



# Democracy Day - PB Works Project Launch

Crescent Arts Centre, Wednesday 14 March 2018





# Welcome Dr Louise O’Kane, Community Places



# Participatory Budgeting Works

- BCT: Civic Activism Programme
- Collaborative effort
- Raise awareness of and advocate for Participatory Budgeting (PB)
- Tailored Training and Support - working with PB Partners and Democratic Society
- PB Works Website [www.participatorybudgetingworks.org](http://www.participatorybudgetingworks.org)



## WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory Budgeting can be described as "Local People deciding how to allocate part of a public budget."

FIND OUT MORE



[www.participatorybudgetingworks.org](http://www.participatorybudgetingworks.org)

## 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.

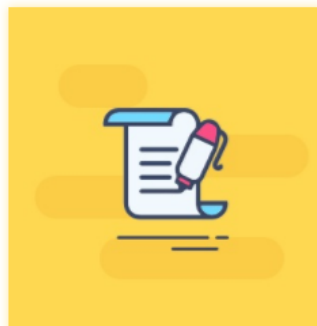
## BECOME A MEMBER

Having trouble with the form? Contact [louise@communityplaces.info](mailto:louise@communityplaces.info)

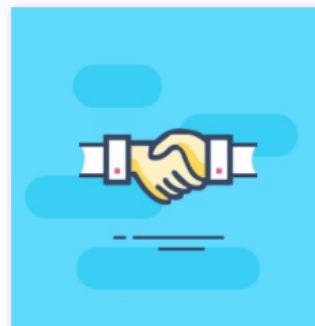
### HOW TO GET INVOLVED



GO TO AN EVENT



JOIN THE NETWORK



SUPPORT OR RESOURCING

## FIND OUT MORE RESOURCES

ALL

LINKS TO PB IN ACTION

VIDEOS

DOCUMENTS

PB SUPPORT WEBSITES

LINKS TO PB IN ACTION

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 HUB - SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

VIDEO

MAKING PEOPLE COUNT



DOCUMENT



VIDEO

TRIANGLE HOUSING  
ASSOCIATION VOTE FOR FUN



# Introduction to Participatory Budgeting

## Jez Hall, PB Partners



## PB PARTNERS

Independent social enterprise that is working to empower citizens

- Supporting new ways of doing PB
- Community engagement specialists



**PB Network:** Advocating for PB across the UK

[www.pbnetwork.org.uk](http://www.pbnetwork.org.uk) and supporting PB in Scotland









## EUROPEAN PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

**Latin countries...** Reformist, participatory

**Germany ...** Consultative, transparent

*250 municipalities on their map of participatory budgeting processes*

**Portugal:** 80,000 voters in its 3m euro national PB

**Nordic Countries:** school/ neighbourhood/ environment

**Paris:** 426m euros <2020, <5% of the city budget.



## USA and CANADA

**Chicago:** first major programme \$1m in 49<sup>th</sup> Ward (now \$4m)

**New York:** 8<sup>th</sup> year growing < \$35m per year (50,000 voters)

**City of Boston:** 4th consecutive year of \$1m of PB capital funds branded as [Youth Lead the Change:](#)



# THE START OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Began in Porto Alegre, Brazil in the 1980s  
 End of dictatorship and rebirth of democracy  
 Public finances were empty (stolen), citizens had unmet expectations, and wanted...  
 Democracy to be done differently

**= Democratic innovation!**

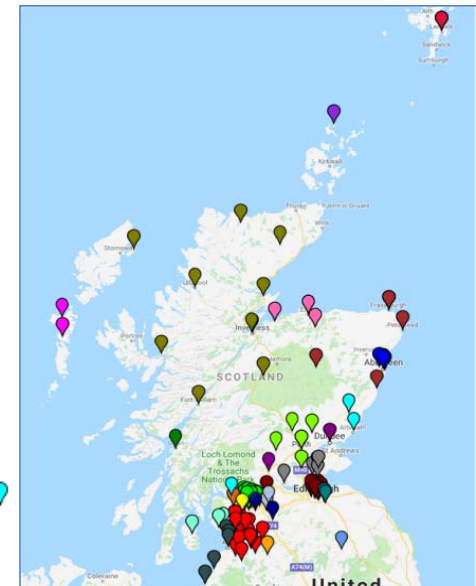
**Something drives the need for PB?**  
 e.g.... The 141 experiences in Scotland  
 like... The Scottish Independence Referendum 2014???



Or... Brexit??

