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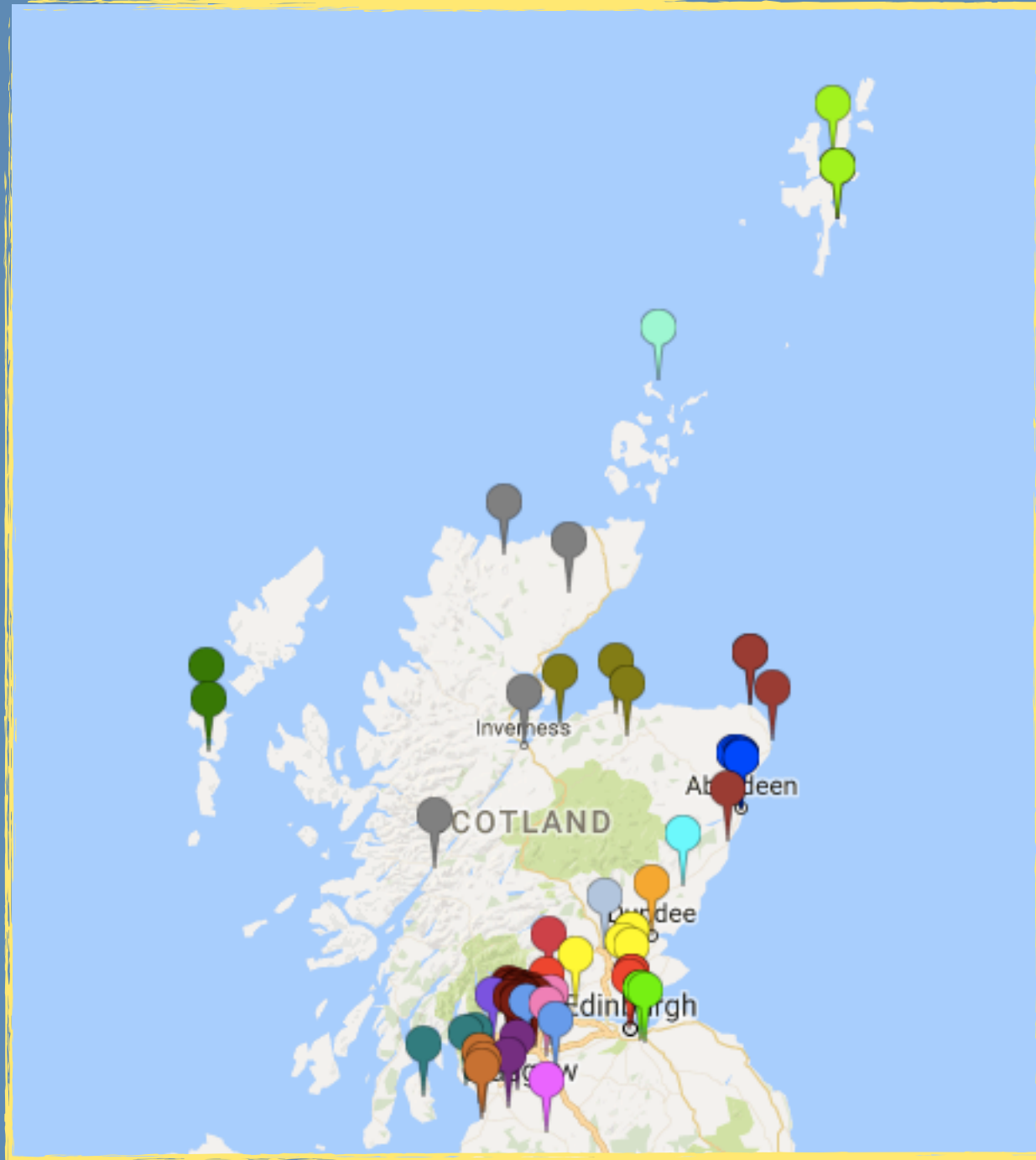
DIGITAL TOOLS FOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



