

Let's Talk about Participation:



Civil Society and Open Government

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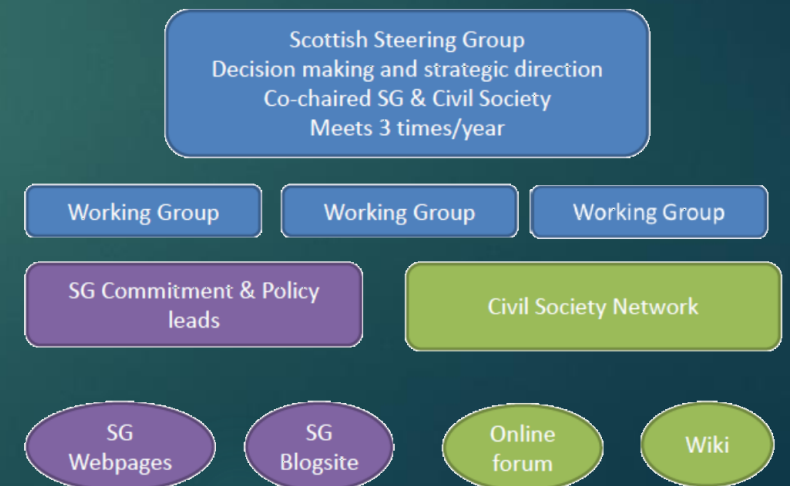
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Open Government Partnership (OGP)?

- ▶ International Movement started in 2011
- ▶ 79 countries, subnational government and also local governments
- ▶ Thousands of civil society organisations
- ▶ Scotland participating since 2016 as pioneer
- ▶ Scotland's Civil Society Network serves as an engine for ideas and as a collective voice to collaborate with and challenge government.
- ▶ Second OGP action plan launched in January 2019
- ▶ Steering group with equal SG/CS representation, gender equality, [...]



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What's the 'Open'/openness fuss?

(tentative) analogy with the 'right to roam':

- ▶ Under Scottish law citizens have the right to access most of Scotland's land and inland water for recreation, education and going from place to place (providing they act responsibly).
- ▶ Citizens similarly *ought* to have the right to know and scrutinise their government, as well as navigate information used and its linked decision making processes (within data privacy and security laws).



What is being tackled?

“Recent political events sweeping democratic strongholds around the world reflect a deep loss of faith in government. Citizens perceive their institutions to be captured by elites who are disconnected from the needs of their constituents or complicit in schemes that benefit the powerful at the expense of ordinary citizens.”

- Sanjay Pradhan
Open Government Partnership, 2017

“A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”

- James Madison,
United States, 1822

Activity snapshot

- ▶ Updates via forum / social media / blogs / wiki
- ▶ CS + SG working groups under each commitment - e.g. SNIB, accountability, data literacy, Brexit(!)
- ▶ Also, beyond the NAP:
 - ▶ SDGs network using open government approach, Data Delivery Group etc...

Open Government Network Scotland

The Scotland Open Government Network (OGN Scotland) is a coalition of active citizens and civil society organisations committed to making Scottish government work better for people through enhanced transparency, participation and accountability. [Join OGN Scotland today!](#)

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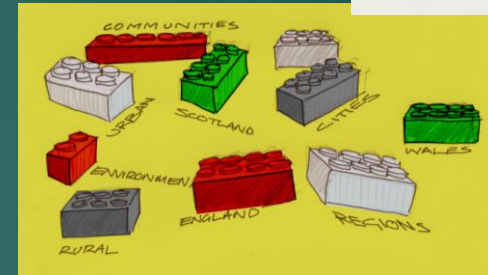
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Consultation report on how to make published procurement data useful and accessible • Open Government Network Scotland consultation events	0	12	3d
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Meeting of Scotland's Open Government Partnership Steering Group - 20th Feb Open Government Network Scotland	14	152	26d
UK Open Gov Action Plan - incl scottish commitments Open Government Network Scotland nap4	0	43	May 28
An Invitation to lead and develop Scotland's Open Government Network (OGN Scotland) Open Government Network Scotland	0	63	May 28
Commitment 4: Accountability Public Services: Update (April 2019) Open Government Network Scotland accountability	5	158	May 25
2016-18 End-of-Term IRM Report published (Scot) Open Government Network Scotland nap3	0	31	May 14