- Local authority area
- ✓ Aberdeen City (7)
- ✓ Aberdeenshire (5)
- ✓ Angus (2)
- ✓ Argyll and Bute (1)
- ✓ Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (2)
- ✓ Dumfries and Galloway (1)
- ✓ Dundee City (1)
- ✓ East Ayrshire (23)
- ✓ East Renfrewshire (1)
- ✓ Edinburgh City (16)
- ✓ Fife (6)
- ✓ Glasgow City (33)
- ✓ Highland (10)
- ✓ Midlothian (2)
- ✓ Moray (4)
- ✓ North Ayrshire (3)
- ✓ North Lanarkshire (2)
- ✓ Orkney (1)
- ✓ Perth and Kinross (6)
- ✓ Renfrewshire (1)
- ✓ Scottish Borders (1)
- ✓ Shetland (4)
- ✓ South Ayrshire (5)
- ✓ South Lanarkshire (2)
- ✓ Stirling (1)
- ✓ West Dunbartonshire (1)

Showing 141 / 141



## WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

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

Or...

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

Or.....

*‘If it feels like we have decided ---- it’s PB.  
If it feels like someone else has decided, it isn’t”  
(Brazilian resident)*



## Connecting and complimenting existing democratic processes

- Only a small percentage of any public budget will be allocated using PB
- Formally mandated and 'signed off' by the elected legislature... .. but then the decision is 'the communities'
- Supports:
  - Representative Democracy
  - Public Service Reform
  - Community Development



## UK PB MODELS

- Small grants allocation
- Mainstream Investment  
(the 1% commitment)
- Commissioning, community planning and budget development and consultation



## The Scottish Policy Context

### Referendum – September 2014

“Harnessing the Democratic Energy” (Nicola Sturgeon)

### Commission on Strengthening Democracy (2014):

*“that a process of participatory budgeting, covering tax and spending options, is adopted by all local governments ...”*

### Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Provisions for public participation  
on decision making (including resources)

### Programme for Government 2017 and the COSLA 1% agreement

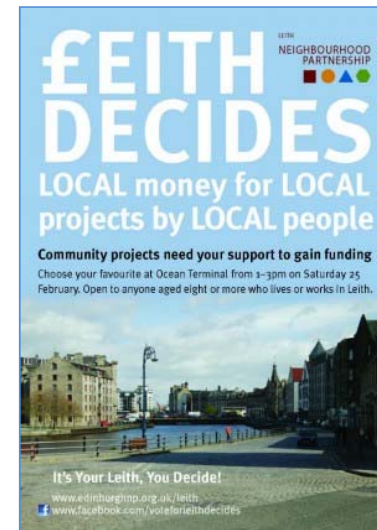
*“the best people to decide the future of our communities  
are the people who live in those communities.”*





## Objectives of PB In Scotland

- Increase quality and quantity of community engagement (more deliberative, inclusive and transparent);
- Increase trust in politics and in politicians;
- Stimulate dialogue and positive action within communities;
- Encourage well targeted public investments.



## How PB might support Democracy

**Margo Howe, a local Councillor said:**

*I think it's revealing that people themselves have grabbed the opportunity and seen the benefit of it. It's their ideas and, because of this, they will make it work. They're loving it!"*



*"Democratic power should be delivered from communities up, not drip down from above."*

**The Commission for Strengthening Local Democracy, 2014.**

**PB brings new opportunities for engagement with voters and, perhaps most importantly ...**

**building trust in the democratic process.**

## Scottish PB infrastructure

- Training and capacity building – on how to ‘do PB’
- Resources - how to guides, briefings for elected members
- Research, testing, and implementation of digital platforms
- Scottish PB identity and network
- PB advisory group
- PB evaluation
- Trained facilitators and advocates
- SG funding and leadership
- A critical mass of processes from which to learn



