



**Celebrating Renfrewshire  
Participatory Budgeting Results  
October 2020**

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## Introduction

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Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in October 2020. 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 50,000 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 Midday on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 until 17:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This was during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that all promotion of the vote was online rather than face to face

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 5 and 24 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:

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**1721** individual young people voted in total

**5163** choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **43** spoiled votes\*

## Results

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The results of the seven areas are as follows:

## Paisley North, West and Central

421 valid votes, with 1263 candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Pachedu	2,000	1	171	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	164	1500
Loud n Proud	2,000	3	163	2000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	1,686	4	110	1685.82
Own Yer Bike	1,982	5	80	1982.28
Darkwood Crew - Helping Ferguslie FlourishVillage Green Mural Projec	2,000	6	64	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	7	62	2000
Cameron Dance Group	1,000	8	54	1000
Pals of the privies (SCIO)	2,000	9	48	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	10	46	1886
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	11	40	2000
Right2dance	1,980	12	39	1078.9
Blue Triangle Housing Association Covid 19 and Mental Health	384	13	31	0
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	14	30	0
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	15	27	0
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	16	24	0
Paisley Barbell	2,000	17	22	0
CREATE Paisley	1,905	18	17	0
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	18	17	0
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2,000	20	16	0
CREATE Paisley The Event Team-	2,000	21	11	0
Renfrew Rocks	2,000	22	10	0
CREATE Paisley	2,000	23	9	0
Afros Scots United Fc	2,000	24	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,823</b>		<b>1,263</b>	<b>21,133</b>

## Renfrew

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**341** valid votes, with **1023** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	1800	1	199	1800
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	2	134	2000
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	2000	3	121	2000
Trinity High School	850	4	113	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	5	64	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	6	63	2000
Rainbow Turtle	750	7	49	750
Always included	2000	8	48	2000
Loud n Proud	2000	9	47	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	10	46	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2000	11	42	1371
I Am Me Scotland	2000	12	38	0
Renfrew Rocks	2000	13	34	0
Afroscoats United Fc	2000	14	25	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25286</b>		<b>1023</b>	<b>18657</b>

## Johnstone and Linwood

251 valid votes, with 753 candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Pachedu	2000	1	127	2000
Paisley YMCA	1500	2	114	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1886	3	79	1886
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SC046578	2000	4	75	2000
Active Communities	2000	5	65	2000
Own Yer Bike	1982.28	6	50	1982.28
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2000	7	43	2000
Sandyflats tenants and residents association	2000	8	42	2000
Always included	2000	9	31	2000
Fordbank Scout Group	2000	10	29	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	11	23	1164.36
Afroscoats United Fc	2000	11	23	1164.36
CREATE Paisley Event Team-Amplified	2000	14	20	0
CREATE Paisley CREATE Mentoring	2000	15	11	0
Spoiled votes*			21	
<b>totals</b>	<b>27368.28</b>		<b>753</b>	<b>21697</b>

## The villages

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**249** valid votes, with **747** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gryffe High School	1500	1	230	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	179	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	175	2000
Johnstone Burgh 2007's Football Team	2000	4	82	2000
1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	2000	5	81	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9386</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>9386</b>

## Paisley East

**246** valid votes, with **738** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Loud n Proud	2,000	1	125	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	123	1500
Pachedu	2,000	3	114	2000
St Andrews Academy	2,000	3	114	2000
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	5	67	1500
Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	2,000	6	52	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	7	38	2000
Own Yer Bike	1,982	8	24	1982.28
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	8	24	2000
Who Cares? Scotland	1,736	10	23	1736
CREATE Paisley	2,000	11	16	2000
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	12	13	2000
Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	2,000	13	5	1376.72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,718</b>		<b>738</b>	<b>24,095</b>



## Gleniffer

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**146** valid votes, with **438** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gleniffer High School	2,000	1	117	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	2	94	1886
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	3	58	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	4	47	2000
RAMH	2,000	5	45	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	6	39	2000
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	7	38	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,886</b>		<b>438</b>	<b>13886</b>

## Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

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67 valid votes, with 201 candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Trinity High School (will be applying on behalf of the Sports Leaders group)	850	1	39	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	37	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	27	2000
Erskine Youth Council	1997	4	26	1997
Always included	2000	5	23	2000
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	7	14	2000
Renfrew Rocks	2000	8	13	2000
Spoiled votes*			22	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12733</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>12733</b>

## Conclusions

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The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 1721 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire, particularly during the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

\*Votes spoiled due to project not meeting the requirements of the fund

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