



Young Scot and Participatory Budgeting

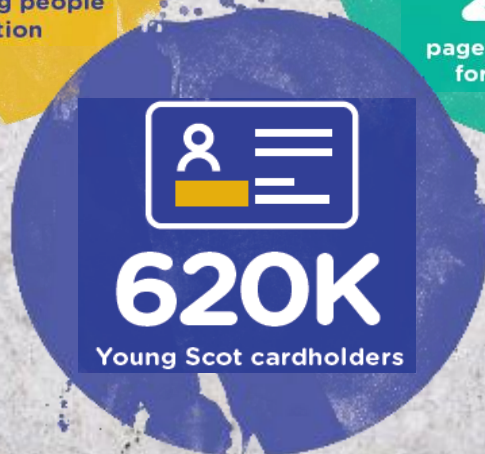
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Young Scot is the **national** youth information and citizenship charity for Scotland.

Providing young people aged 11-26 with information, ideas and access to opportunities – to support their to make meaning of their lives as they grow up and face transitions.



We are ambitious
for Scotland's
young people



We want to...



young people aged 11-26 for

- ✓ learning and growing
- ✓ living and thriving
- ✓ working and achieving.

In order to support them in making meaning of their lives as they grow up and face transitions

What we want to achieve...

Over the next three years, our strategic aims are to...



Activate



Create pathways for young people to navigate positively through times of transition



Young people develop skills through learning and work and are supported to raise their attainment and achievement

Young people make informed decisions and choices that support them to grow, thrive and achieve



Connect



Support young people to grow, develop and achieve by connecting them to services and opportunities



In order to achieve our outcomes...

Young people are connected to services and opportunities to realise their ambitions in learning, life and work



We will create Impact Hubs to deliver our services, which will include...

»» Impact hub 1 ««

Cross-platform digital
Digital information platform,
social media & content

Digital Academy,
incorporating digital literacy and skills,
cyber resilience, digital rights and MA
Programme



»» Impact hub 2 ««

Smart-tech to tackle inequalities

Scotland's Youth Smartcard,
incorporating rewards, discounts,
proof of age and smart-technology



Empower



Enable young people to participate and influence change locally, nationally and globally



Young people develop skills through learning and work and are supported to raise their attainment and achievements

Improved public perception of young people, leading to less stigma and more respect



»» Impact hub 3 ««

Participation

Co-design
Participation/Leadership
Insight services
YS Awards YOYP



»» Impact hub 4 ««

Frontline stakeholder relationship management / Locality insight gathering & reporting /
Local promotion & engagement / Insight services / YS Awards YOYP

Participatory Budgeting



What is the Young Scot Offer:

- Partnership approach with local delivery organisation
- Use Young Scot e-voting platforms
- Accessed by Young Scot NEC
- Incentivise participation by Young People – Young Scot Rewards
- Promote awareness and market with Young Scot digital platforms

Adds value to PB process – does not replace need for engagement and conversation

The e-voting platform



Visit

www.elections.youngscot.org

Enter your Young Scot NEC card
number

OR a temporary number
supplied by Young Scot

Click the 'Proceed to vote'
button





PB Exercise

Scenario: We have £50K available to spend to improve attainment. How can we find out about Young People's priorities for action in the Attainment Challenge?

Purpose: Reaching as many young people to hear their views on the priorities for how this money should be used and then the actual projects that will be funded

Outcome: There is a shared ownership of the priorities - they have not been imposed

Next steps



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advertising the proposals / Develop an engagement plan
5. Engage with young people to discuss the proposals and encourage them to vote
6. Final PB e-voting exercise to decide what gets funded

E-voting

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Improving Attainment - Projects (PB)

Conference) 1. Select Area 3. Vote 4. Confirm Vote 5. Finish

Step 2 of 5: Select your area

You are registered in **North Ayrshire**.

Please select the your area from the list below. This should be the area where you live or go to school.

Please remember you can only vote in **ONE** area.

Project Choices

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... and so on until you have no further preferences.

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Choose [No preference]

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Volunteering - Champions Project - £12,000

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What's your engagement plan?

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This partnership project involves the local third sector interface organisation. The grant will be used to pay for a part-time volunteer coordinator to recruit, train and support volunteer champions in every secondary school. A volunteer champion is a young person's role. Drawn from the senior phase the champion will be responsible for promoting the benefits of volunteering to their peers and help to signpost young people to volunteering opportunities.

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RESULTS

What are the benefits?



Voting online available to everyone – not just those who turn up at events

Makes it easier to do in your own time

Results available immediately

but...

Turnout depends on promotion

Not the same method as government elections

Need for temporary numbers if no Young Scot cards

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