

# Participatory Budgeting in Scotland

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# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)

Landscape in Scotland

PB Developing Policy

Progress to Date

Next Steps

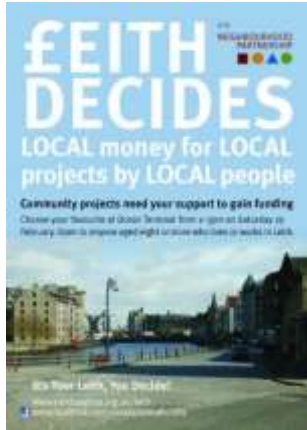
# Programme for Government

Our ambition is for Scotland to be a country where every person, regardless of circumstances:

- Has **the right** to take part in debating and shaping the society that we live in and the decisions we take.
- Can **influence** the decisions that affect them and their families and can trust in the decisions the people they elect make on their behalf.
- Has opportunities and support to **lead** their own change, with others and on their own.
- Has a **voice** in their local community and be able to play their part in making it a sustainable and enjoyable place to live.



# PB in Scotland 2010 - 2015



COALFIELDS  
COMMUNITY  
FUTURES

Richmond Fellowship

Over to YOUTH



# *What is the Scottish Government's Role?*

June 2014 - Minister pledges support for PB as a tool for community Engagement

Aim 1: Awareness Raising

Aim 2: Make it meaningful

Aim 3: Make it sustainable

September 2014 – Resource to build on participatory democracy

# *What is the Scottish Government's Role?*

## June to December 2014

- Workshop at CPP Conference
- Survey of PB Activity in Scotland
- Learning Event
- Awareness Raising for Councils
- Consultancy Support Offer to Councils

## *Are Councils Engaged?*

- Glasgow
- Edinburgh
- Fife
- Midlothian
- West Lothian
- North Ayrshire
- East Ayrshire
- South Ayrshire
- Angus
- Aberdeen
- Aberdeenshire
- Perth & Kinross
- Argyll & Bute
- West Dunbartonshire
- South Lanarkshire
- Highlands
- Western Isles
- Moray
- Shetlands
- Orkney

# January 2015 to Date

## PB Consultancy Support

### SG Part Funded

## 20 Local Authorities in 2015/16



# Any Support Tools?

January 2015 to Date

The Scottish Government has collated examples of participatory budgeting from around Scotland in this report, intended to be a working document that will evolve as PB grows across Scotland.



This briefing note explains how PB can work in practice, how it contributes to the work of elected members and how elected members can support PB in their communities.



A leaflet produced by the Scottish Government to provide background information on participatory budgeting (PB) and an overview of developing PB activity and support across Scotland.



Introduction to  
Participatory  
Budgeting in  
Scotland





# *Stakeholder Support*

## PB Working Group

- Fiona Garven
- Angus Hardie
- Dr. Oliver Escobar
- Martin Johnstone
- Felix Spittal
- Alistair Stoddart
- COSLA
- Jez Hall
- Alan Budge
- Ian Turner
- Kathleen Glazik



# PB Website Live

## PBScotland.scot

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the PB Scotland website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://pbscotland.scot/>. The website features a blue header with the PB Scotland logo and navigation links: Home / About / Blog / Resources / Map / Contact. Below the header, there is a large blue banner with the text "PB Scotland" and "PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN SCOTLAND." The main content area is divided into several sections: "What is participatory budgeting?" with a definition and a link to the "about page"; "Blog" with a post titled "Welcome to PB Scotland" dated Sept 28, 2015; "Resources" with a link to "PB in Action blog posts" and "PB feature on 'Creating a Fairer Scotland' website"; a search bar; a newsletter sign-up form with a "SUBMIT" button; and a section titled "Where's PB going on near you?". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 12:48 on 28/09/2015.

# PB Map

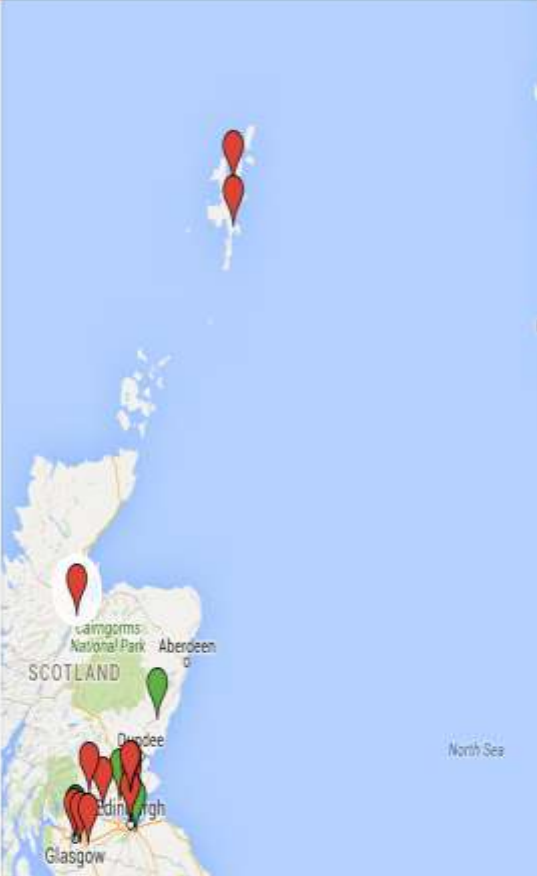


# PB Map

← Richmond Fellowship

name  
Richmond Fellowship


description  
The Richmond Fellowship Scotland has pioneered Participatory Funding as a way of handing over funding to vulnerable people to help them shape, design and control projects that achieve what they want. An event was held in Inverness in 2014 with over 50 people helping to select four successful funding bids using a 'clapometer'.



