown in recent weeks to continue supporting Scotland's vulnerable young people, adults and communities.

Whether that's been delivering online youth work or food parcels, creating new learning packs, or caring for the elderly or for the young - the level of innovation coming to the fore has been hugely impressive.

So please be assured, the Scottish Government is extremely grateful.

We already hold Scotland's CLD community in the highest regard, and these added efforts simply reinforce that impression.

I am continuing to work with Alan Sherry, the Chair of the CLD Standards Council for Scotland, as part of my high level Further and Higher Education Ministerial Leadership Group and together we remain fully committed to supporting the sustainability of this nationally vital sector.

Thank you again for your continued commitment, and I wish you all my very best.

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