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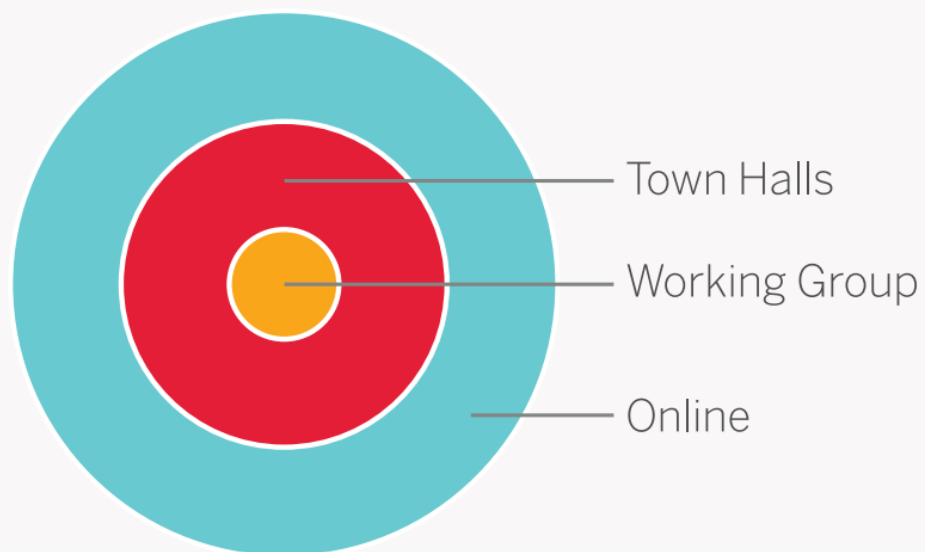
Civil Society - Showcase: Equality Good Relations Open Conversation Event (FEB19)

- ▶ Access and inclusion from planning stage
- ▶ Applied principles of the [Hearing Access Protocol](#), allocated a specific Access Host, prior access audit.
- ▶ Workshop balanced access needs with creating different ways of generating dialogue and building relationships between everyone in the room.
- ▶ Assistive technology - electronic note takers, BSL interpreters, freestanding acoustic panels
- ▶ Support for travel costs, varied diets, attention spans
- ▶ Above all: an open Civic space for (mediated by Arc for Inclusion) for new connections and sense making across agendas



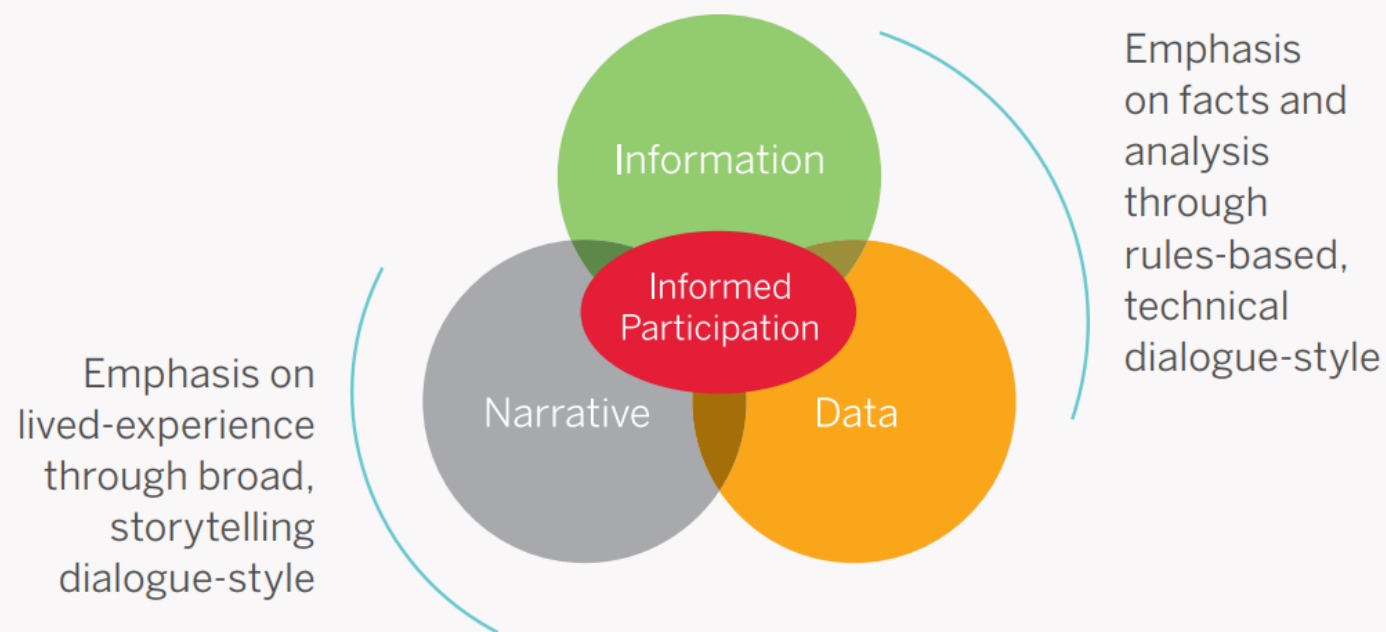
Open Dialogue: An Informed Participation approach?