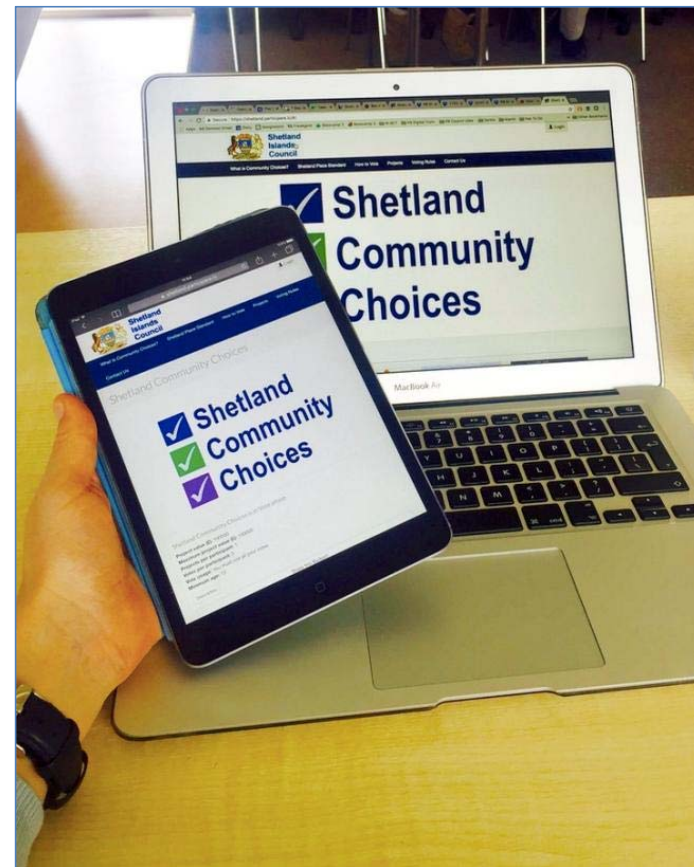
## ONLINE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Digital tools and engagement

Connecting on and offline participation

To reinforce and amplify...

**Ideas, engagement,  
deliberation and voting**



# ONLINE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Council grant funding to support Local Communities

£2.5k per project

150 ideas generated online

1,300 people taking part in discussions online

Map shows the spread of ideas



# ONLINE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Dundee Decides

£1.2 million Community Infrastructure fund.

7,000 people taking part online

Aiming for 12,000





## SMALL GRANTS ALLOCATION

A grants pot / initiative funding  
- community chest, etc

Bidders present proposals to residents,  
who vote on which to support

Limited impact on mainstream

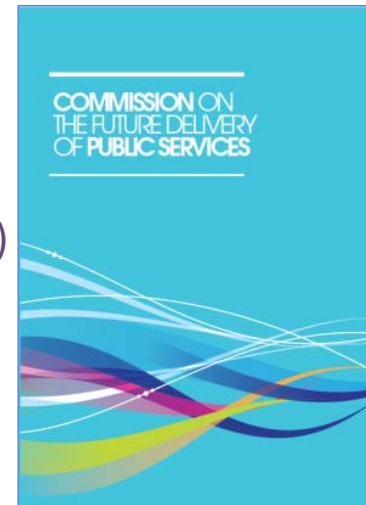
Effective at engaging, networking  
and enthusing local people



## THE NEED FOR PB

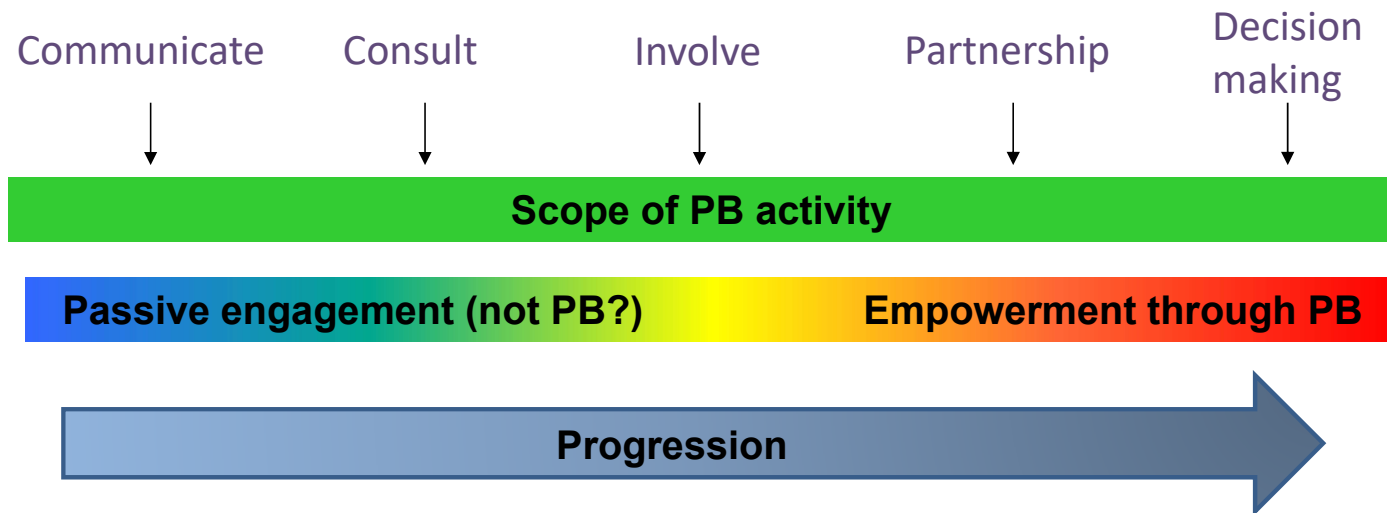
Christie Commission (September 2011) - Four P's'

