



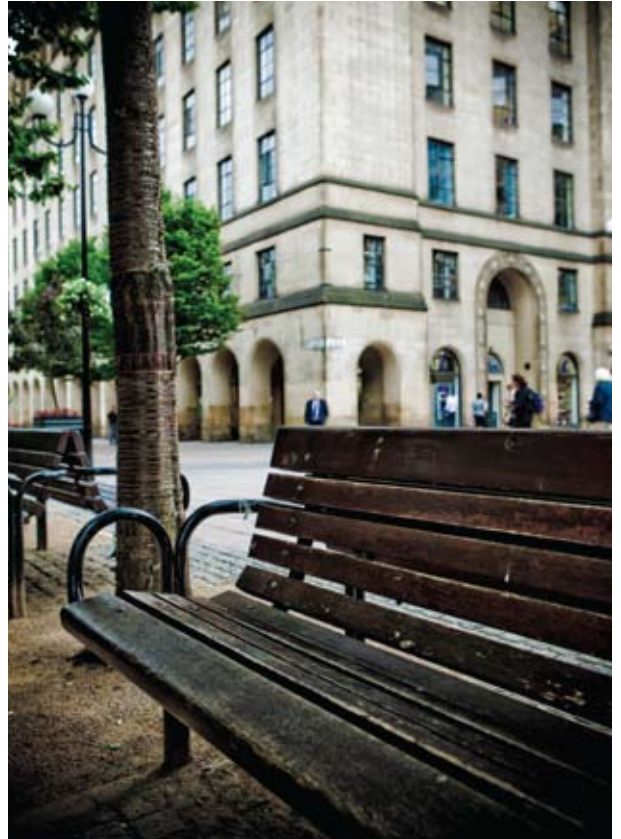
Introduction to Participatory Budgeting

Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget.

Participatory Budgeting establishes a process in which the effects of peoples involvement are directly seen in either policy change or spending priorities. It is not just a consultation exercise, but an embodiment of direct, deliberative democracy.

The PB Unit

This introduction to Participatory Budgeting (PB) has been developed in partnership with the Participatory Budgeting Unit and is designed to give you a clear overview of PB, what it is, where it came from, how is it done and what are the pros and cons.



What's in it for you?

- A clear understanding of PB and how it can be used in a community empowerment context
- A foundation of knowledge in the background and development of PB throughout the world and in this country
- Awareness of practical applications and real-life case studies to take your knowledge beyond the theoretical

What's in it for your organisation?

- Access to a powerful community empowerment tool which is being used in a wide variety of situations throughout the country
- The ability to assess the pros and cons of PB in relation to your objectives and the communities you work with
- Access to a network of people and organisations developing the application of PB throughout the region

By the end of the session you'll be able to...

- Define Participatory Budgeting
- Understand the background to PB, where it came from and how it came to the UK
- Explain how PB is done through a variety of methods
- Refer to several real-life applications of PB and explain some of the pros and cons to each different case study
- Look at the communities you work with and assess whether PB may be an option for them

Duration: One day

Who: Anyone interested in gaining an introduction to Participatory Budgeting

Delivered by: NNW

Accreditation: Pending