Aligning the Three Principles of Open Government



Hybrid Dialogue Model

Informed Participation



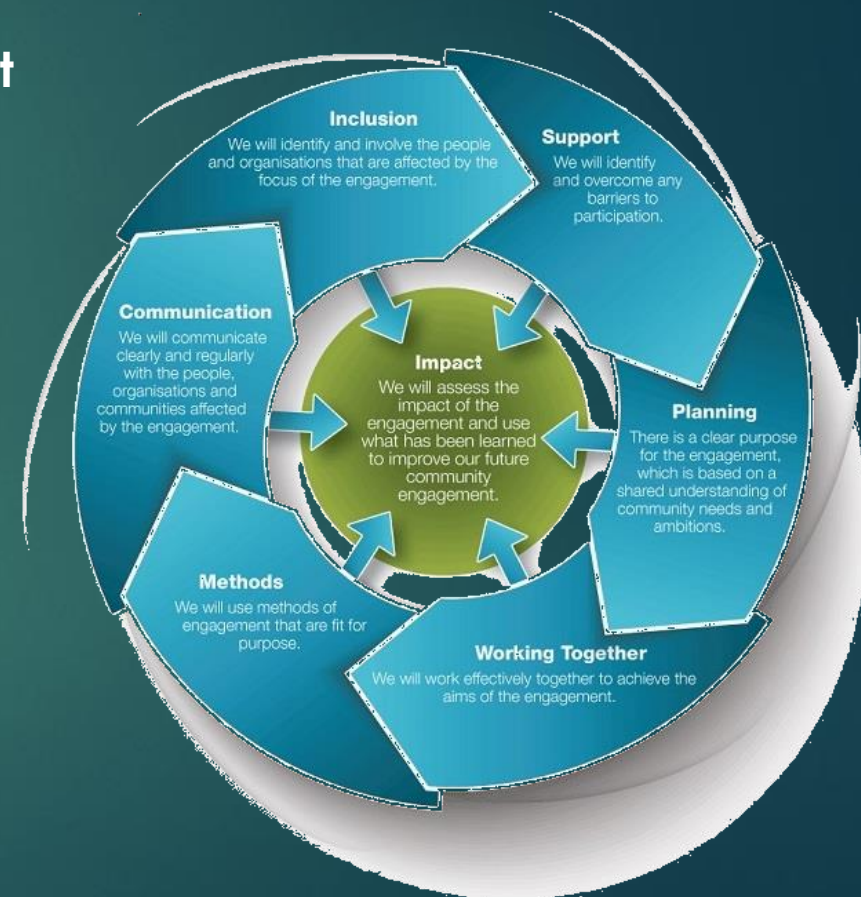
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“We must design processes that show continuity and transparency in moving from the consultation phase through deliberation to decision. This will enable participants to see their views represented and understand how their input was dealt with. The acid test is whether both participants and observers judge that, even if their views did not prevail, they were considered and treated fairly”

