

LET'S MAKE SCOTLAND WORK FOR YOU!

HELP SHAPE SCOTLAND'S OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN

Open
Government
Network
Scotland



DO YOU WANT TO TRANSFORM GOVERNMENT?

Imagine a country where citizens and governments come together to solve the most pressing challenges we face; where the decision making process is transparent and accountable, and where you have a real say in the policies and services that shape your life.

Whether you would like more opportunities to be involved in public service decision making; to see more information or data released in areas such as transport or education; or want more information on how public money is spent, open government is for you!

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you have an idea for how government could be done differently in Scotland? Perhaps more participatory budgeting, more information on public finances or greater understanding of how policy decisions are made? If so, we need your help to make open government the new normal in Scotland.

ONLINE



Browse the ideas that people are discussing or join the conversation to give your opinion and submit your own ideas online. **Visit:**

EVENTS



Join us at locations across Scotland for a series of events where you can tell us in person your ideas for change. **Register at:**

[WWW.OPENGOVERNMENT.ORG.UK/NETWORKS/SCOTLAND/OGP2018](http://www.opengovernment.org.uk/networks/scotland/ogp2018)

WHAT'S IN STORE?

In June and July 2018 the Scottish Government and Open Government Network will be inviting the public and civil society organisations to share their ideas that can help make government in Scotland work better for its people.

CONTACT US

 @OpenGovScot

 opengovernment@scvo.org.uk

JOIN FORUM

You can join the Network by signing up to our forum. **Visit:**

[HTTP://BIT.LY/OPEN GOVSCOTLAND](http://bit.ly/OpenGovScotland)

EVENTS LIST

We are running a series of free events for you to have your say. Please contact opengovernment@scvo.org.uk for any questions about accessibility, and note that filming and photography will be taking place at the venues.

This series of events will end with a co-creation workshop in Edinburgh in July, where participants will consider input gathered online and from events across Scotland. They will help to prioritise and refine ideas ahead of a meeting of the Open Government Steering Group.

Full details can be found online. **Sign up today!**

WHAT IS OPEN GOVERNMENT?

Governments use public money to shape the society we live in. The decisions they take impact on the day to day quality of life that we enjoy. Open governments do not just allow us to see what decisions are made, they allow us to take part in shaping them and provide us with the information we need to examine and challenge their choices. An open government is one that shares information, empowers people to hold their actions to account and supports people to take part in the decisions over public policies and services that affect them.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory budgeting (a way for people to make decisions on how public money is spent) was one of Scotland's first commitments to Open Government. It has been hugely successful in both uptake and impact, being widely implemented all across Scotland, with thousands of people taking part and having their say on how public money should be spent. This progress on participatory budgeting demonstrates the impact it has had on opening up public budgets and encouraging public participation in decision making.

Glasgow

Tuesday 5th June 2018, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Trades Hall of Glasgow

Inverness

Tuesday 12th June 2018, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Caledonian Thistle Grounds

Galashiels

Thursday 14th June 2018, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Galashiels Volunteer Hall

Stirling

Wednesday 20th June 2018, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Stirling University

Dundee

To be confirmed
Visit the website

Edinburgh (Co-creation event)

To be confirmed
Visit the website

BSL NATIONAL PLAN

The BSL National Plan sets out Scotland's ambition to be a great place for BSL users to live, work and visit. It is framed around ten long-term goals covering early years and education, training and work, health, culture and the arts, transport, justice and democracy. Deaf (and Deafblind) BSL users were fully involved in creating the first BSL National Plan, through the National Advisory Group and public consultation. The plan was co-produced, with the process led by the group, which was co-chaired by Scottish Government and a representative of the Deaf and Deafblind community.