DIGITAL TOOLS FOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING







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WHAT WE DID WE LEARN?

- Digital engagement is an important support for to participatory budgeting processes, but cannot completely replace offline engagement
- Ensure a wider range of voices are involved in PB processes
- Flexible: overcomes barriers of Time & Place
 Speeds up processes
 Harness the power of networks
- No single tool that is significantly better than the others in all situations, and no universal platform for participation.

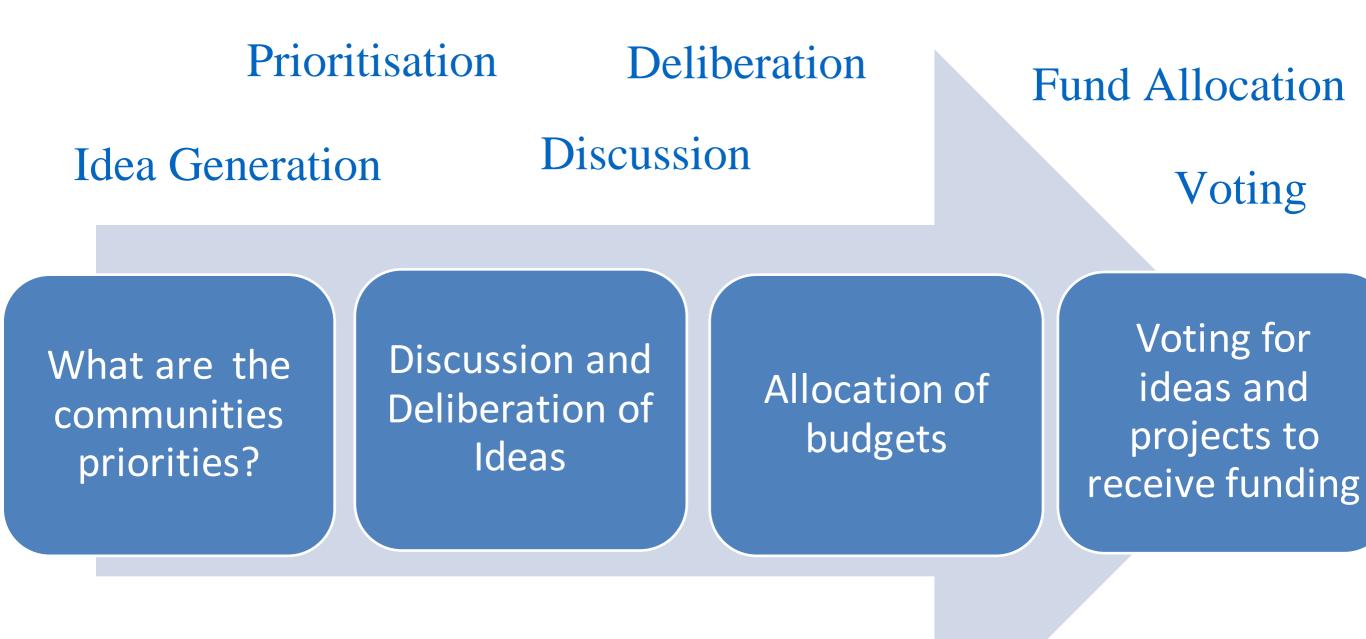
Digital tools and Scotland's Participatory Budgeting programme

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WHERE IN YOUR PB CYCLE COULD YOU USE DIGITAL TOOLS?



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WE HAVE LOOKED AT A LOT OF TOOLS...



...and made some recommendations





POTENTIAL OF DIGITAL DEMOCRACY

It is not the digital tools you have, but how you use them.

