



Community Led Participatory Budgeting

WELCOME

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Participatory Budgeting Works Project



- Launched in 2018 with Regional Events to Raise awareness of and advocate for Participatory Budgeting (PB)
- Themed PB Training Workshops
- Tailored Training and Support - working with PB Partners and Democratic Society
- PB Works Website www.participatorybudgetingworks.org
- Established and are developing the PB Works Network
- Focus on 'Quality' PB - Developing a PB Charter
- Working Towards 'mainstreaming' PB



‘PB directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget.’

‘Local people deciding how to allocate part of a public budget’

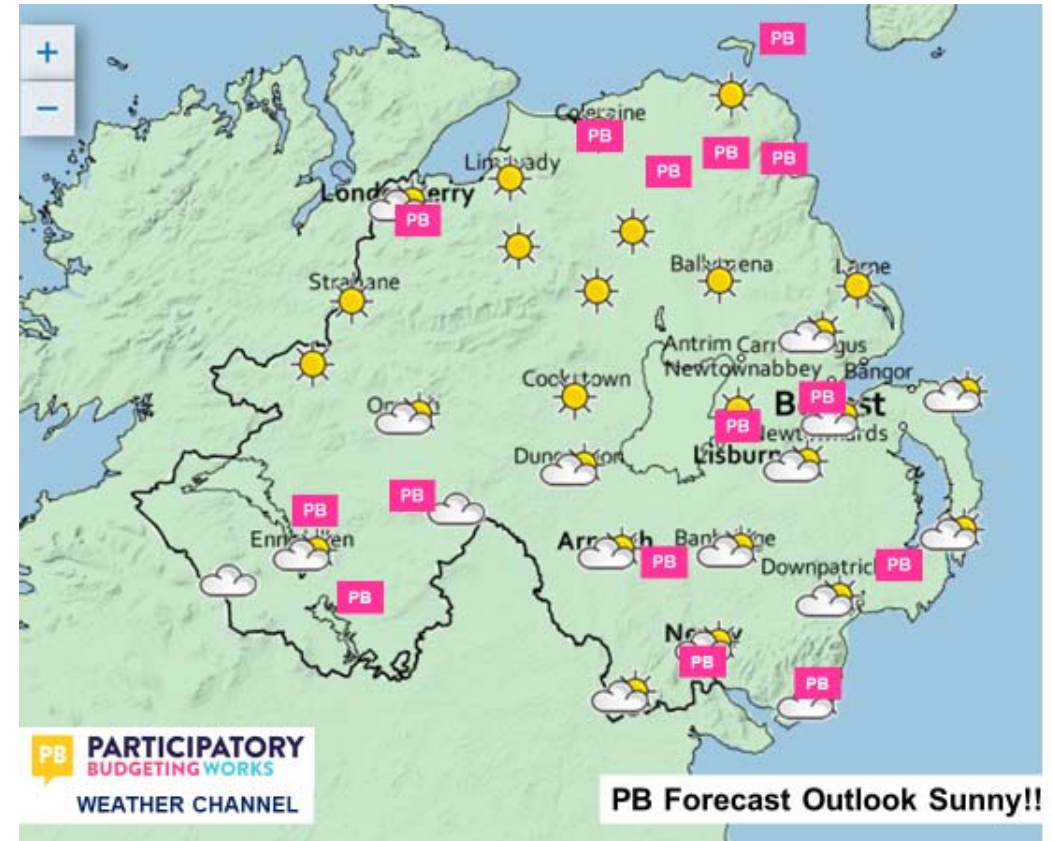


“If it feels like we have decided, it’s PB. If it feels like someone else has decided, it isn’t.” (Brazilian resident involved in PB)



PB Practice - Participatory Grant Making Processes

- **Triangle Housing Association** – tenant participation Community FUNd
- **Big Dish Out** – Cushendall and Cross Glebe
- Rathlin Island – **Grugach's Gold**
- Mourne, NMDDC and Partners **Communities Leading Change x2** and **Youth Leading Change**
- Fermanagh and Omagh DC – **Community Cash x2** - Policing and Community Safety Partnership
- **Clogher Valley Decides** – The National Lottery Community Fund
- **Grand Choice** – LC Killultagh DEA
- **Garvagh Forest School** – Forest Big Dish Out
- **Armoy Open Pot x2** – Armoy Glens Healthy Places
- **Triangle Housing Association** – Community FUNd for Armagh
- **Youth Making It Happen** – Derry and Strabane Strategic Growth Partnership
- **TAK£500** – Armagh, Banbridge Craigavon Community Planning Partnership
- **Join the Dots** – Collaboration for Change



PB - How can you get involved?

- Join the PB Works Network contribute to and share learning www.participatorybudgetingworks.org/register
- Check out Resources and News on the PB works website
- Attend PB Works Learning Workshops
- Contribute to the development of Quality Standards for PB
- Lobby local Councillors, Council and Service Providers in your area
- Other ideas?