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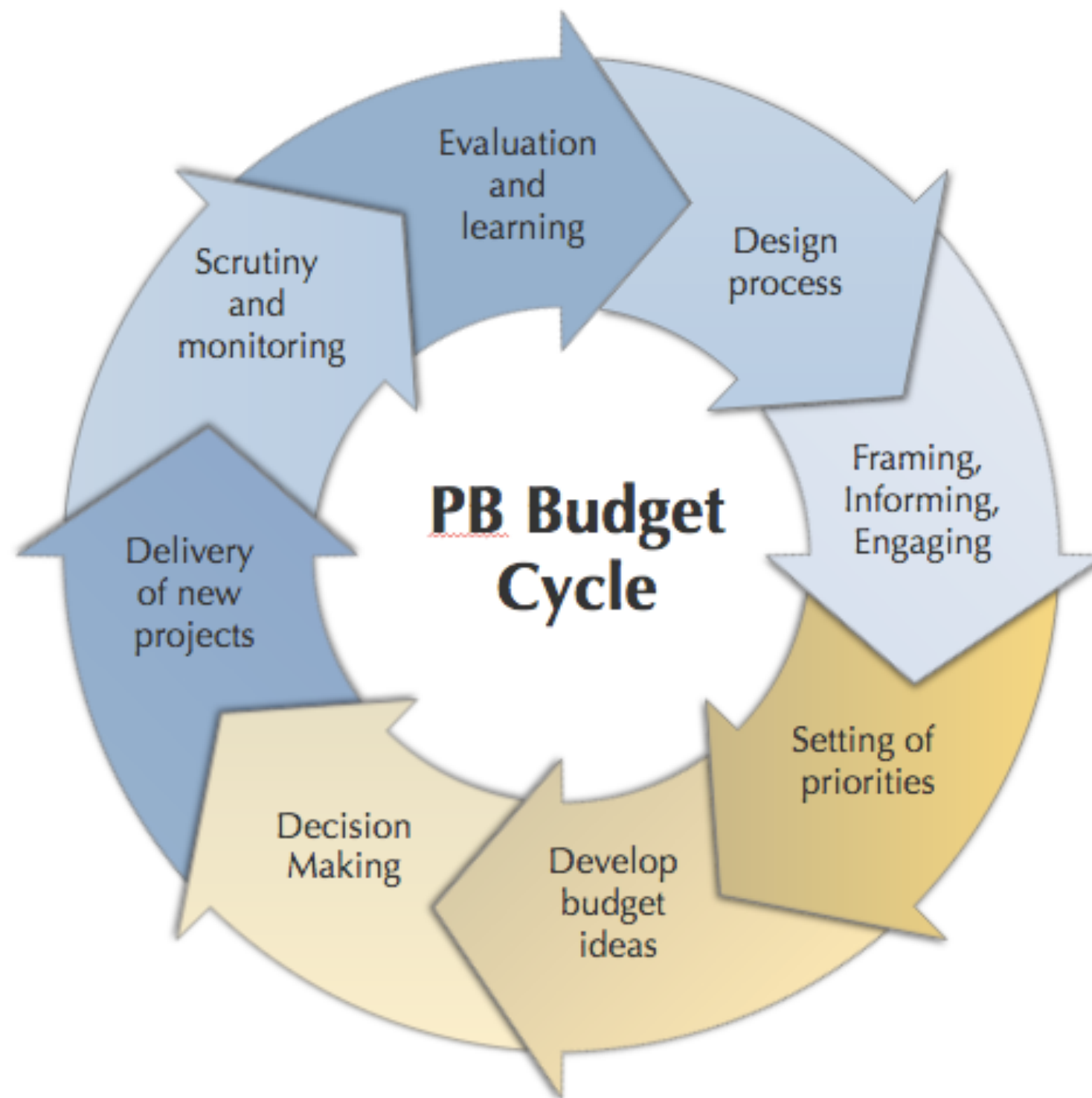
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PB IS HAPPENING ALL OVER SCOTLAND...