- Genuine
- Real Impact on Real Decisions
- Feedback Do people know what has happened beca use of their engagement?
- Open, Transparent & Fair
- Buy-in from community & representatives
- Digital Engagement used as part of a RANGE of methods



DIGITAL AUGMENTS OFFLINE

- Nothing can completely replace face-to-face
- Different methods for different people
- Developers encourage Face to Face meetings
- Focus on mobile technology
- Offline/Online Integration
- Digital is part of the process, not the entire process



WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

- Support for the uptake of digital engagement tools for participatory budgeting
- Purchasing Technology



- Support from Demsoc to implement the chosen digital tool into PB processes
- Work with councils to share and document their learning
- Digital PB learning group





The Digital Tools for PB in Scotland Programme

- 8 Councils experimenting with Digital PB
- Every Digital Tool to be tested
- Learning from the programme will help inform future use of Digital Tools for PB





...selected tools for you to explore today





Lightning Presentations

Each Digital Platform has 4 minutes to tell you about the their tool and why you should explore it further













SOLUTIONS FOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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D21: WHO WE ARE

• D21 helps transform the way cities and communities make decisions, through tools and consultations to enhance participation in any civic process.

Founded in 2014, D21 is now working with 50+ partners in
seven countries; as a social enterprise with offices in New York, Prague, and Paris.

We are specialists in Participatory Budgeting (PB); winner of European Union grant for digital solutions for multichannel civic engagement (EMPATIA) and solution provider for the world's largest PB (New York City).

Customizable tools & services for any size city or community.

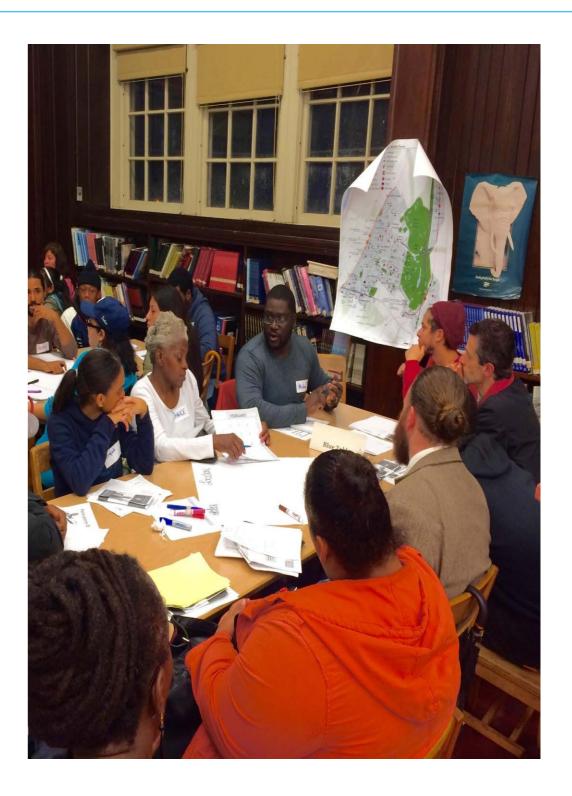




D21: OUR APPROACH

D21

- 1. <u>Needs</u> come first, not tools.
- 1. We design a possible solution with you, not for you.
- Careful <u>testing & iteration</u> with city staff and community members.
- 1. Debriefthoroughly&learnIessons together.



SOLUTIONS FOR PB

(1) Voting solutions for PB.

- (a) Registration app. Securely register, track, and remind your voters, with optional SMS & email verification.
- (a) Ballot design (paper & digital). Make your ballots information-rich and accessible.
- (a) Remote voting solution. Allow voters to participate in PB on any web-enabled device.
- (a) Ballot-counting solution. Count all votes quickly and securely with our optimized scanning software.



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SOLUTIONS FOR PB

(2) Supporting the PB process. Targeted consultations on

community mobilization and outreach. Build capacity

within your team, and use our analytics to reveal insights on your community's needs and preferences.

(3) Tools for year-round engagement. Get realtime

feedback on community needs and share information on

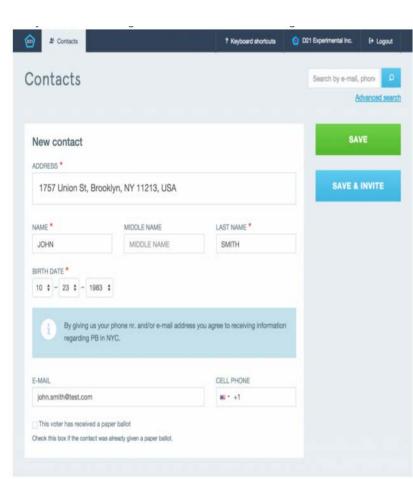
PB with in-person and online surveys. Filter and prioritize PB project ideas faster and more fairly.