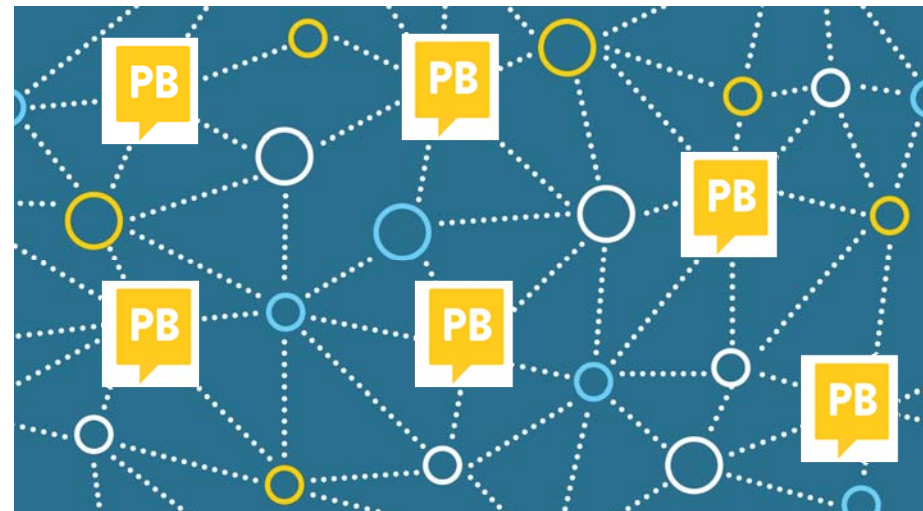


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JOIN THE PB NETWORK

The PB Works Network is free and open to anyone who is interested in participatory budgeting.

Network members are invited to contribute their ideas, learning and enthusiasm to advancing PB across the region.



BECOME A MEMBER

www.participatorybudgetingworks.org/register



Community
Places



FIND OUT MORE RESOURCES

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ALL

LINKS TO PB IN ACTION

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HOLYWELL STEW



VIDEO

YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE



DOCUMENT

PB CASE STUDY

The City of Edinburgh Council and the
Leith Partnership

PB SUPPORT WEBSITE

DUNDEE DECIDES



KATHLEEN GLAZIK
POLICY MGR - SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

VIDEO

MAKING PEOPLE COUNT



DOCUMENT



VIDEO

TRIANGLE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION VOTE FOR FUN



PB Charter – Quality Approach

- **Fair and Inclusive** – brings new and different voices
- **Participatory** – opportunities to get involved at every stage
- **Deliberative** – share ideas, listen and consider different views
- **Empowering** – people and communities are decision-makers
- **Creative and Flexible** – easy to get involved
- **Transparent** – clarity on why and how decisions have been taken
- **Part of democracy** – becomes part of regular budget planning



NEW —
GORBALS
HOUSING ASSOCIATION —



PB in Communities

The Gorbals – Home to 9000 people

- **30 year long programme of regeneration**
- **Demographics:**
 - 13% of people are from a BME background.
 - 1 in 3 people are disabled
 - 15% are 65+
 - 53% single parent households
 - 30% live alone
 - 28.5% claiming out of work benefits
 - 30.2% of people are income deprived



Challenges

- **2013 – Neighbourhood Audit**

- 3rd lowest male life expectancy in Glasgow @ 63 years
- 2nd highest rate of alcohol discharges in the city
- 3rd highest incidence of child poverty at 51% compared to 34% across Glasgow

- **2014 – Health and Wellbeing Survey**

- Only 54% felt they could influence decisions affecting their life
- Only 62% felt they could influence decisions about their community
- 38% of people felt valued as members of the community
- Only 68% felt a sense of belonging to the area
- 14% felt isolated from family and friends
- Only 15% belong to a club or group
- Only 10% volunteer

Responses

- **2011 – Gorbals Regeneration Group Established**
- **2013 – Thriving Place Community Status Achieved**
- **2015 – Community Co-ordinator Recruited**
- **2017 – Gorbals Locality Plan Priorities Set**
 - Tackling Poverty and Inequality
 - Ensuring Residents can Influence Decisions
 - Increasing Resilience of Gorbals people
- **2017 – Community Budgeting Officer & Community Engagement Worker Recruited**

The Communities Team



Gorbals Ideas Fund – Participatory Budgeting

- Established in April 2018
- Community-led – 12 local people.
- Supported by the Gorbals Regeneration Group
- Funding provided by New Gorbals Housing Association, Scottish Government, Urban Union, Glasgow City Health and Care Partnership.
- Funded until 2022.



Gorbals Ideas Fund – What we've done

- Delivered 6 Participatory Budgeting funding rounds and events.
- Engaged 1675 voters. (20% of eligible voters)
- Distributed over £80,000 to support 57 different ideas.
- Launched our website.
- Moved to digital voting.
- Evaluated our work against the PB Charter for Scotland.



