

Next Steps For Participatory Budgeting in Scotland North Ayrshire Council's PB Journey

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PB... From South America to North Ayrshire!



"Fantastic way of letting local people be involved in the financial process of where money goes"

'If it feels like **we** have decided ---- it's PB. If it feels like someone else has decided, it isn't.'



Our PB Journey



- Pan Ayrshire PB Partnership
- Locality PB
- Youth PB
- Mainstreaming PB



Achievements So far...



- Strong Pan Ayrshire PB Partnership
- 9 x Locality PB Events (+3 Planned...)
- 1 x Pan North Ayrshire Mental Health and Wellbeing (thematic) Event
- 1 x Pan North Ayrshire Community Council PB Event
- 3 x Rounds of Youth PB Events

Achievements So far...



- Mainstreaming PB Ground Maintenance Budget (£975k) Pan North Ayrshire
- Dedicated PB Pages per 6 x Localities
- Appointment of PB Development Officer
- Dedicated PB Budget

Youth PB



- Youth PB Phase (Market Place)
 - Youth PB Phase 2 (Digital)
 - Youth PB Phase 3 (Digital)



Youth PB How it Worked (Phase 3)



What worked well:

- Online platform
- Information DVD, Social Media and YouTube
- Team around the school approach
- Engaging with young people age 8+ getting young people used to participation, online voting and PB at a young age
- Having temporary Young Scot numbers for all
- Pre-made info packs delivered to schools

Learning points for future:

More engagement needed with primary schools as this was their first experience of PB

Locality PB



- Development of CPP Locality Approach
- 6 x Localities in North Ayrshire
- 'Fair For All' Strategy
- 9 Locality Events (3 planned)
- 1740 have voted
- 264 Projects Funded
- £297,300 allocated
- Green Health Partnership: £30,000

Your Mental Health: Your Money, You Decide



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership PB

- Mental Health and Wellbeing: strategic priority and supported by community via consultation
- Priority areas: stress and anxiety, social isolation and young people's mental health
- First thematic PB event joint-funded by HSCP and SG
- Partnership working key
- Coproduced process, application and shortlisting, design and facilitation of decision day
- 80+ applications, 46 shortlisted, 42 funded via voting by 200 members of the community on Decision Day

Community Council Thematic PB Event



- PB supporting local democracy
- Refresh Community Councils
- 10 x Community Councils bid for £20k
- Projects to promote develop and increase community engagement

Mainstreaming PB



Scottish Government target of 1% of local authority budgets being spent via PB by 2020.



- Deepens democracy
- Improves the way public money is used
- Re-connects citizens into the basic relationship between:
 - The taxes we pay;
 - The politicians we elect; and
 - The services we receive.



Mainstreaming PB



- Review of Library Opening Hours
- Streetscene: Ground Maintenance Budget
- Pilot 3 Towns: November 2017 to April 2018
- Other Localities: April onwards



Celebrating Success





North Ayrshire - 'Fair For All' by 2030





Arran PB Event