- a decisive shift to **Prevention**;
- continually improving **Performance**
- working in **Partnership**(nationally and locally)
- engaging and developing our **People**



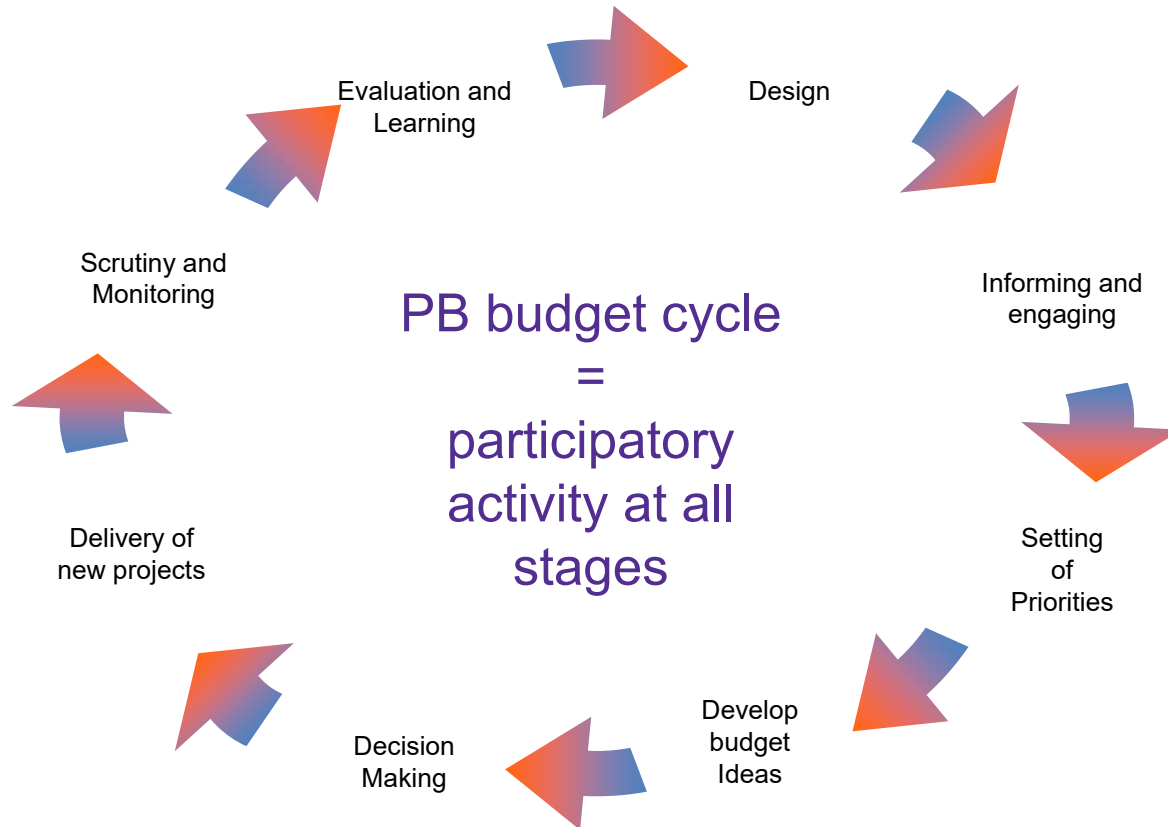
# The Empowerment Line

PB works in different ways,  
but should be meaningful and  
change how money is spent



# MAINSTREAM PB – SOME COMMON ELEMENTS

## THE ANNUAL CYCLE



## MAINSTREAM PB – A NEW COMMUNITY CHARTER

### Localism in practice?

- Local Governance
- Widening of participation
- Co-production
- Rights AND Responsibilities

