



## Knowle West Participatory Budgeting Training and Supported Delivery

**Date:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Location:** Youth Moves, The Park Centre, Bristol

**Stage:** PB training and Supported Delivery

Attendance:

| Name                     | Organisation                      |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Andrew Fisher            | MutualGain Facilitator            |
| Antigua Riley Corion     | MutualGain Facilitator            |
| Dan Ashfield             | Avon and Somerset Police          |
| Joe                      | Avon and Somerset Police          |
| Hannah                   | Avon and Somerset Police          |
| Terry Black              | Bristol City Council              |
| Michelle Graham-McMorrow | Bristol City Council              |
| Sophie England           | Bristol City Council (Apprentice) |
| Carol Casey              | Resident and IAG member           |
| Denise Clifford          | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Macy Lefeuvre            | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Levi Hodge               | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Lilly Weston             | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Olivia Boeey             | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Elliot Carr              | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| CJ Fitton                | Youth Moves – Youth Opinions      |
| Bee Plenty               | Resident                          |
| Amara Tippett            | Resident                          |

### Introduction

Andrew introduced himself and Antigua and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves to each other. Andrew and Antigua then explained that this programme is programme will take forward the themes that came out of the World Café event held in March 2022.

The themes from the community conversations will become clear in the report being written from the World Café event, and they will be carried into this Participatory Budgeting (PB) programme.

The PB programme today will teach participants about PB, will test their knowledge and will then move into the decision-making process performed by a community planning group.

Insp Dan Ashfield gave a brief overview of where the coding process is up to. The main headlines at this stage are:

- Facilities for young people
- Mental Health and young people

Dan will continue to work on the report and should have it ready for our next meeting.

### **What is PB**

During this next stage, Andrew shared information in relation to PB and, after creating four groups, tested their knowledge via a series of quiz questions.

Andrew informed the group that Participatory Budgeting is a type of participatory democracy in which ordinary people decide how to allocate part of a municipal or public budget. Developed in the 1980s in Porto Alegre, Brazil, PB is a process of democratic deliberation and decision-making. As the people from Porto Alegre say “If it feels like WE have decided, its PB. If it feels like someone else has decided, it isn't”.

PB is governed by a set of values and principles and they will be followed throughout this programme. The values are principles are set out below:

1. Empowerment
2. Shared responsibility
3. Transparency
4. Accountability
5. Representative democracy
6. Local ownership
7. Deliberation
8. Mainstream involvement

We then looked at the steps needed to develop a successful PB programme (see below).



The funds (£18,000) have already been secured as the Avon and Somerset Police, the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner and Bristol City Council are financing this programme. Those attending today are the planning group and their role is to help shape the programme by making key decisions and helping to plan the logistics of the programme.

Next steps will be to give the PB programme a name and then start to decide the application criteria.

After a short deliberation, it was agreed that the original Invest in K West name should be kept, with the logo adjusted to have a white background and a brighter map.

**Action:** Elliot will send an updated logo to Andrew/Antigua by the middle of this coming week (4<sup>th</sup> May).

## Agreeing The Criteria

The next part of the session was focused on agreeing the criteria for applications. Each criterion was discussed of each of the four tables who then shared their decision with the wider group, followed by a broader debate until there was a consensus. The decisions that the group made are shown below.

| Criteria   | Debate Points   | Decision | Comment  |
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| Can you be on the planning group and submit a bid?                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is it a conflict of interest? Similar situations have arisen in a previous programme (not MutualGain) and there were some questions/complaints raised.</li> <li>- Avoid favoritism</li> <li>- Shouldn't take the opportunity away from people just because they have wanted to get involved in this planning process.</li> </ul> <p>This was then put to a vote, with 12 members of the group voting 'YES'</p> | Yes      |  |
| What is the maximum that people/groups can apply for?                    | £2,000, £2,500, £3,000 were all suggested to be the maximum limit, however after some debate, the group agreed to meet in the middle at £2,500  | £2,500   |  |
| Are multiple applications acceptable?                                    |   | Yes      | A maximum of three applications to a total value of £5,000 |
| Are applications acceptable from constituted and non-constituted groups? |   | TBC      |  |
| What is the minimum age for voters?                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8yrs old is a good age as children and young people 8+ will be those benefitting from many</li> </ul>  | 8yrs     |  |

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|   | <p>projects. They are the voters for the projects aimed at them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10yr olds have a good understanding of what they want where many 8yr olds may struggle – pick something that involves sweets at each session rather than an activity they will enjoy for example.</li> <li>- 14/15+ is best for understanding ‘my brother is 10 and he wouldn’t have a clue, or be able to sit through the event.’</li> </ul>                   |   |   |
| What is the minimum age for applicants? | Again, the group were split here as to whether a person of any age is able to apply, or whether there should be a cap to ensure that we are encouraging young people and youth led projects to apply. After careful consideration and debate, the group felt that although anyone should be able to apply, there must be involvement of young people, and they should lead on the presentation, as well as being part of the application process and delivery of the project. | 8-25yrs (with adult involvement and/or supervision) | Presentations on the day must be led by the young people involved in the project. |
| Can public/private organisations apply? |   | TBC   |   |
| What do we mean by Knowle West?         |   | TBC   |   |
| Can applications be made from anywhere? |   | TBC   |   |

We will continue agreeing our criteria in the next session, as well as considering the key dates for programme.

## Potential dates for PB voting event

A number of potential dates were discussed. In order to ensure that the process gives people time to apply and prepare their criteria, the two dates that are most likely are Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. There will be a discussion as to suitability at the next meeting.

## Conclusion

This was an excellent group to work with. They showed determination, commitment and an interest to learn about PB. We are looking forward to working with them over the weeks ahead. The next session will take place on *Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 6-8pm at Youth Moves, The Park Centre, Bristol*

The following comments are the feedback from the group:

