PB Works Workshop 6
PB Champions Training to plan and support PB

Play Resource Centre, Wednesday 8th May 2019
Welcome and Introductions
Dr Louise O’Kane, Community Places
PB Works Project

- 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)
- PB Works Network
WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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

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

www.participatorybudgetingworks.org
FIND OUT MORE
RESOURCES

LINKS TO PB IN ACTION
HOLYWELL STEW

VIDEO

DOCUMENT

PB SUPPORT WEBSITES
DUNDEE DECIDES

PB SUPPORT WEBSITES
KATHLEEN BLIZIK
MAKING PEOPLE COUNT

VIDEO

DOCUMENT

PB CASE STUDY
The City of Edinburgh Council and the Loth Partnership

MAKING PEOPLE COUNT

TRIANGLE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION VOTE FOR FUN

TRIANGLE 'Vote for Fun'

VIDEO
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 and supporting PB in Scotland
The Scottish Context

“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);

- Stimulate dialogue and positive action within communities;

- Increase trust in politics and in politicians;

- Encourage well targeted public investments.
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”
Connecting and complimenting existing democratic processes

- Only a small percentage of any public budget will be allocated using PB
- Formally mandated and ‘signed off’ at the top... ... but then the decision is ‘the communities’
- Supports:
  - Representative Democracy
  - Public Service Reform
  - Community Engagement
UK PB MODELS

- Small grants allocation

- Mainstream Investment
  (e.g. the Scottish 1% commitment)

- Thematic Commissioning, community planning and programme development
COMMUNITY LED FUNDING

Participatory Grant Making
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 Empowerment Line
PB works in different ways, but should be meaningful and change how money is spent

Communicate - Consult - Involve - Partnership

Scope of PB activity

Passive engagement (not PB?) - Empowerment through PB

Progression
Localism in practice?

• Local Governance
• Widening of participation
• Co-production
• Rights AND Responsibilities
PB budget cycle
= participatory activity at all stages
PB Resources:

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

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

| Welcome to PB Scotland | News
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The latest events, news & ideas on Participatory Budgeting in Scotland. | Read the latest
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Reports & ideas | Your Place, Your Priorities Event
See PB voting in action | 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
Community Choices events near you in 2018 | Lots of PB happening in East Ayrshire!
Community Choices funded events are taking place across the country during 2018. Catch up on everything that's happening.
Vibrant Communities is supporting a number of PB events during 2018.
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Participatory budgeting (PB) is a way for people to have a direct say in how local money is spent.
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A 60-second guide to PB
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Where is PB happening?
PB Resources:

The UK PB Network Website: [www.pbnetwork.org.uk](http://www.pbnetwork.org.uk)
The 10 Steps to planning a PB grant making process
Jez Hall, PB Partners
PB SMALL GRANTS MODEL – KEY COMPONENTS 1

Create a Steering/Planning Group

Including key stakeholders
Role is to design
and manage the process
And set the rules.
KEY COMPONENTS - 2

Develop Publicity Strategy and Brand Name
KEY COMPONENTS - 3

Agree priorities

Meet with as many members of the community as possible

Decide what matters to help.. bidders to bid and... voters to choose where the money goes.
KEY COMPONENTS - 4

Inform and engage

Hold information events

Publicity

Networking

Social media
KEY COMPONENTS – 5

Receive and process applications

Keep applications forms simple
Allow enough time for people to bid
Hold a review meeting to check applications
Feed back to bidders to help them improve their bid
KEY COMPONENTS – 6

Hold the decision event

Invite residents and ‘Deliverers’ to Decision Day

PR strategy to include effective ways of creating awareness and engaging service users
Doing anything on 25th November?

Can you spare half a day to decide how money should be spent to improve your neighbourhood?

Come along to Decision Day on Saturday, 25th November at the Highfield Centre, Drewry Road, Keighley

Morning session: 9.30am-12.30pm
Brackenbank, Branshaw/Fell Lane and Hainworth/Parkwood
Lunch: 12.30pm-1.30pm
Afternoon session: 1.30pm-4.30pm
Brathwaite/Guardhouse, Eastwood, Highfield and Stockbridge

We provide:
• £130,000 and proposals on how to spend it (funds for Young People, Safer Communities, etc.)
• Free lunch and refreshments
• Free childcare
• Free transport

You provide:
• Your local knowledge
• Your vote!

The projects with the most votes are the ones that get the money.

You decide. It’s as simple as that!

You will be receiving a letter giving further details shortly.

For further information please telephone Bradford Vision on (01274) 433987.
KEY COMPONENTS – 7

Announce the results
Projects scoring highest receive funding.

Support those who don’t

Inform the wider community of the outcome
KEY COMPONENTS – 8

Keep in touch with what happens next
(its not just about funding)
Successful projects get contracts
Monitoring guidelines established
KEY COMPONENTS – 9

Spread the word
Report what has been achieved

To..
• Residents/Service Users
• Public bodies
• Board members and Staff
• The whole community
KEY COMPONENTS – 10

Plan to repeat it

In Partnership

With your own funds?

Advocate to public bodies
Next Event
Wednesday 19 June 2019
Sharing the Learning and Imagine Democracy You Decide Celebration Event – register via the website www.participatorybudgetingworks.org
Evaluation
Thank-you for participating

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