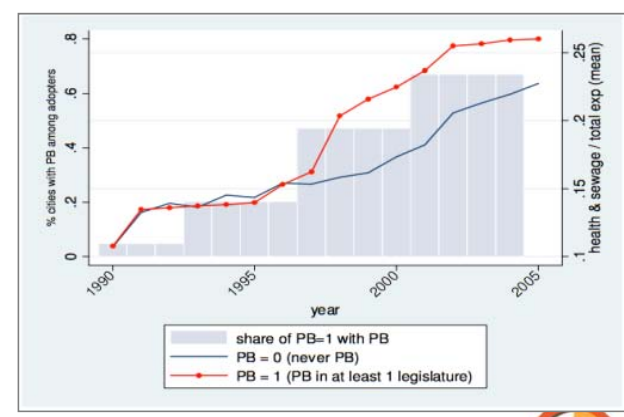
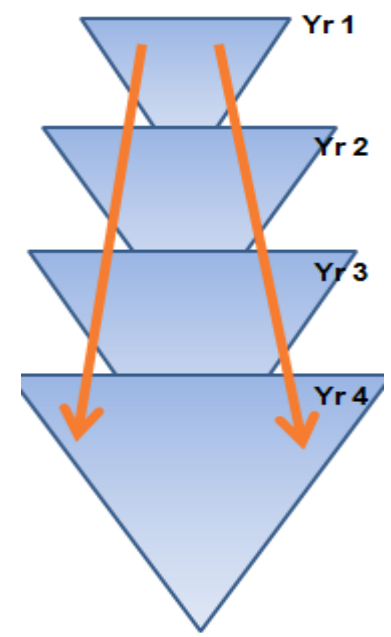
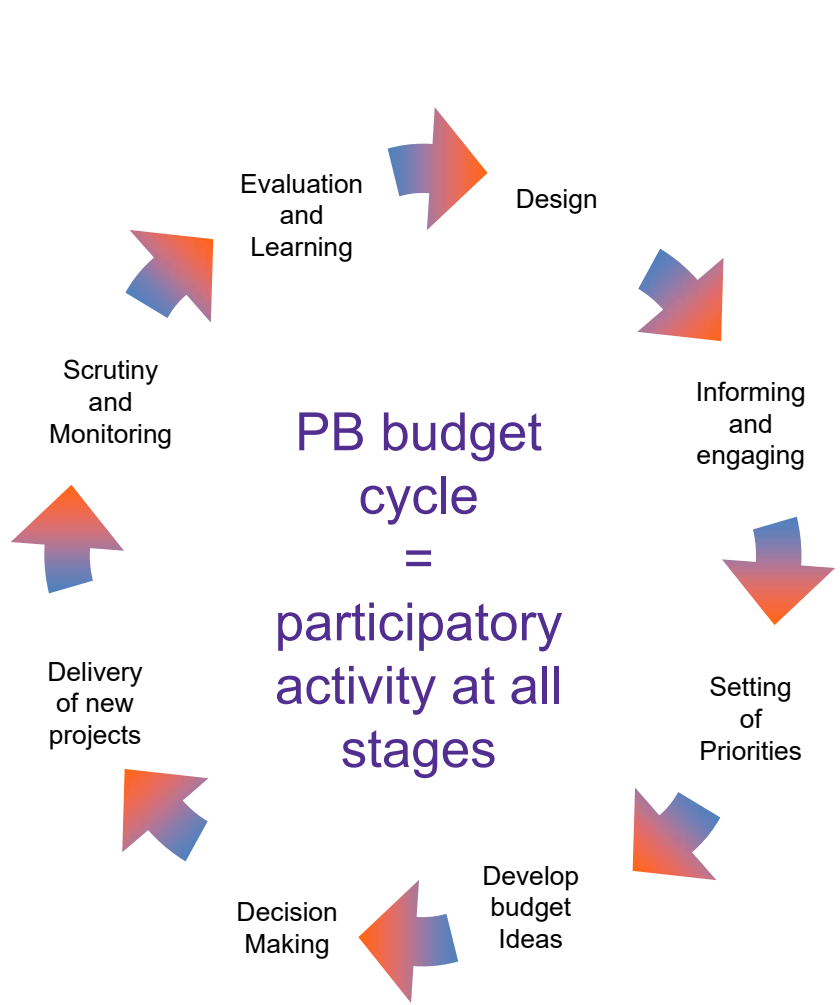


## MAINSTREAM PB – THE BUDGET MATRIX

| Geographic Area                 | Priority total | Need total | Population total | Total Score | % of total city score | Resource available (£41,200) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Area A                          | 6              | 6          | 9                | 21          | 12.9%                 | £5,314                       |
| Area B                          | 3              | 9          | 6                | 18          | 11%                   | £4,544                       |
| Area C                          | 12             | 12         | 6                | 30          | 18.4%                 | £7,581                       |
| Area D                          | 3              | 2          | 2                | 7           | 4.3%                  | £1,772                       |
| Area E                          | 12             | 2          | 2                | 16          | 9.8%                  | £4,038                       |
| etc                             | ~              | ~          | ~                | ~           | ~                     | ~                            |
| Total for all areas of the city |                |            |                  | 163         | 100%                  | £41,200                      |







## Key challenges

Reconciling representative democracy with open, direct participatory democracy.

