

## Involving Children and Young People: Innovative practices 20 January 2021



## Community-led Planning

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# PAS: Who We Are

We are a charity and social enterprise.  
For over 25 years, we have been helping individuals and community groups to get involved in the planning system.

Charity & social enterprise

Volunteer-led

Impartial & independent

- **Advice**
- **Skills training**
- **Inclusive**
- **Local Place Plans**

**In the last 12 months, our 400 volunteers have given 3 years' worth of time, skills and experience**

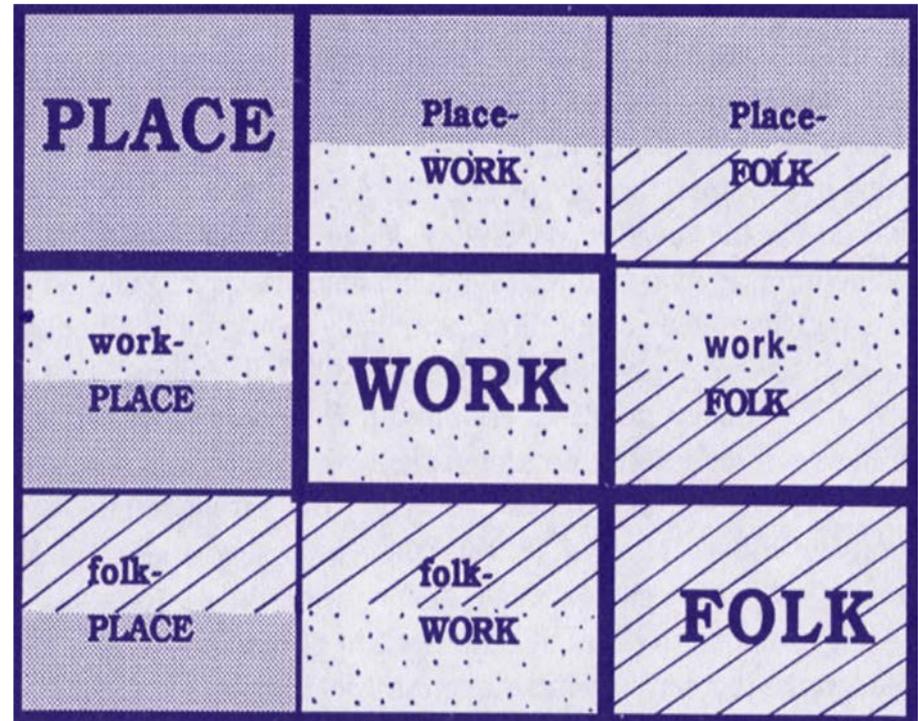


# Place Is Always About People

## The Geddesian approach to thinking about place

*"Town Planning is not mere place-planning, nor even work planning. If it is to be successful it must be folk planning."*

- Patrick Geddes



# Why Children & Young People?

Children and young people will live the longest time with the **consequences of the decisions** we make today.

The voices of children & young people are often not heard in the built environment:

- in **decision-making** processes
- in their day-to-day **experience** place (children friendly environments)



# 'Keep the Kids Out'



PAS and Dr Jenny Wood took the issue of young people's participation to the Beltane Public Engagement Network's 'Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas' at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014 and 2016



**Why do we not involve 22% of the population in decision-making?**

# UNCRC Incorporation into Scots Law

UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill  
Stage 1 Debate – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Passing the UNCRC  
(Incorporation) (Scotland)  
Bill is the most powerful  
thing Scottish Parliament  
can do

WHY?

- Incorporation can protect children's rights and put children at the heart of decision making!

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We support UNCRC  
incorporation into Scots  
law

WHY?

- Incorporation can help to embed children's rights across all areas of life in Scotland – from schools and hospitals through to policing, planning and the environment.

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The UNCRC  
(Incorporation)  
(Scotland) Bill must  
commence no later  
than six months after  
Royal Assent!

- Incorporation can make sure children and young people's rights are at the centre of Scotland's recovery from COVID-19.

