

To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 13 November 2019

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Celebrating Renfrewshire Youth Participatory Budgeting Exercise

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Youth Challenge Fund component of The Villages Local Partnership Budget was allocated during September 2019 by a participatory budgeting exercise for young people aged 12-25.
- 1.2 Young people co-produced the process of voting and 147 young people voted in The Villages area.
- 1.3 The Villages Local Partnership agenda on 13 November 2019 includes a presentation on the outcome of the Youth Participatory Budgetary process for The Villages, by members of the Youth Steering Group who developed and delivered the process.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of The Villages Local Partnership note the outcome of the youth participatory budgeting exercise for this Local Partnership.

3. Background

- 3.1 The purpose of the Youth Challenge Fund is to fund projects to benefit young people aged 12-25. The Youth Challenge Fund was renamed as “Celebrating Renfrewshire: By young people, for young people” by the youth steering group, and has a value of £23,609 in The Villages Local Partnership area.

- 3.2 It was noted at the Local Partnership meeting held on 20 June 2019 that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the total budget would be allocated through a participatory budgeting exercise for young people aged 12-25. This means that young people would have a direct vote on which projects would be awarded funding in their local area. The youth participatory budgeting exercise is a pilot exercise for the distribution of the Youth Challenge Fund, but also to inform the development of participatory budgeting within Renfrewshire more generally.
- 3.3 The exercise took place over the summer period, with voting in late September 2019. The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot.
- 3.4 Voting took place between 8am on 16 September 2019 and 6pm on 25 September with the award announcement taking place in the Tannahill Centre, Ferguslie Park, Paisley at 7pm on 25 September 2019.
- 3.5 147 young people voted in The Villages area, casting three votes each for different projects. Twelve projects were funded, which fully allocated The Villages Youth Challenge budget of £23,609.

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**Celebrating Renfrewshire
Participatory Budgeting Results
September 2019**



Introduction

Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in September 2019. This was branded as the 'Celebrating Renfrewshire' event.

Young Scot Supported the vote in two ways. Firstly, a campaign was created at the Young Scot website, young.scot. This campaign allowed young people to check out the projects before the vote went live and also allowed the projects themselves to check the information that they had supplied. After the vote is complete we will change the campaign page to reflect the winning projects.

Secondly, voting took place online using the Young Scot online voting platform. Young people were able to vote using a valid Young Scot card issued in Renfrewshire or by using one of 10,000 temporary numbers that were issued to Renfrewshire Council staff. The vote was open to all young people aged 12-25 in the area. We know that the vast majority of young people in the area have been issued with a Young Scot card. Renfrewshire Council staff handled the issuing of temporary numbers with a robust process to ensure that young people were not issued with more than one number.

Voting took place from 08.00 on 16th September 2019 until 18:00 on the 25th September 2019 .

One vote was held with seven geographic areas as constituencies. Young people logged into the system using their Young Scot card number or a temporary number issued by Renfrewshire Council staff. Young people then had to choose one of the seven geographic constituencies based on the Local Partnership Boundaries within Renfrewshire. Each card number or temporary number allowed that young person to vote in any one, but only one constituency. Young people were then presented with between 12 and 30 projects to choose from. Voters had to use 3 equal votes, with only one vote being allocated to any one project. This gave a first past the post result.

Voting could be carried out using a computer, phone or other internet device. Renfrewshire Youth Services promoted the vote by visiting schools and youth groups around the area.

Voting summary:

3402 individual young people voted in total

10206 choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **0** spoiled ballots (spoiled ballots are when less or more than 3 choices are made)

Results

The results of the seven areas are as follows:

Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

348 valid votes, with **1044** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Erskine Music & Media Studio	£3,000.00	1	140	£3,000.00
Erskine Youth Council	£2,918.90	2	114	£2,918.90
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00	3	112	£3,000.00
Park Mains Community Sports Hub	£3,000.00	4	110	£3,000.00
ST. MIRREN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB	£3,000.00	5	98	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.71	6	80	£1,693.71
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00	7	77	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament	£2,961.60	8	65	£675.39
Bishopton Tennis Club (BTC)	£1,820.00	9	58	
Breahead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£372.00	10	48	
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00	11	36	
Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club	£2,000.00	12	33	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battallion	£1,000.00	13	31	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00	14	26	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00	15	16	
Total votes	£35,766.21		1044	£20,288.00

Glennifer

634 valid votes, with **1902** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Gleniffer High School (sports leaders)	£2,900.00	1	456	£2,900.00
Gleniffer High School (gymnastics)	£2,500.00	2	378	£2,500.00
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00	3	176	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.71	4	116	£1,693.71
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament	£2,961.60	5	113	£2,961.60
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00	6	89	£3,000.00
Foxbar and Glenburn Outdoor group (Club)	£3,000.00	7	88	£3,000.00
Foxbar and Glenburn Outdoor group (Residential)	£2,220.00	8	83	£805.69
Glenburn GoZone Youth Club	£1,747.00	9	82	
Breahead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£372.00	10	81	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	£1,000.00	11	69	
Stronger Communities Glenburn	£1,474.40	12	64	
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00	13	42	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00	14	38	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00	15	27	
Total votes	£33,868.71		1902	£19,861.00

