

# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

MASTER LOGO WITH STRAPLINE



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# Participatory Budgeting

- Developed in Brazil
- People directly vote on how money is spent
- Comes in all shapes and sizes but is essentially:

1. Ideas are generated about how a budget should be spent



2. People vote for their priorities

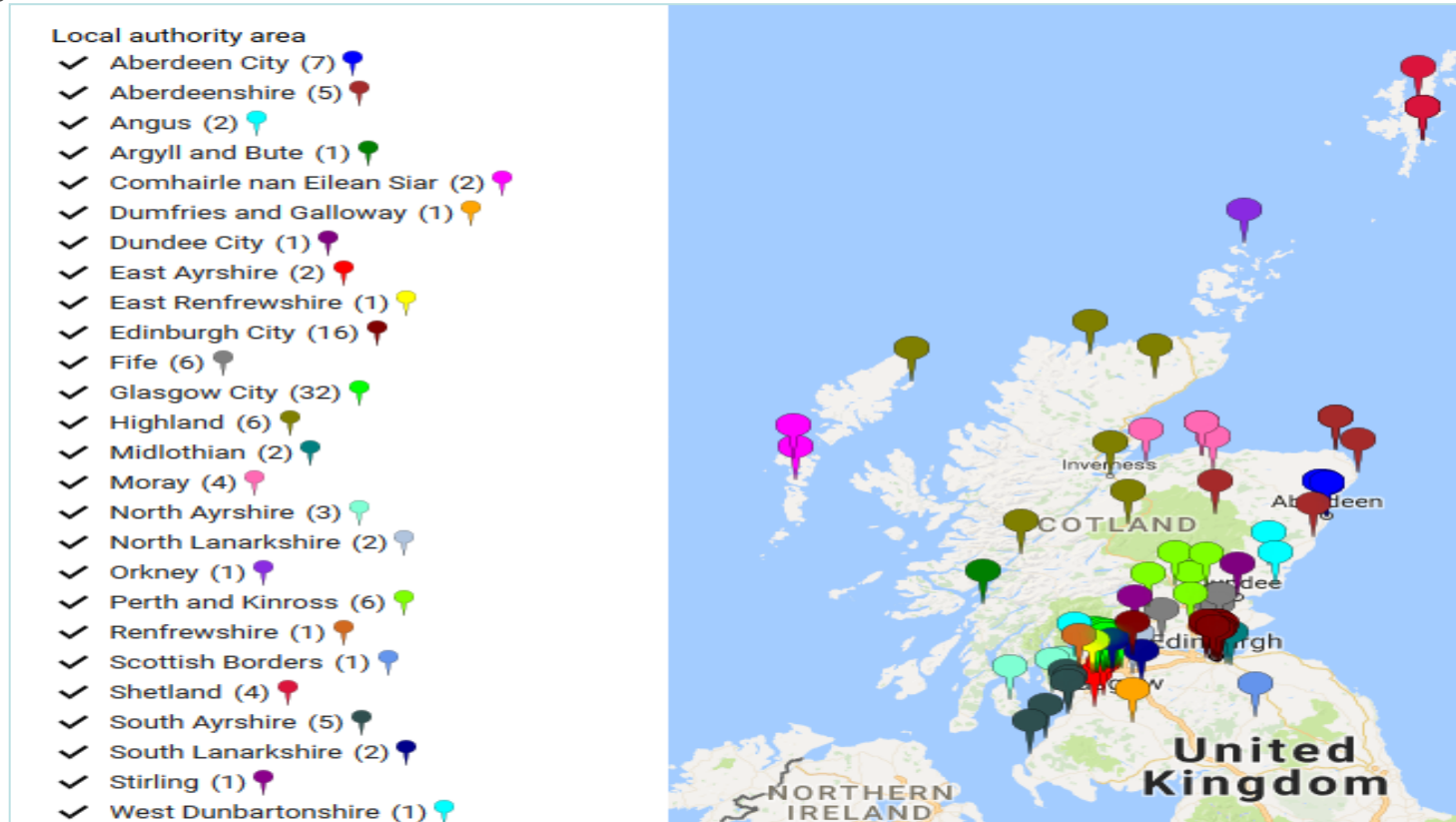


3. The projects with the most votes gets funded



Mostly, participatory budgeting is about bringing people together at local events. Sometimes it also happens online, where digital tools can help even more people to get involved.

# PB happens in many places and in many different ways.



# Participatory Budgeting

- Involvement in decision making
- Democracy

## Animated PB

<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2017/8/24/watch-church-of-scotland-animation-explains-pb?rq=church%20of%20scotland>

## Ayrshire PB

<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2017/5/29/watch-participatory-budgeting-in-ayrshire?rq=ayrshire>

# Participatory Budgeting

- The Scottish Government have committed over £3m to PB over the last 3 years
- Communities in Scotland are holding PB events
- Online software is being used to involve more people
- Politicians and agencies are becoming more aware of the process
- Local Authorities will be committing over 1% of their budgets to PB – that could be £23m per year.

# Questions for Discussion

1. What opportunities exist for you to try PB in your community/area of work?
2. What support, information or tools would be helpful?

# Support Materials – [www.pbscotland.scot](http://www.pbscotland.scot)



Introduction to PB



PB Small grants



Mainstreaming PB



Evaluation Guide

social research  
PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND PLACES  
Research Findings 11/2017

Evaluating Participatory Budgeting Activity in Scotland – Interim Report Year 2  
Angela O'Hagan, Clementine Hill O'Connor, Clare MacRae, Jennifer Broadhurst and Paul Teedon

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Glasgow Caledonian  
University PB  
Evaluation



Digital case studies



PB Animation

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