- *Don Lenihan, 2017*

National Standards for Community Engagement

- ▶ **We will identify and involve the people and organisations that are affected by the focus of the engagement.**
- ▶ We will identify and overcome any barriers to participation.
- ▶ There is a clear purpose for the engagement, which is based on a shared understanding of community needs and ambitions.
- ▶ We will work effectively together to achieve the aims of the engagement.
- ▶ We will use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
- ▶ We will communicate clearly and regularly with the people, organisations and communities affected by the engagement.



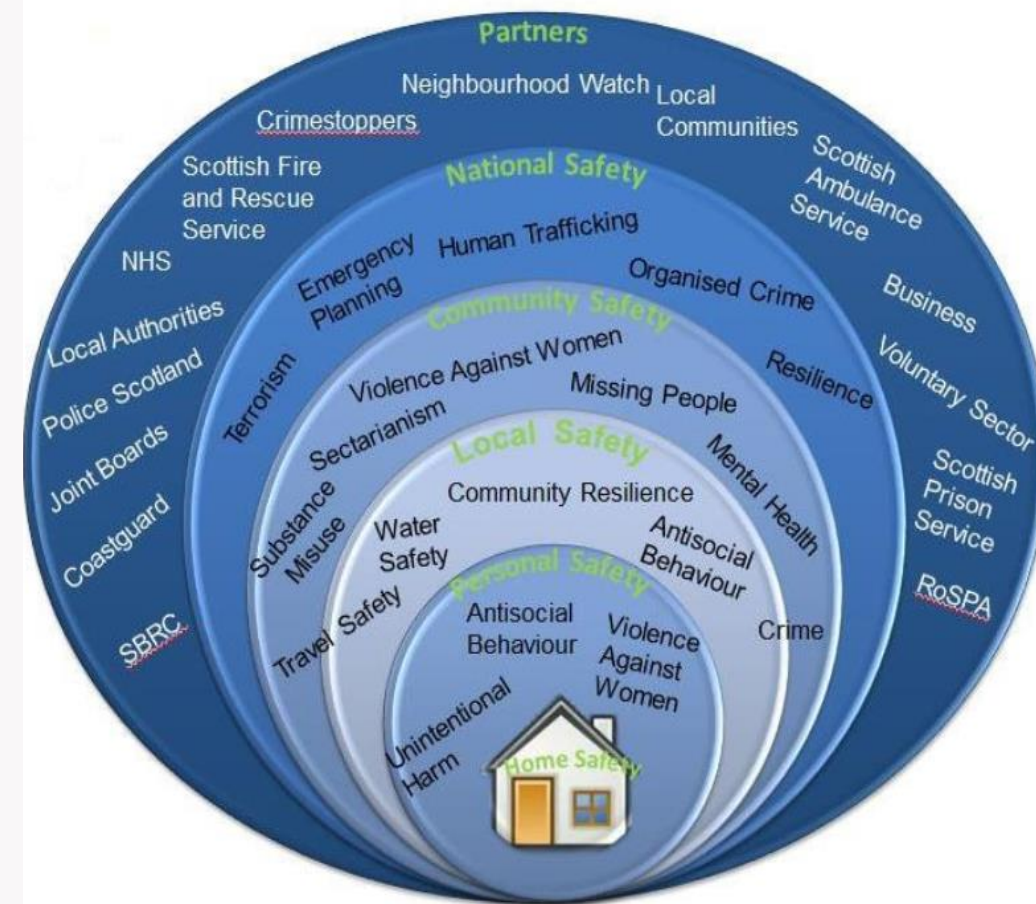
Participation & Co-creation Standards (OGP / IAP2):

- ▶ **Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.**
- ▶ Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
- ▶ Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
- ▶ Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
- ▶ Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
- ▶ Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
- ▶ Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

