



The UK Participatory Budgeting conference

26th October 2015 at the [Studio](#), Birmingham:

The UK Participatory Budgeting (PB) Network has reserved the Studio Innovate rooms for [our conference](#) on the 26th October 2015. It is a modern, participatory venue, located in Birmingham city centre. PB network connects to champions of participatory democracy in the UK and worldwide. We have an ambition to become a significant policy shaping organisation. Our 2015 UK PB conference represents a step-change in our work. We are looking for your support.

We are looking for a few select organisations to sponsor our conference.

As leaders in public participation, with an interest in how citizens influence public spending we felt your organisation might be interested in supporting us.

Sponsoring our conference offers the following benefits:

- **Demonstrate your commitment to effective, meaningful citizen participation**
- **Profile and awareness raising of your work on strengthening citizen voice**
- **Help shape our work through engaging with our 'UnConference' and our Network.**

Through empowering citizens PB is known to offer practical, effective and innovative solutions to the challenge of modernising services, while reducing democratic deficits and challenging social inequality.

PB is growing sharply again in the UK, as can be seen from the stories on our website. And this is not just a UK phenomenon. Across the developed and the developing world citizen participation through PB is taking off and showing real results.

What's the deal:

We aren't setting a rate, but are hoping for sponsorship in the region of £450. As importantly, we are hoping for a mention of our conference to your networks and members.

If you agree to sponsor the conference you receive:

- Entry for 3 people from your organisation (worth up to £520 in itself).
- 2 bursary places to enable unfunded individuals in your network to participate.
- Your logo, a short profile and web-link on our conference papers
- Thanks announced in plenary session on the day.
- A display area for a pop up stand or stall.
- Opportunity to write a blog or news item, linked to PB, in the run up to the conference, that will be circulated to our network and go on our website

Agenda Items and timings:

The day is from approximately 10.30 am through until 4.30pm. The morning is a mixture of short keynote presentations, plenary debate and structured short workshops. The afternoon is dedicated to our Un-conference, offering a considerable amount of 'open space'. Where you can lead conversations as you wish.

For more information contact Jez Hall by email on info@pbnetwork.org.uk or by phone on 07963 706106.

Conference information available at www.pbnetwork.org.uk