1) Vote how you want. On paper or from a smartphone -it's secure and easy for everyone.





District 30 - Participatory Budgeting - Help Us Decide What Goes On The Ballot

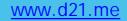
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2.	Bathroom Renovations [Education]	437	
3.	Electrical Upgrades & Smart Boards [Education]	159	
4.	Playground Renovations [Parks & Recreation]	136	
5.	Air Conditioning [Education]	107	
6.	Adding Tech in the Community Center [Culture and Community Facilities]	76	
7.	Technological Upgrades in Support of English Language Learners at Grover Cleveland High School [Education]	58	
8.	Refurbishing Basketball Court, Playground Equipment and New Fencing [Parks & Recreation]	50	
9.	Fix skating area [Parks & Recreation]	49	
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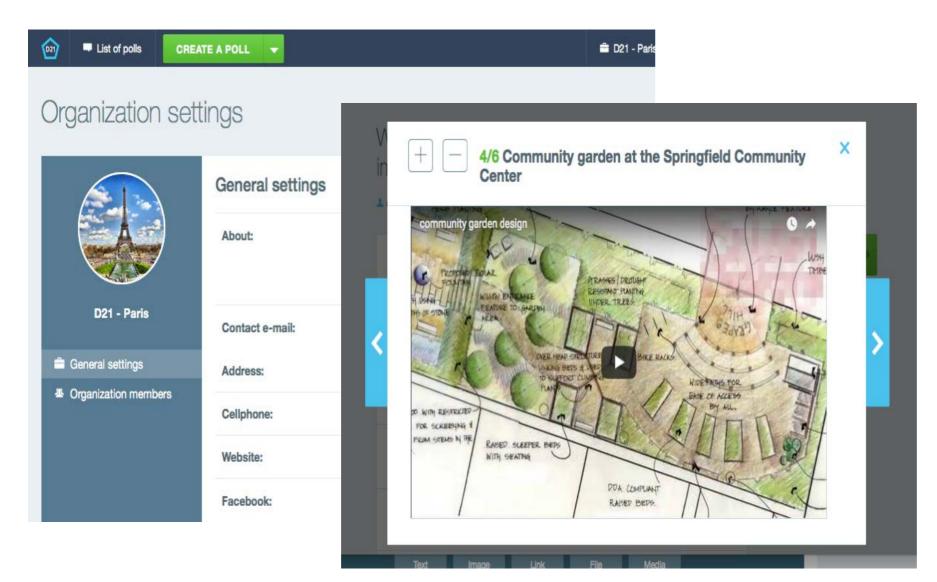
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3) Customizable for organizers & simple for voters.





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4) Partner with global leaders in participation.









