

# CDN RESEARCH AND ENHANCEMENT CENTRE WORK PLAN 2022-23

## Aims, Objectives and Approach

### The Aims and Objectives of the Centre are as follows:

- To coordinate existing research and enquiry work in an easily accessible central location to allow key recommendations and themes to be displayed and explored.
- To drive new research and enquiry in the Scottish college sector – ensuring it is relevant, applicable, and useful.
- To drive the improvement work emerging from the research, ensuring that the findings of any research are taken forward in a collaborative way for the enhancement of college progress and student success.

### The Centre does this using the following approach:

- Providing an information hub for existing published research relevant to Scotland's colleges, keeping it up-to-date and drawing out key themes.
- Providing a framework for proposing new research and enquiry work, supporting and commissioning original research where appropriate.
- Supporting and driving the enhancement work arising from the research, working with networks and short life working groups.

# Work areas

These work areas have been developed via a mapping exercise looking at the key international, national, and sector-level themes and priorities for the economy, skills, and education and consultation with stakeholders.

## COLLEGE OF THE FUTURE

- Working with Colleges Scotland to provide insight into the ways in which colleges will need to develop their practice to meet the changing needs of learners, employers, and communities.
- To provide insight into the processes and practice of college boards to ensure effective and sustainable governance.
- Supporting colleges to further develop their practice within an evolving tertiary sector and integrated quality framework.

## PATHWAYS FROM POVERTY

- Highlighting the role colleges are playing in supporting their communities to overcome the complex challenges of poverty through the dissemination of good practice.
- Working with colleges and partners to help them to share practice and expand and enhance the delivery of activity that supports learners facing the complex challenges of poverty.

## INNOVATION IN LEARNING & TEACHING

- Enabling college staff to develop their pedagogy and professional practice to support the delivery of innovative approaches to learning and teaching.
- Working with partners to support effective planning of new and innovative curricula.

## ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, NET ZERO & SUSTAINABILITY

- Working with colleges to develop and disseminate best practice in embedding sustainability in the curriculum.
- Working with colleges to develop their strategic practice in supporting economic renewal at local, regional, and inter-regional levels.
- Working with sector partners to support the delivery of the Colleges Climate Commitment.