We're actively working with councils and community groups to embed digital tools in their PB processes.

Source: <https://pbscotland.scot/map>



WHERE IN THE PB PROCESS ARE DIGITAL TOOLS TYPICALLY USED?

Deliberation Prioritisation Fund allocation

Idea generation Discussion Voting

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**Communities
contribute
their ideas**

**Discussion
and
deliberation**

**Voting for
ideas and
projects**



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RESEARCH WITH LOCAL COUNCILS

- Digital engagement can provide important support for PB processes, but it cannot completely replace offline engagement
- Digital can ensure that a wider range of voices are involved
- No single tool is significantly better than others in all situations, and no universal platform for participation.

Digital tools and Scotland's Participatory Budgeting programme

A report by the
Democratic Society for
the Scottish Government
February 2016



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AS PART OF THE RESEARCH

WE LOOKED AT LOTS OF TOOLS...

loomio

Delib

DemocracyOS

Choicely

a voting app,
for when you want
group decisions.



Budget
Simulator

OpaVote

CivicEvolution

budget allocator **b/a**
Participatory Budgeting

ALL OUR IDEAS

citizen
budget

OpenNorth

Dialogue



Participare



Zilino



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FIVE DIGITAL TOOLS WERE SELECTED



We are also currently exploring 'Open Active Voting'



Case Study: oorbit-fife.yrpri.org

≡ Oor Bit - Fife ↑



LOGIN

Oor Bit - Cowdenbeath Area

Tell us how we could improve the Places and Spaces in the Cowdenbeath Area - from Kingseat and Crossgates through to Cardenden and Benarty. How would you spend a share of £250k to make 'Oor Bit' of Fife even more attractive to live in, work in and visit?

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OPEN
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NEWS

MAP

Add new post





Dialogue

Demo site: pb.dialogue-app.com

By:

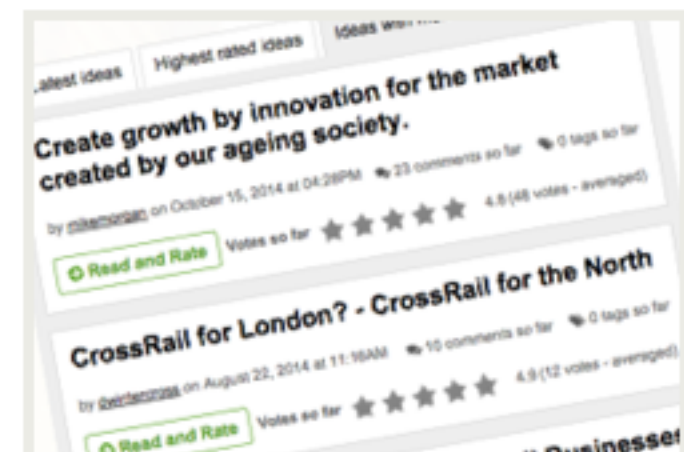
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- 1 Issue a specific challenge that requires public input



- 2 Invite users to collaborate or compete to come up with the best proposal



- 3 People submit their suggestions, ideas or proposals



- 4 Participants rate and comment on other people's contributions



- 5 This creates a structured, open, public discussion – valuable in and of itself



- 6 The process also produces great ideas that can be put into practice

Participare

By: **change**
TOMORROW

Case Study: aberdeen.participare.io



This budget is in Proposal gather ended phase.

Budget value (£): 82500

Maximum proposal value (£): 15000

Proposals per participant: 5

Minimum age: 5

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Accepted
0 comments

#011

2 Minute Beach Clean
facilities/publicity



Accepted
0 comments

#030

Benefit Related Online Employment
Support



Accepted
0 comments

#007

Cafe with soft play area



Accepted
2 comments

#005

Under 12s Activities

IT'S NOT JUST
ABOUT THE
DIGITAL TOOLS
YOU HAVE -
IT'S HOW YOU
USE THEM!





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