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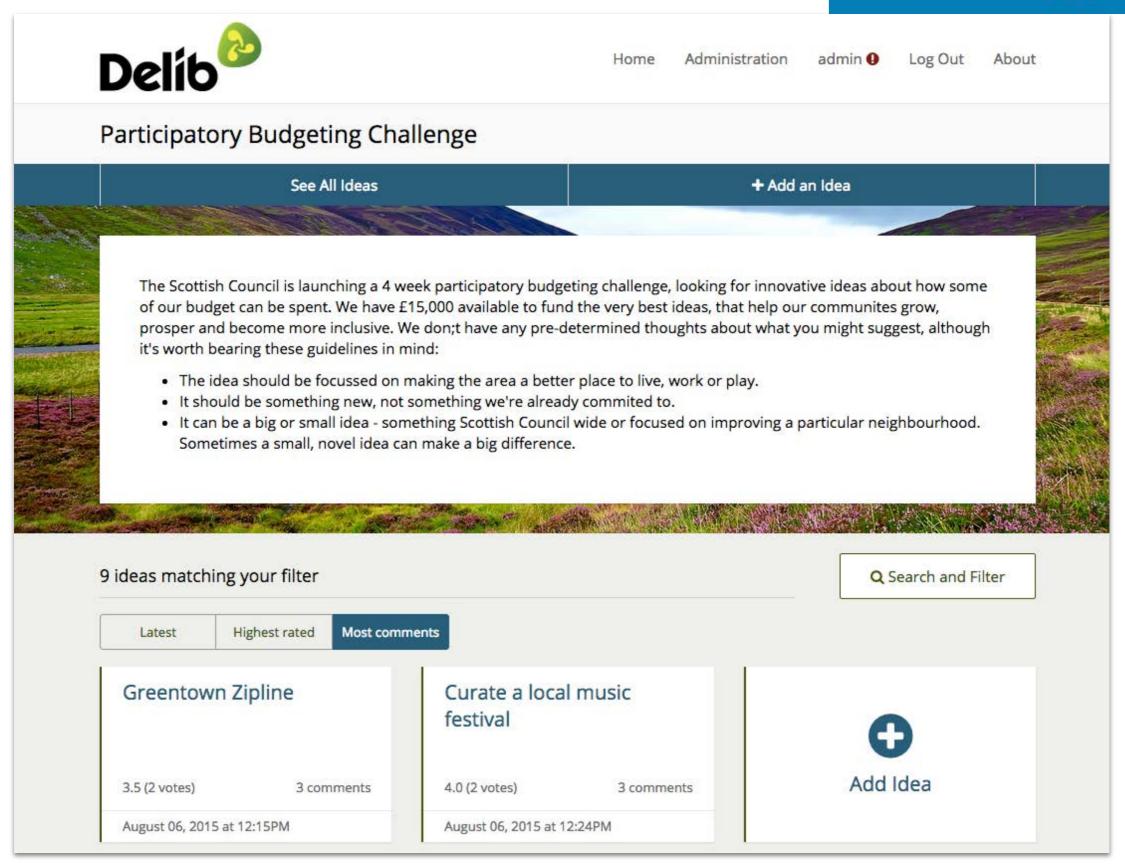




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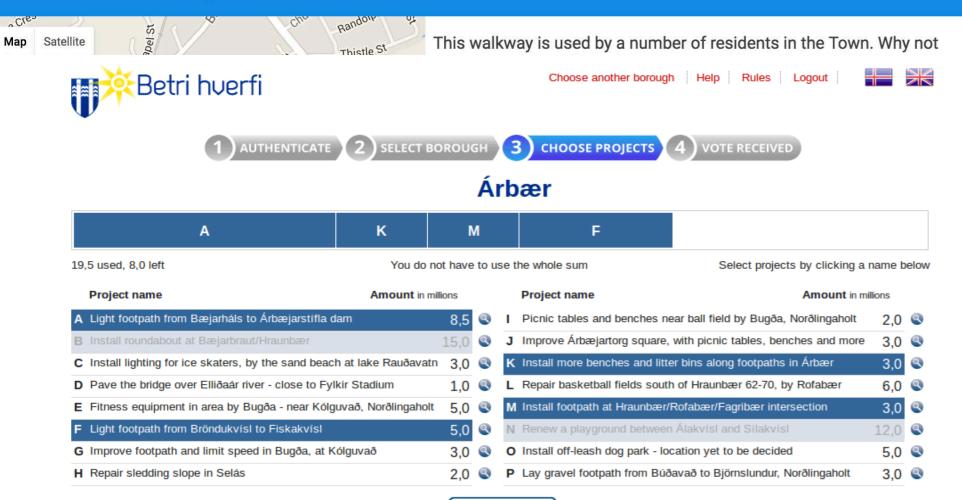
Public Park, Cowdenbeath



Where the old bandstand was - is it possible to create something which reflects the history of Cowdenbeath. As well as perhaps putting in some flowers. For example could we put a replica of the old Fountain, with some notice boards reflecting stories of Cowdenbeath. There's a lot of interest in the history of Cowdenbeath online - what about having something visual.



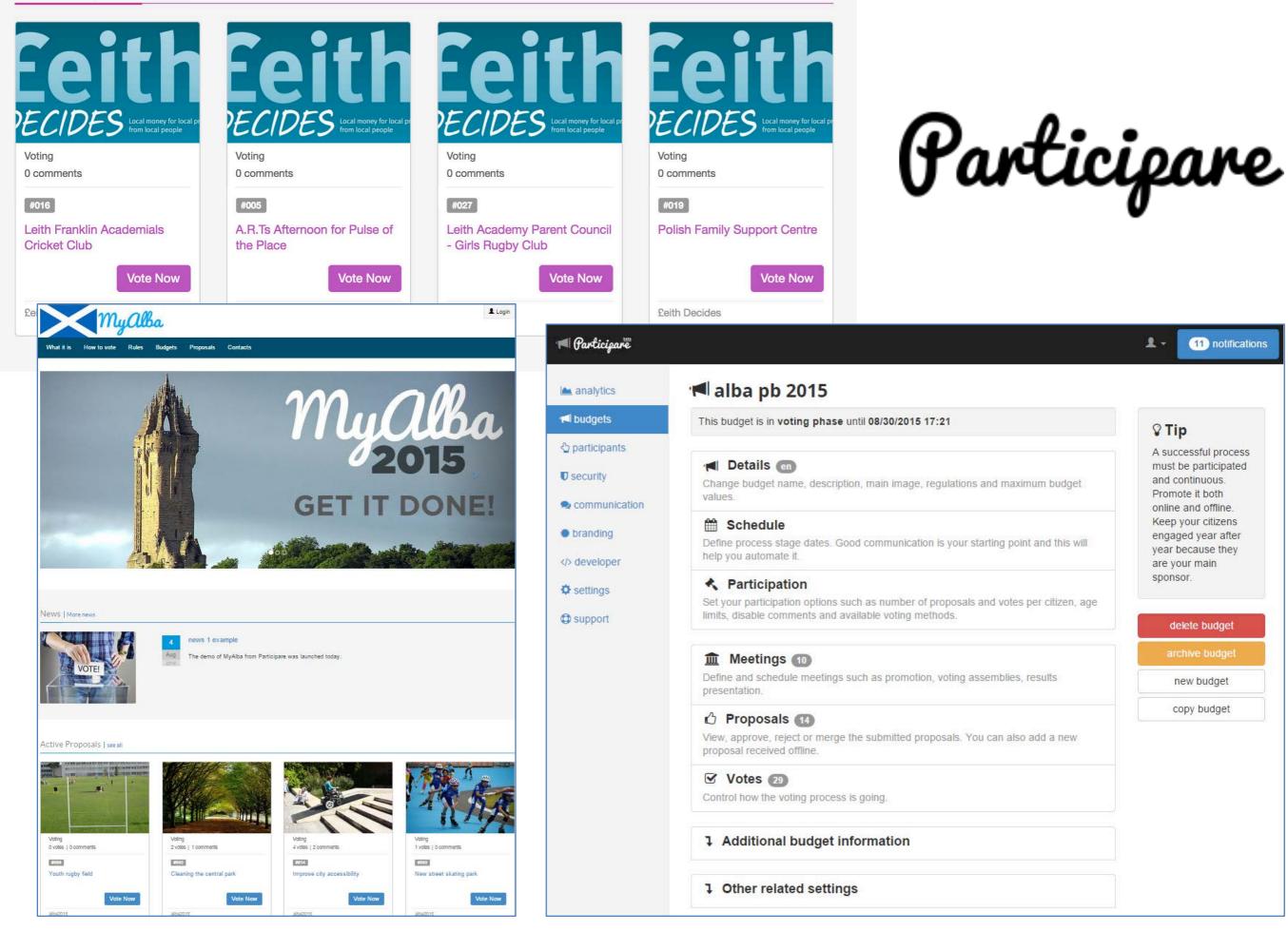
Art in the underpass from Morrissons to Selkirk Avenue