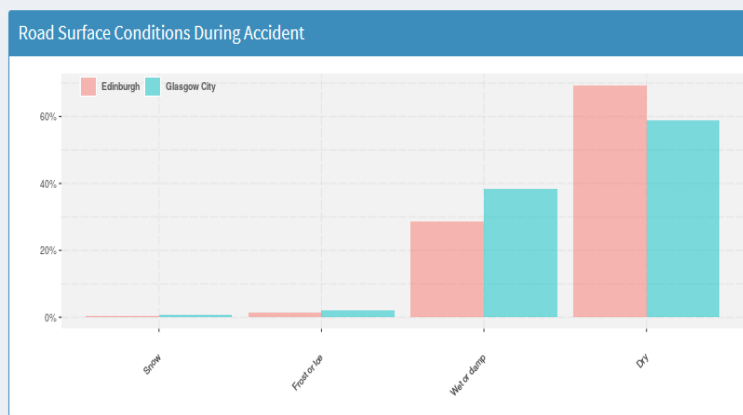
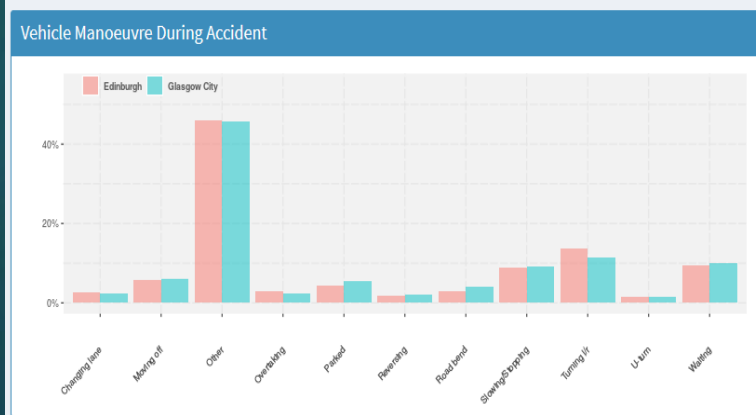
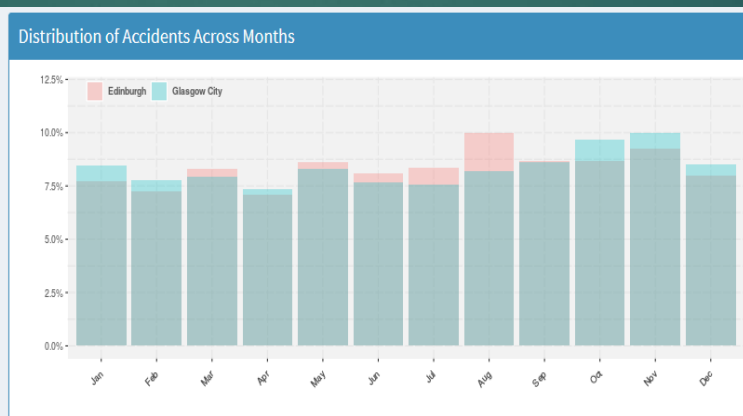
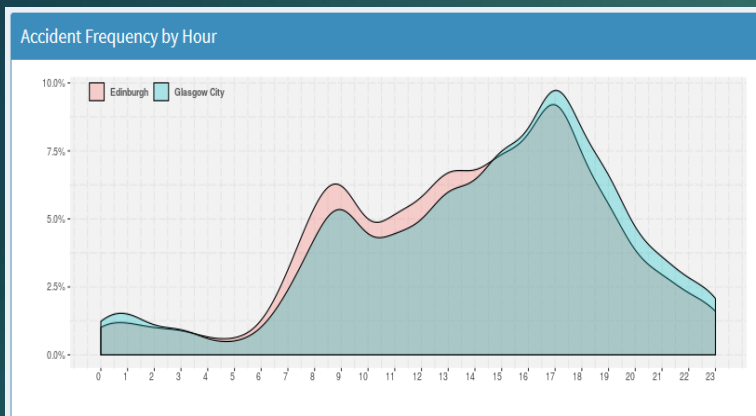
- IAP2 Core Values of Public Participation



Open Dialogue Approach to Community Safety?