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# Young Eyes

## FACTS ABOUT YOUNG EYES

- ✓ 24 months project 2014-2016
- ✓ 50 youths from 3 countries
- ✓ 20 youth leaders, teachers and other experts from 6 countries
- ✓ 4 transnational “mirror workshops” at 4 places in 3 countries
- ✓ 4 councils and 4 mayors involved and addressed
- ✓ Schools, youth clubs, youth councils, institutions, enterprises involved
- ✓ Several TV and newspaper reportages
- ✓ Active Young Eyes Facebook group
- ✓ 75-100 YouTube and Facebook videos
- ✓ Local action plans with recommendations about home town development
- ✓ Project guidelines elaborated for future project use
- ✓ 125.886 Euro budget
- ✓ Lead partner: Innovation Circle Network (Norway)
- ✓ Expert partner: PAS (Scotland)
- ✓ Local governance partners: Robertsfors Municipality(Sweden), Suwalki City Municipality(Poland), Jelgava Local Municipality(Latvia), Rauna Local Municipality(Latvia)



# 2018 European Youth Camp

## My Town, Past, Present and Future



# In the Footsteps of



- The role of technology in making placemaking more accessible and inclusive
- Young people exploring their places through digital tools



# Bridging the Gap: Galashiels

- Creating opportunities for young and older generations together to improve their places.



- **Unique**
- **Sustained**
- **Partnership**
- **Intergenerational**

- **Placemaking**
- **Decision-making**
- **Civic structures**
- **Active citizenship**
- **Systemic barriers**

## Active citizenship

- Who is participating?
- Who is *not* participating?
- How are they involved?
- Understanding civic structures
- Political processes
- Linking place with the new National Performance Framework

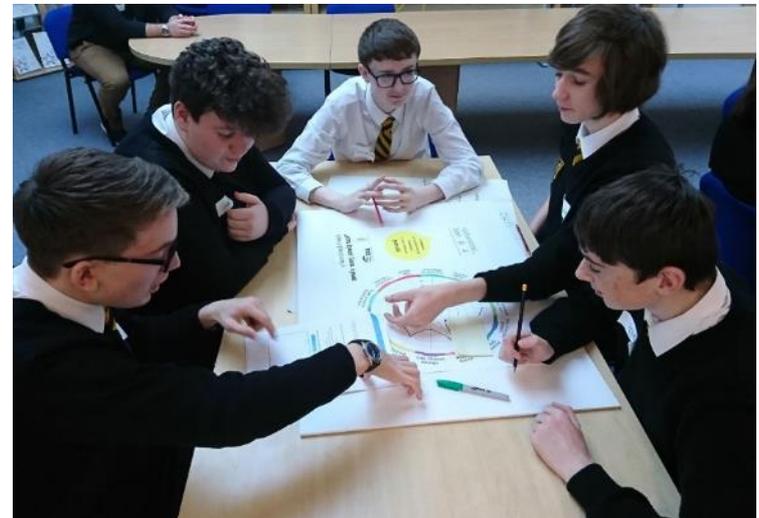
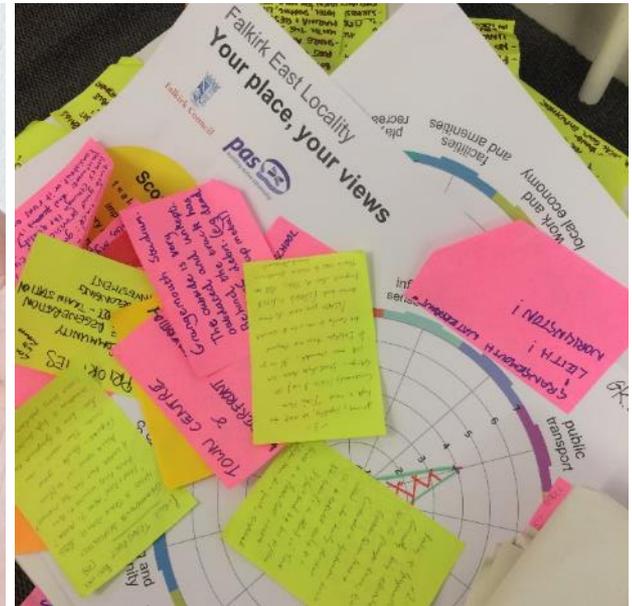
# Bridging the Gap: Cowdenbeath



