

# Gorbals Ideas Fund

*Working together for change*



## BY the Community

The Gorbals Ideas Fund is led by local volunteers from Hutchesontown, Riverside, Oatlands and Laurieston. We're very different people but we have one thing in common – we want the Gorbals to be a great place to live for **EVERYONE!**

## FOR our Community

We want the **whole community** to get involved. We all have different experiences, opinions and priorities and that's okay! We want to find out what the community priorities are and tackle these, together.

## WITH our Community

Communities know what works, what doesn't and what's missing in their area. By **working together** we can push for real, positive change and make the Gorbals a great place to live – for all of us!

## INDEPENDENT in our Community

We are an independent group. We get development support from New Gorbals Housing Association to help us action plan, find funding and think about how we can involve more and more people in our work.

## BUILDING our Community

We're using a new of working called **Participatory Budgeting** to make sure our community has more power and can decide how money is used to tackle some of the challenges we face. Participatory Budgeting can give everyone in the community the chance to be active, engaged and have their voices heard.

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# *Participatory Budgeting gives local people more choice and control over how money is spent in their community to tackle local issues and challenges.*

## WHY do we NEED IT?

Most decisions about communities are made by politicians and their professional officers. We know these decisions are made with the best intentions but they don't always result in the changes a community needs.

Communities are experts in the problems they face and often know how to solve them. Participatory Budgeting respects this by giving communities more control over decision making and spending.

## HOW does it WORK?

Participatory Budgeting involves the community in decisions about how money is spent to tackle issues and develop solutions. This can be through:

- **Community Voting** where the community has an opportunity to decide how pots of funding are used to support local ideas and projects that benefit the community and the people who live here.
- **Public Service Mainstreaming** which gives communities a direct say in how public budgets are used to design and deliver public services e.g. social work services, education and the environment to make sure the community gets what it needs from public services.

## WE need YOU!

To get the most out of Participatory Budgeting we need the whole community to take part. You can get involved by:

- Telling us about your experience and the challenges you and your family face.
- Sharing ideas that could help you and the community.
- Coming along to our events to exercise your right to vote.
- Joining our Community Panel to help us spread the word.

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