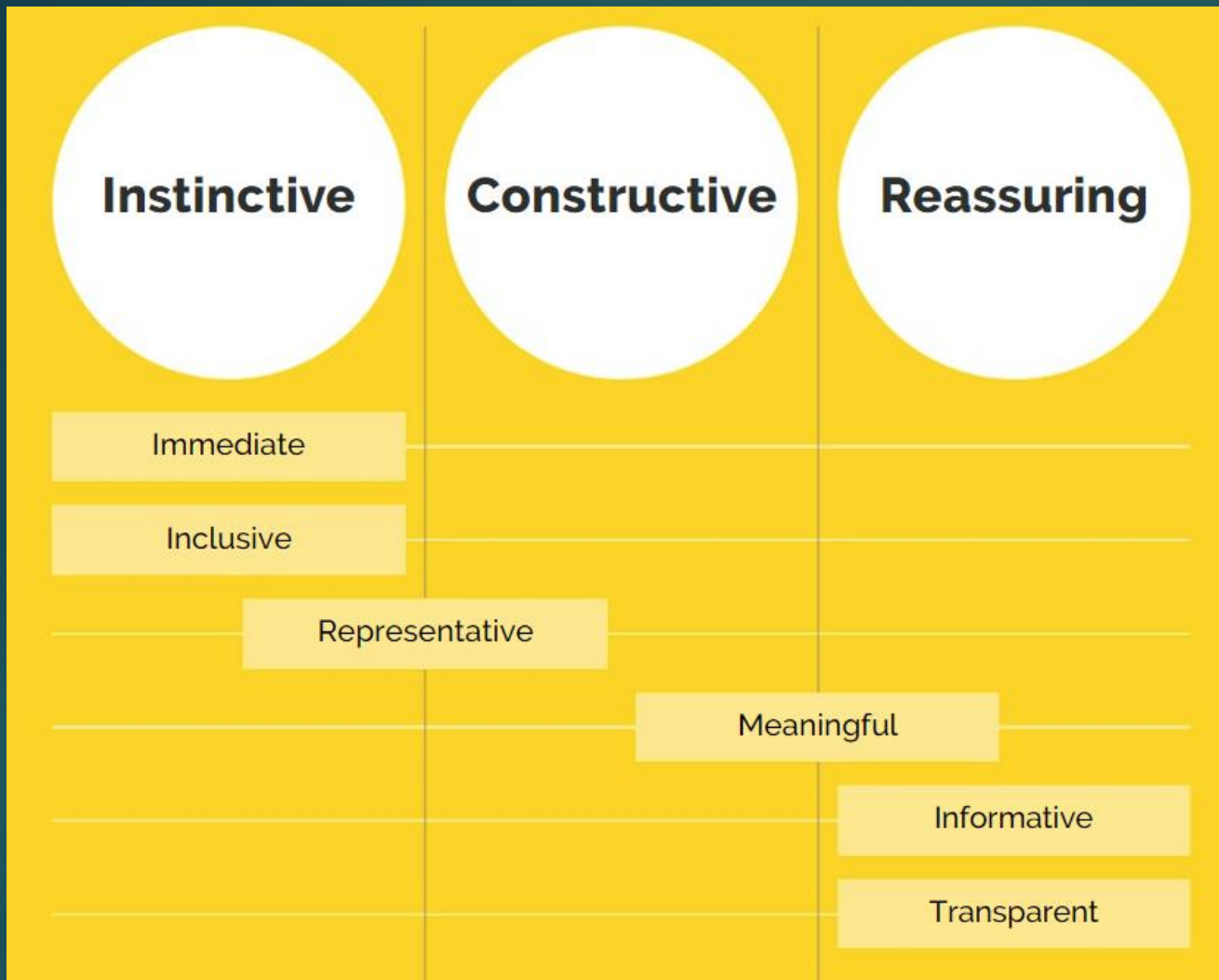
R-based App for Exploring Traffic Accidents in Scotland



“Innovation is serendipity, so you don't know what people will make. “

- Tim Berners-Lee

<https://thedatalab.shinyapps.io/TrafficAccidents/>



RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR CIVIC DIALOGUE IN A POST-TRUTH ERA
BUCKLEY (2017) FRONTEND.COM



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- ▶ <https://www.opengovernment.org.uk/networks/scotland/>

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