Gorbals Ideas Fund – Why we do it...

- To strengthen local democracy (historically low voting turnout in our constituency).
- People and projects gain skills and knowledge.
- People and projects are better connected.
- Local people have the opportunity to influence decisions.
- Local people have opportunities to shape what happens in their community and play a part in positive change.



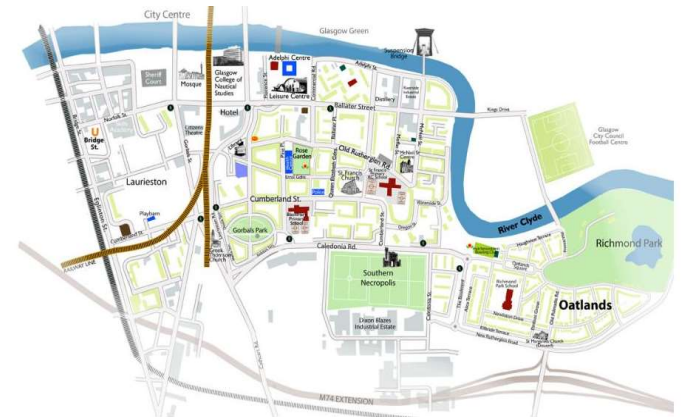
Gorbals Ideas Fund – Housing Associations & PB

- Participatory Budgeting sits well within the ethos of community controlled housing associations.
- Potential to use PB as a tool to engage tenants in decision making.
- Potential to identify new Committee Members through the process.
- Connected to partners and decision makers builds influence.
- Ability to lever significant funds from other funders.



Gorbals Ideas Fund – Challenges

- Small funding pot.
- Geography and getting around.
- Discreet ‘micro-communities’.
- Time, energy and resources v outcomes and impacts.
- Operational funding to engage across equalities.
- Engaging young people!



Protected Characteristics



Age



Sex



Disability



Ethnicity



Gender Reassignment



Religion / Belief



Sexual Orientation



Marriage / Civil Partnership



Pregnancy / Maternity

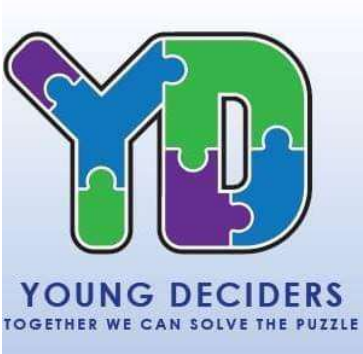
Engaging Young People in PB

Kimberley Logan

Why Youth PB?

- Young people are the future
- Young people have more influence in communities than they realise
- Challenge stereotypes of 'all young people being the same'
- Realise their potential and capabilities
- Develop new skills and experiences
- Develop new relationships with peers and the wider community
- Young people taking back ownership and control of youth needs

My Experience



Representation of Young People in PB

“No one else like us”

- Attended Scottish Parliament, local events, national programme events
- Adults still deciding young people’s needs



Youth PB Challenges

- 'Un-written, unseen' division between youth panel and 'adult panel'
- Earning trust from adults
- Breaking down stereotypes and preconceived ideas around young people's abilities and behaviours
- Raising awareness of young people as individual champions with their own voices, opinions, thoughts and feelings
- No secondary school in the area
- Getting opportunities to highlight the validity and importance of Youth PB
- Being the only young person on the panel
- Covid-19 impacting on development of Youth PB

Youth PB- Where are we now?

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- Developing PB processes with local primary schools
- Developing youth panel

Gorbals Ideas Fund – Where Next...

- Moving to ideation, deliberation and debate.
- Peer research & education activities.
- Advocating on community issues.
- Increase the number of local people voting.
- Engage more young people in the process.
- Continue to refine and develop our practice and process.



Has it made a difference?

- 2018 Health and Wellbeing Survey:

	Gorbals		Glasgow City	
	2015	2018	2015	2018
Positive perception of reciprocity	65%	78%	70%	74%
Positive perception of trust	65%	78%	72%	77%
Value local friendships	56%	72%	73%	73%
Positive perception of social support	75%	83%	78%	83%
Volunteered in last year	10%	17%	19%	20%
Belong to clubs or groups	15%	24%	21%	26%
Participated in social activism	5%	9%	15%	7%

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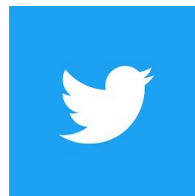
- 2018 Health and Wellbeing Survey:

Social connectedness				
	Gorbals		Glasgow City	
	2015	2018	2015	2018
Feel isolated from family and friends	14%	18%	10%	15%
I feel I belong to this local area	68%	80%	76%	76%
I feel valued as a member of the community	38%	69%	63%	61%
We can influence decisions that affect my area	62%	74%	73%	69%
I feel in control of decisions affecting my daily life	54%	73%	73%	69%

Q & A

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