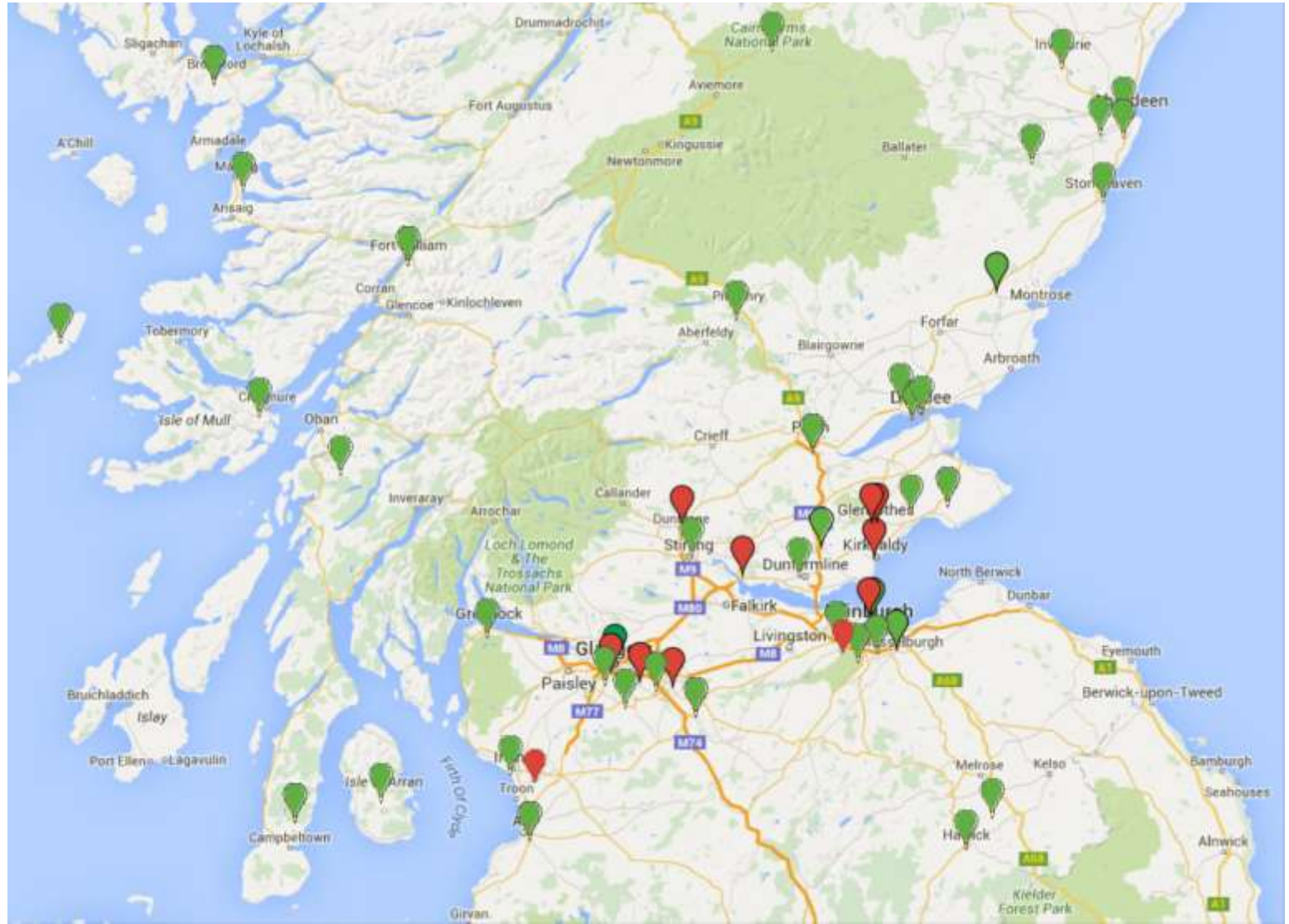
← Canny wif Cash

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description  
In 2013, the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) ran a unique participatory budgeting (PB) project where older people made decisions on small grants for work with older people. A total of 312 older people agreed to fund 56 projects to the sum of £56,000.



# Kathleen's Aspiration!



# *PB DIGITAL TOOLS*

- Democratic Society exploring digital tools to support PB
- Funded by the Scottish Government



# *Evaluation and Impact*

- SG Funding a two year PB Social Research Programme
- Impact on Communities, Services and Democracy
- Relationship between PB and Inequalities
- Informs developing national policy

# *Building Capacity*

- Investigating a Learning Programme for Scotland
- PB Expertise locally available
- Sustainability



# *What about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act?*

## **Participation in Public Decision-Making**

A new regulation-making power enabling Ministers to require **Scottish public authorities** to **promote and facilitate** the participation of members of the public in the decisions and activities of the authority, **including in the allocation of its resources.**

# PB is here to stay!

## A STRONGER SCOTLAND THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND 2015-16 (1 September 2015)

*“ We want to ensure the momentum to increase participation and involvement in decision making is maintained. To make that happen we will work with local authorities to develop and pilot council-wide participatory budgeting processes. This will mean that local people will take more decisions about a larger proportion of available budgets”.*

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