

*Evaluating PB – whose voices
whose stories?*

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Part One – Why and What

- ▶ What should be the key aims of the evaluation?
- ▶ By what criteria should PB be assessed?
- ▶ Aims of PB vs specific project?
- ▶ Where and how do these overlap?
- ▶ Is there are [pre-existing] baseline?

Part Two – How

- ▶ What should the evaluation ‘questions’ be?
- ▶ What form do these take?

Part Three – Who

- ▶ Who should be part of this process ?
- ▶ Who should do / deliver the evaluation itself?
- ▶ How does partnership working influence these choices of whom?
- ▶ Who is the evaluation for?

Part Four

- ▶ **Conclusions?**

Questions?

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▶ **PB evaluation toolkits**

▶ Participatory Budgeting Self-Evaluation Toolkit, University of Bradford and PB Unit:

▶ <https://pbnetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/PBunit-self-evaluation-Toolkit.pdf>

▶ 15 Key Metrics for Evaluating Participatory Budgeting: A Toolkit for Evaluators and Implementers. Developed by Public Agenda and the Participatory Budgeting Project together with the North American Participatory Budgeting Research Board, and with generous funding from Democracy Fund:

▶ <http://www.publicagenda.org/pages/15-key-metrics-for-evaluating-participatory-budgeting>

▶ **Specific PB Evaluations**

▶ Public Spending, By The People Participatory Budgeting in the United States and Canada in 2014-15 – Executive Summary:

▶ http://www.publicagenda.org/files/PublicSpendingByThePeopleExecSummary_PublicAgenda_2016.pdf

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▶ Evaluation Report [Final] Participatory Budgeting Pilot Evaluation Prepared for: City of Toronto December 2, 2015. Environics Research:

▶ <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-87192.pdf>

▶ A People's Budget A Research and Evaluation Report on Participatory Budgeting in New York City Cycle 4 (2014-15): Key Research Findings By the Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center with the PBNYC Research Team:

▶ https://cdp.urbanjustice.org/sites/default/files/CDP.WEB.doc_Report_PBNYC_cycle4findings_20151021.pdf

▶ Thea Crum, Jenny Baker, Eduardo Salinas, and Rachel Weber (2015) Building a People's Budget Draft Research and Evaluation Report on the 2013-2014 Participatory Budgeting Process in Chicago, Great Cities Institute, Chicago:

▶ <https://greatcities.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Building-a-Peoples-Budget-2013-2014-PB-Research-Report.pdf>

▶ Nada Zohdy (2015) Evaluating the Inaugural Participatory Budgeting Process in the City of Cambridge (2014-2015) Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Prepared for the Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) and the City of Cambridge:

▶ https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/cambridgema/pages/181/attachments/original/1439245835/Evaluating_the_Inaugural_PB_process_in_Cambridge_-_FINAL_with_ballot.pdf?1439245835

▶ Gary Hytek and Andres Temblador (2015) LONG BEACH PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS: 2014-2015: Report on the 2014 - 2015 PB Cycle:

▶ http://www.pblongbeach.org/uploads/1/3/5/3/13535542/pblb_final_report_cycle_1_2014_2015__1_.pdf

▶ Yves Zamboni (2007) Participatory Budgeting and Local Governance: An Evidence-Based Evaluation of Participatory Budgeting Experiences in Brazil Working paper – May 28:

▶ <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTRANETSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/Resources/Zamboni.pdf>

▶ **Other literature**

▶ Joan Font and Clemente Navarro (2013) Personal experience and the evaluation of participatory instruments in Spanish cities. Public Administration vol. 91, no. 3, (616-631)

▶ Sónia Gonçalves (2014) The Effects of Participatory Budgeting on Municipal Expenditures and Infant Mortality in Brazil. World Development Vol. 53, pp. 94-110,

▶ Michael Touchton and Brian Wampler (2014) Improving Social WellBeing Through New Democratic Institutions. Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 47(10) 1442-1469