- Inter-generational partnership
- Dialogue & learning about improving places
- Addressing socio-economic gaps

# Falkirk: Your Place Your Plan

- Collaboration between Falkirk Council Community Planning Partnership & PAS
- Schools & community workshops using Place Standard
- Online and Place Standard App engagement process
- Identify priorities for local action plans – services, facilities & place



# Your Kirkwall project

[www.yourkirkwall.com](http://www.yourkirkwall.com)

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## Your Kirkwall — youngsters have their say

An ice rink, hover boards and McDonalds... school pupils share their ideas on the future shape of the town

By Andrew Stewart

YOUR PEOPLE have once again been asked for their views on the town and where it's future lies, as part of an three-parting initiative undertaken by Kirkwall Council.

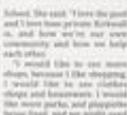
12 pupils at Kirkwall Grammar School (KGS) primary pupils from Papple and Skilbuck Primary Schools, and more of Kirkwall's young people are taking part in the 'Your Kirkwall' project. The project is a series of workshops where children share their ideas on the future of the town. The first workshop was held at the town's primary school, where children shared their ideas on the future of the town. The second workshop was held at the town's secondary school, where children shared their ideas on the future of the town. The third workshop was held at the town's community centre, where children shared their ideas on the future of the town.



Katy Wallace said she likes that Kirkwall isn't too busy but wants there to be an ice rink and a bigger climbing wall.



Ann Luke said she would like to see more shops in the town, but she likes Kirkwall for its primary and community spirit.



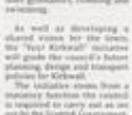
Ann Luke is 11, and thinks that 'Your Kirkwall' is a great idea.



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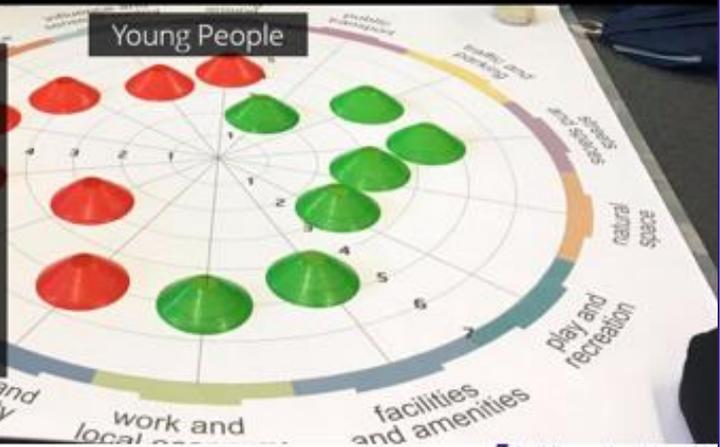
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The children from KGS also used the Place Standard tool to show what they felt was "good about our place".



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# Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

## Key changes

### Some key changes introduced:

- **Purpose for planning** – new - “to manage the use and development of land in the long-term public interest.”
- **National Planning Framework** – new format; policies will mostly replace local supplementary guidance; wide ranging content including climate change; health & wellbeing; parliamentary approval
- **Local Development Plans** – new process, evidence report & gate check, 10 year timeframe
- **Planning applications** - health effects of major and national developments to be considered
- **Local Place Plans** – new tier of community-led plans
- **Children & young people** – new duty to involve
- **Community engagement** – new guidance
- **Mediation** – new tool within planning system
- **Self-build housing register** - new
- **Masterplan consent areas** - new
- **Mandatory training for elected members** - new





# Local Place Plans

## Some early approaches to Local Place Plans

Isle of Rum Community Land Use Plan



Applecross Community Land Use Plan



### Opportunities for young people to:

- Be lead actors in the plan-making process
- Plan for how they want their place to be in the future
- Influence decisions about land-use
- Ensure planning is more representative of all ages

# Re-evaluating Our Experience Of Place

## How is the pandemic changing our experience of place?

- The coronavirus pandemic is a planning issue
- Rapid, radical change to our experience of place
- Impact on mental and physical health and wellbeing
- Inequalities of health and other outcomes
- What does this mean for young people?





Advice – information - training

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