Active Proposals | see all





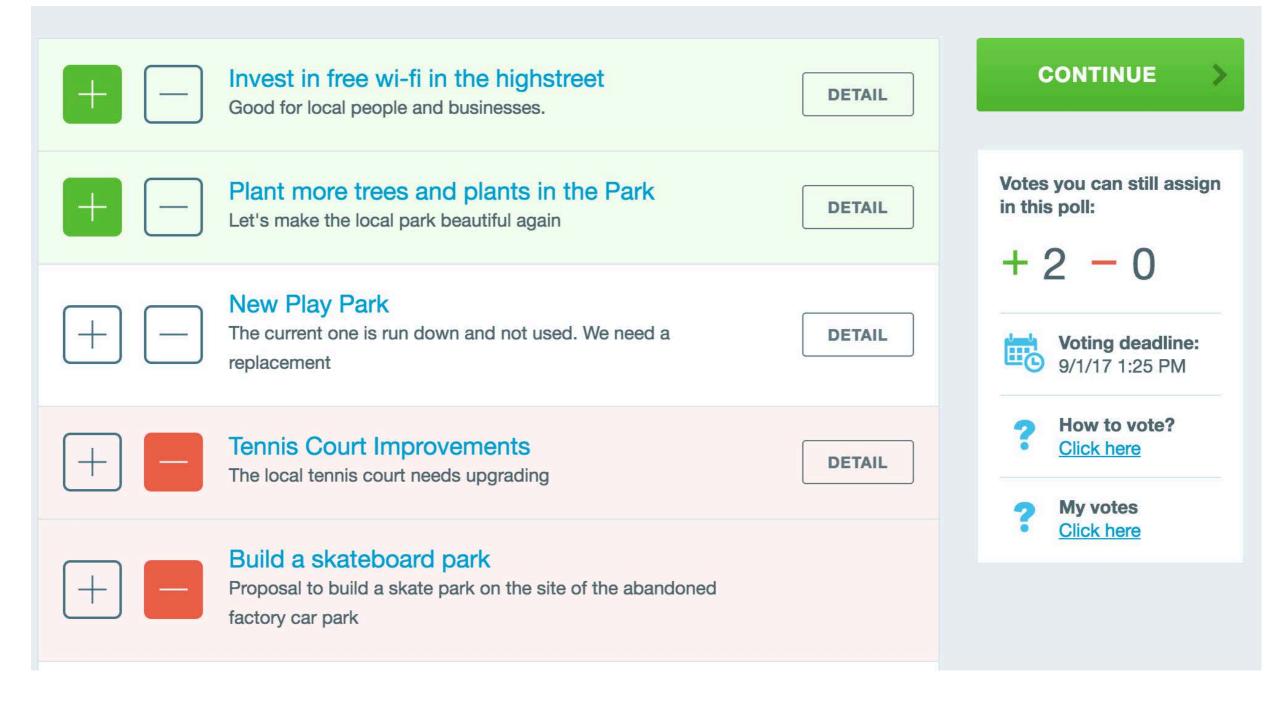


TABLE #1

Table topic

This roundtable demo is to show how a roundtable module works.

Table conversation



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Ice cream FTW!



What KIND of ice cream?



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Do you agree we should soend it on icecream?



Depends on what kind of ice cream we're talking about here. Mr Whippy: Yes. Mini Milk: No (do they even still exist?)



Table members



Summary

Let's come up with an idea on how to spend £20!

Okay guys, lets think about how to spend £20 - we can use this space here to sketch out ideas - like a digital marker board

I propose we spend the money on ice cream because - everyone likes ice cream!

What is this?? < KM

This is a sketch pad edit text

Let's note down some flavours:

Vanilla Pistachio Strawborn

Save

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LET'S EXPLORE: Voting and fund allocation

- <u>http://tiny.cc/pbscotice</u> Citizens Foundation- Open Active Voting
- <u>https://myalba.participare.io/</u> Change Tomorrow Participare
- <u>http://tiny.cc/scotd21</u> Democracy 21 D21
- Idea generation and Deliberation
- <u>https://pb.dialogue-app.com/</u> Delib Dialogue
- <u>https://scotland-pb-demo.yrpri.org/</u> Citizens Foundation Your Priorities
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Final Discussion: What are the key discoveries we have made?

Are you inspired to use Digital Tools for PB?