When resources are tight, and people worried about the withdrawal of cherished services, **will vested interests try to unfairly influence the opening up of decision-making?**

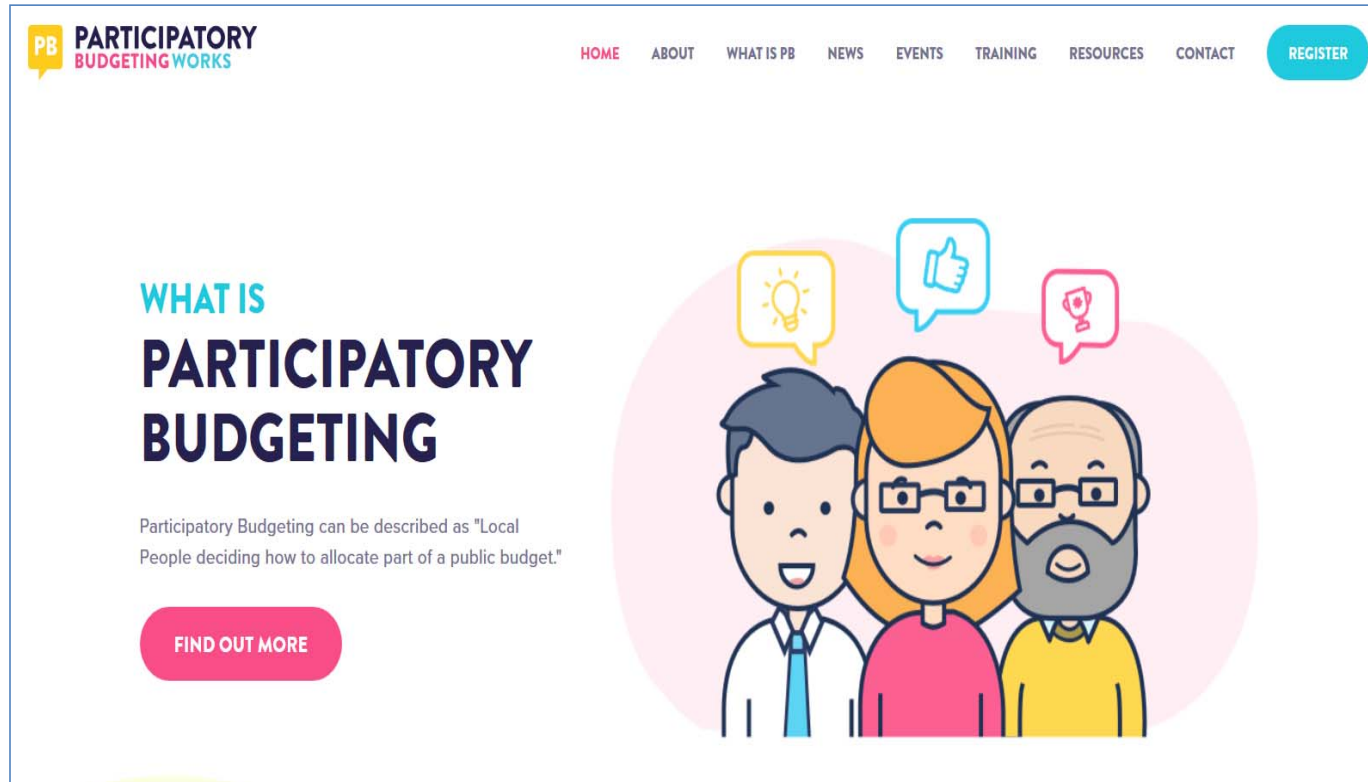
Concerns about 'up-front' costs to implement PB.

Inclusivity and connecting with seldom heard groups.

Strategic/sensitive issues (not amenable to PB?)

PB Resources:


PB works Website: [participatorybudgetingworks.org](https://participatorybudgetingworks.org)



## PB Resources:


PB Scotland Website: [www.pbscotland.scot](http://www.pbscotland.scot)

Learn about the Community Choices events happening near you in 2018 >>

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**Welcome to PB Scotland** - The latest events, news & ideas on Participatory Budgeting in Scotland.

**Reports & ideas**  
See PB voting in action




**COMMUNITY CHOICES** SCOTLAND  
Your ideas, your budget, your decision

**Community Choices events near you in 2018**

Community Choices funded events are taking place across the country during 2018. Catch up on everything that's happening.