Johnstone and Linwood

594 valid votes, with 1782 candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Johnstone High School	£1,890.00	1	198	£1,890.00
Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£3,000.00	2	165	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament	£2,961.60	3	137	£2,961.60
Linstone Housing Association	£3,000.00	4	134	£3,000.00
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00	5	125	£3,000.00
Linwood High School	£3,000.00	6	117	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.71	6	117	£1,693.71
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SCO46578	£3,000.00	8	107	£3,000.00
Linwood, Johnstone and Gryffe Community Sport Hub	£3,000.00	9	101	£151.69
Active Communities Youth Drop In	£2,400.00	10	92	
CREATE Paisley	£2,875.00	11	67	
Lapwing Lodge Campstaff	£2,500.00	12	60	
Fordbank Scout Group	£2,889.41	13	57	
West Johnstone Youth Club	£2,250.00	14	57	
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00	15	48	
Class Acts	£2,311.00	16	45	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	£1,000.00	17	35	
Renfrewshire District Scouts	£1,584.00	18	32	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00	19	30	
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00	19	30	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00	21	28	
Total votes	£53,354.72		1782	£21,697.00

Paisley East

370 valid votes, with **1110** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
St Andrew's Academy PE Department	£3,000.00	1	302	£3,000.00
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00	2	95	£3,000.00
CREATE Paisley (5 ways)	£2,964.00	3	74	£2,964.00
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (smart bus)	£2,961.60	4	68	£2,961.60
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.00	5	65	£1,693.00
Sport for Change	£1,475.00	5	65	£1,475.00
Loud N Proud	£3,000.00	7	63	£3,000.00
CREATE Paisley (cafe)	£2,934.00	8	53	£2,934.00
Alba Thistle BC 2003	£1,500.00	9	45	£1,500.00
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00	10	42	£1,567.40
CREATE Paisley (wellbeing)	£2,000.00	11	37	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battallion	£1,000.00	12	36	
Kustom Kruizers CIC	£1,175.00	13	35	
CREATE Paisley (documentary)	£1,950.00	14	31	
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (M.A.D.)	£655.00	15	29	
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00	16	27	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00	17	25	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00	18	18	
Total votes	£40,307.60		1110	£24,095.00

Paisley North, West and Central

589 valid votes, with **1767** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Paisley YMCA	£3,000.00	1	185	£3,000.00
Loud N Proud	£3,000.00	2	179	£3,000.00
Mary Russell Youth Club	£1,100.00	3	138	£1,100.00
Own Yer Bike	£2,980.35	4	115	£2,980.35
Pals of the Privies	£3,000.00	5	113	£3,000.00
Cameron Dance School	£2,600.00	6	89	£2,600.00
CREATE Paisley (ambassadors)	£2,000.00	7	77	£2,000.00
Kibble Education and Care Centre	£2,800.00	8	73	£2,800.00
CREATE Paisley (5 ways)	£2,964.00	9	72	£652.65
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.00	10	68	
The STAR Project	£3,000.00	11	64	
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00	12	53	
CREATE Paisley (documentary)	£1,950.00	13	50	
Storm Gymnastics	£3,000.00	14	43	
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (smart bus)	£2,961.60	15	42	
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS	£3,000.00	15	42	
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00	17	41	
Paisley West Community Sports Hub	£3,000.00	18	39	
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£3,000.00	18	39	
CREATE Paisley (cafe plus)	£2,934.00	20	38	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battallion	£1,000.00	21	28	
Lapwing Lodge Campstaff	£2,500.00	22	27	
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (M.A.D.)	£655.00	22	27	
Paisley FM (2017) Ltd	£2,880.00	24	23	
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25's	£2,500.00	24	23	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00	26	21	
7th Paisley J.N.I. Scout Troop	£2,804.00	27	17	
Lifers Youth	£1,550.00	28	15	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00	29	13	
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00	29	13	
Total votes	£75,871.95		1767	£21,133.00

Renfrew

720 valid votes, with **2160** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrew High Pupil Leaders	£3,000.00		399	£3,000.00
Young Ambassadors	£3,000.00		260	£3,000.00
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.71		228	£1,693.71
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00		199	£3,000.00
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	£639.66		186	£639.66
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament	£2,961.60		174	£2,961.60
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00		145	£3,000.00
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00		115	£1,362.03
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25's	£2,500.00		103	
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battallion	£1,000.00		95	
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00		94	
Kustom Kruizers CIC	£1,175.00		90	
SCG JUNIOR (STRONGER COMMUNITIES GLENBURN)	£3,000.00		72	
Total votes	£29,969.97		2160	£18,657.00

The villages

147 valid votes, with **441** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,693.00		70	£1,693.00
Linwood, Johnstone and Gryffe Community Sport Hub	£3,000.00		64	£3,000.00
Johnstone Burgh Football Team	£3,000.00		61	£3,000.00
I Am Me Scotland	£3,000.00		45	£3,000.00
Breahead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£372.00		37	£372.00
Renfrewshire Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament	£2,961.60		36	£2,961.60
Lapwing Lodge campstaff	£2,500.00		33	£2,500.00
Lamont Farm Project	£3,000.00		27	£3,000.00
The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	£1,000.00		22	£1,000.00
Elderslie Youth Connect	£500.00		18	£500.00
Young Enterprise Scotland - Renfrewshire Area	£2,500.00		17	£2,500.00
Renfrewshire effort to empower minorities	£2,500.00		11	£82.40
Total votes	£26,026.60		441	£23,609.00

Conclusions

The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 3402 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

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