
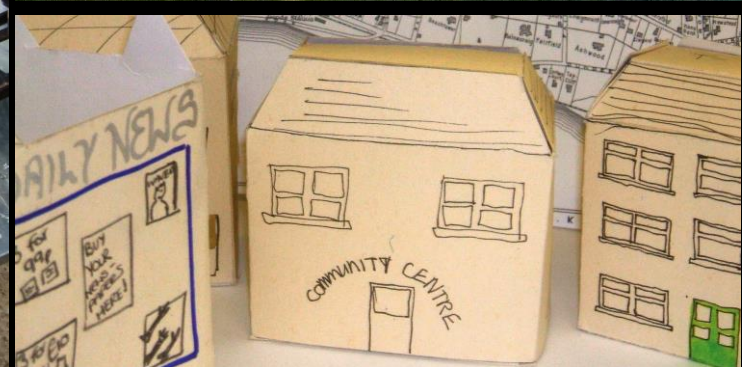


Participation:
‘the fact that you
take part or become
involved in something’

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- What does participation mean in practice?
- Why is it a good thing?
- Different levels of participation
- Fit with the policy landscape in Scotland
- Key learning







National Standards for Community Engagement



Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland

Making good PB happen

The seven key features of the PB Charter for Scotland are:

- ☐ Fair and inclusive
- ☐ Participatory
- ☐ Deliberative
- ☐ Empowering
- ☐ Creative and flexible
- ☐ Transparent
- ☐ Part of our democracy



Learning so far

- This is a long game
- We need to maintain the capacity of the community sector as a foundation for participation to thrive
- Public sector needs to have the capacity, and will, to respond
- We have the tools
- Build in equalities from the start
- Don't do participation just with marginalised communities
- We need proper deliberation
- We need to stick with it, and we need coherence

And the best news is...

We don't need to wait on legislation!

Democracy starts with people, including us...

Introduce mechanisms independently.



**The trick is making
sure that the results
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