**News**  
Read the latest

**Your Place, Your Priorities Event**

Your Place, Your Priorities  


Stirling Council is delighted to announce a fund of £130,000 open now to community groups to deliver activities that will improve their community - DEADLINE for applications is 16 March 2018.

Mar 6, 2018

**Lots of PB happening in East Ayrshire!**

Let's make a difference  
**vibrant** COMMUNITIES

Vibrant Communities is supporting a number of PB events during 2018.

**About**  
What is PB?

**Participatory budgeting (PB)** is a way for people to have a direct say in how local money is spent.

**A 60-second guide to PB**

[Get started](#)

**Where is PB happening?**

## PB Resources:

The UK PB Network Website: [www.pbnetwork.org.uk](http://www.pbnetwork.org.uk)

The screenshot shows the PB Network website's resources page. At the top left is the PB Network logo, which includes a colorful pie chart and the text 'PB Network' and 'Making People Count'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, NEWS, RESOURCES (highlighted in a blue button), and CONTACT. Below the navigation is the heading 'RESOURCES' and the sub-heading 'Learning through best practice'. The main content area features four resource cards, each with a thumbnail image and a title: 'DOWNLOAD OUR INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING', 'DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE ON GRANT MAKING GRANT MAKING THROUGH PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING', 'DOWNLOAD THE BRIEFING ON PB AT SCALE MAINSTREAMING PB', and 'DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE TO EVALUATING PB HEAR THE VOICE, MAKE THE CHANGE'. To the right of the resource cards is a social media section with icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Below that is a search bar labeled 'Search PB Network' with a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom right is a 'FIND BY SUBJECT' section with a blue header and a list of categories: Events, Geographic (England, International, Scotland, Wales), News, PB Network, Resources (Case Studies, Documents, Videos), Themes (Health, Housing, Neighbourhoods, Online PB, Policing, Young People).

## PB Resources:

### Democratic Society Scotland

<http://www.demsoc.org/participatory-budgeting-in-scotland/>



#### The Democratic Society

Better democracy, everywhere.

#### Digital PB Case Studies

The Democratic Society has been actively working with local Councils and co-ops to select, implement, test and embed digital tools for participatory budgeting (PB).

Below you can read some case studies which capture key learning points from participatory processes at a local level. Please note that a PDF file will open in a new window.

To read more about our 'Digital Tools for Participatory Budgeting in Scotland' into digital tools, please visit our main PB page.



Read our case studies to find out how digital tools have enhanced PB processes in 2016-17:

#### CASE STUDIES

WE'VE WRITTEN ABOUT SOME OF THE PROCESSES WE'VE SUPPORTED TO USE DIGITAL TOOLS FOR PB IN SCOTLAND. CLICK HERE TO READ THEM.



The programme is informed by research, workshops and discussions with 18 councils working on PB around Scotland. We released our first report in February 2016 and we're planning to undertake further research in Autumn 2017. [Read about the research that informs the programme:](#)

#### RESEARCH

WE PUBLISHED RESEARCH INTO DIGITAL TOOLS FOR PB IN FEBRUARY 2016. WE WILL BE REFRESHING OUR RESEARCH IN AUTUMN 2017. CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE.



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## PB PARTNERS

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# Learning from PB Practice from Scotland

## Lorna Ahlquist, Argyll and Bute





# Learning from PB Practice – Triangle Housing Association

## Denise Magill, Director of Support Services



# Triangle Housing – Vision and Mission

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Vision - Building Better Lives Together

Mission Statement – Triangle enhances lives by providing homes, supporting individuals and families, sustaining communities and promoting equality.

# Support Services Directorate

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Supported Living – provides individualised housing and care support to people with a learning disability. We currently have 24 supported living services supporting 167 individuals

Progression to Employment Services – Provides support for individuals with learning disabilities to enter or re-enter work activities. We currently support over 300 individuals

Outreach – provides home based community support to 26 individuals with a learning disability/complex need

# Participatory Budgeting – The Idea!

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Participatory Budgeting can be described as “Local People deciding how to allocate part of a public budget”

Participatory Budgeting has three simple steps

1. Generate ideas
2. People vote
3. Winning Projects Funded

PB Network




# Participatory Budgeting – The Fit

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Triangle's Core Values – Respect, Dignity, Inclusion, Empowerment and Choice

Triangle's Participation and Engagement Strategy

- Tenant and Advisory Group – T.A.G
  - Choice Checkers
  - Advocacy Training
  - Participation in Triangle – Choosing staff and SS Committee
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## Two Events – Oct 16 and Oct 17

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Oct 16 - Prepare a short 5 minute presentation on how you would use £500 to enhance the lives of all tenants in your Service

Oct 17 – Present an idea on how you would use £500 to promote social inclusion/community engagement





2017 Winners

Baronscourt –  
Sleeping Bags  
for the  
Homeless

# Alex from Baronscourt helping to hand over 40 'sleep tight' packs to the Hope for The Homeless charity.



# 2017 Winners




Tower Court – Dogs Trust  
and Neighbourhood Dog  
Walking Service

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# Lessons Learnt


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- It's not the money that is important, it's what everyone gets out of the process
  - Explain the concept and process well at the outset
  - Planning the event is critical
  - Ask for a budget
  - Think about your voting – you may need a mathematician
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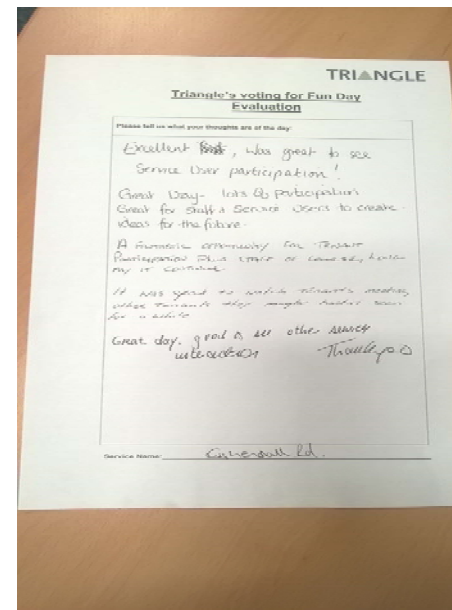
# Participatory Budgeting- The Evaluation

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- Enhanced engagement by many of our tenants who are otherwise uninvolved
  - Promoted partnership working with tenants and staff
  - Tenants and staff got the opportunity to be innovative and creative
  - Provided a fun event with the opportunity to socialise with others
  - Created a learning opportunity – idea, presentation, voting
  - Opportunity to share practice and ideas
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# Participatory Budgeting –The Evaluations

- Empowering
- Enjoyable
- Helped my confidence
- Fun
- Liked the voting
- We got to decide
- Made some new friends
- Can we do it again next year
- Would have liked a dessert!



# Further Development of PB in Triangle

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Our Housing Department are using PB to encourage community involvement and engagement amongst general family tenants and others in local decision making.

We are part of a Steering Group with the Causeway Coast and Glens Council, the Waste no Time project in Coleraine and Cushendall.

We have shared our experiences to date and provided part of the funding for a PB event in these areas which will take place soon.





## Table Discussion - Questions





## PB Mock Exercise Jez Hall, PB Partners





## Plenary Discussion - How could you apply PB?





## PB Works Training and Support Offer



# PB Works Training and Support

- Four Day tailored Training and Support Package to 5 PB Projects
- June and December 2018
- Approx. 15-20 people from a range of sectors per PB Project
- To explore and put in place the critical elements to help you plan and deliver a PB Project. For example, Briefings with key partners or elected members; half day action planning sessions with your PB Steering Group; attending PB event.
- Support Partners: PB Partners and Democratic Society



# PB Works Training and Support

- Applications will be prioritised where they can demonstrate:
  - Commitment to work with a range of partners and sectors
  - A committed PB resource
  - Support for the PB Project from a range of sectors
  - Project take place between June and December 2018
  - Evidence of commitment to and support for the project at a senior organisational level
- Closing Date: **4.00 pm Friday 11 May 2018**
- Applicants may be interviewed as part of the short-listing process



## PB WORKS TRAINING

If you are interested in developing a PB project please complete and return the PB Works Training and Support Application Form by 4.00pm Friday 11 May 2018.

The project can offer expert training and tailored support to help you design and plan your PB project between June and December 2018. A limited number of places will be provided. PB Works Training and Support Forms that are best able to demonstrate potential practical application of PB and that have support from partners to deliver a PB project will be prioritised.

Request your application form:

### PB WORKS TRAINING AND SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Fill out your details below to receive your PB Works Training and Support Application Form

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)



# Themed PB Workshops

- June and September 2018
  - Open to all
  - How PB can help to engage with those who don't normally get involved: 'harder to reach' individuals, groups and communities
- Wednesday 13 June 2018**
- PB On-line and Digital Engagement - **Wednesday 20 June 2018**
  - [www.participatorybudgetingworks.org](http://www.participatorybudgetingworks.org)





**Evaluation**  
**Thank-you for participating**

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