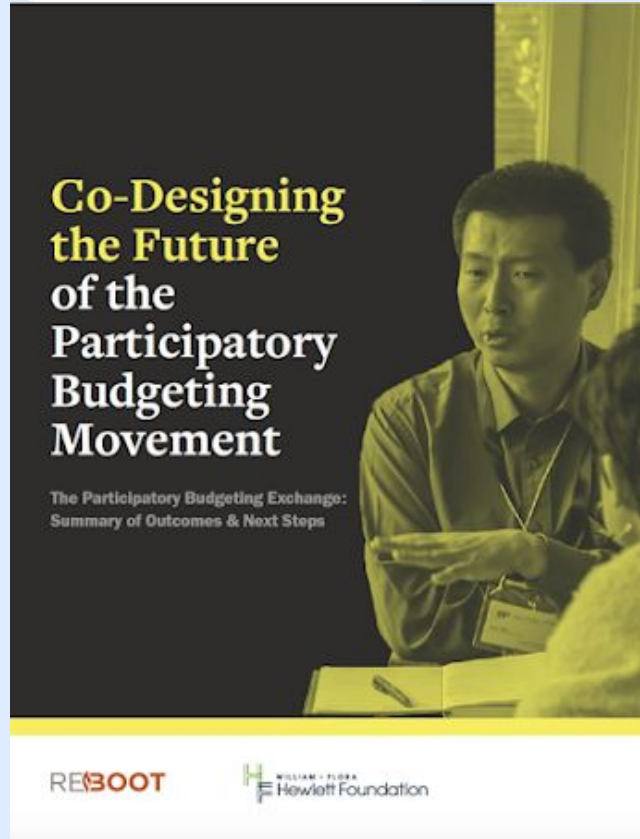




People Powered: Global Hub for Participatory Democracy

Luiza Jardim | November 8 2023

2018: Global Research & Co-Design Process



2019: Global Participatory Budgeting Hub



Global PB Practitioner Board

- ⚡ Identify priorities for new resources and tools for PB implementers.
- ⚡ Develop and share resources and tools that address these priorities.

Browse resources below, or find something specific by selecting filters in the search menu.

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Country: All

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Democracy is broken but we can fix it with real people power: Campbell Newman

Thirty years of Participatory Budgeting in the World

100 MILLONES DAN PARA MUCHO

In Person Voting of Participatory Budgeting 2018

Video that shows an in-person voting process for participatory budgeting in Madrid.

Video & Audio | Sample | English

How to Engage Immigrants & Refugees in Participatory Budgeting

Online course

April 15, 2021
9:00-10:30 am EST

PEOPLE POWERED University

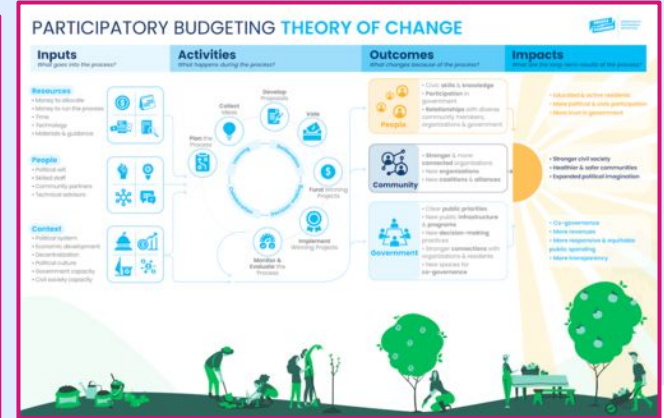

Rising Stars
Mentorship



Global PB Research Board

⚡ Identify priorities for PB research - Global PB Research Agenda.

⚡ Support research that addresses these priorities.



Impacts of Participatory Budgeting on Governance & Well-Being

Online seminar

May 11, 2021
9:00-10:30 am EDT

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2020: Global PB Hub → People Powered

We brought together 58 participatory democracy leaders from 28 countries, to ask what would take their work to the next level.

What we heard:

- 1 There are lots of papers and reports, but **it's hard to find accessible and relevant guidance.**
- 2 There are good conferences, but **not enough support for solving common problems.**
- 3 There are amazing local champions, but their **work is not aligned around shared goals.**
- 4 These **challenges are greater** for people in **Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America.**

Our Theory of Change



PROBLEM



People do not have the power to ensure that governments are responsive to their needs.



SOLUTION



Expand people's power to make government decisions.



ACTIVITIES



Support organizations and governments that are building participatory democracy around the world.



OUTCOMES



More governments launch, expand, improve, and sustain participatory democracy programs and structural changes.



IMPACTS

People are able to better address their needs, uphold their rights, and pursue their dreams through inclusive and responsive government institutions.

Our Mission

Our mission is to expand people's power to make government decisions, by supporting organizations and governments that are building participatory democracy around the world.

What is Participatory Democracy?

A form of democracy that enables community members to make the policy decisions that affect their lives, together with government.

Participatory Democracy



**Participatory
Budgeting**



**Legislative
Theater**



**Participatory
Planning**



**Participatory
Policymaking**



**Citizens'
Assemblies**

What We Do: Build Pathways for Policy Change



Communications → **Resources** → **Training** → **Mentorship** → **Policy change**

Resource Center



Challenge: Government and community leaders struggle to find the existing practical resources that are most relevant for their needs.

Response: We compiled the most useful videos, guides, and other materials in different languages, in a focused online resource center.

A screenshot of the Resource Center website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Guides & Manuals, Methods & Tools, Research & Papers, Organizations & Networks, Case Studies, Training & Events, Digital Tools, Sample Materials, Video & Audio, and Photos. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a list of filter buttons for Resource type, Process type, Language, Country, Stage, and Institution. The main content area features three featured items: 1. "Nationwide citizens' assembly on energy costs (Poland)" with a photo of a group of people and a video/audio link. 2. "Citizen participation on complex issues: Experiences from development work" with a graphic of colorful speech bubbles and a video/audio link. 3. "Brazilian democracy can count on the strength of citizen deliberation" with a map of Brazil and a case studies link.

Research Data



Challenge: It is difficult to access and understand empirical evidence on the impacts of participatory and deliberative programs.

Response: We are compiling global research data on impacts, and practical recommendations based on this data.

Impacts of Participatory Budgeting: What We Know

Research Brief · April 2022

This research brief offers a global picture of the current state of research on the short-term outcomes and long-term impacts of participatory budgeting (PB) on people, communities, and governments. Thousands of governments and institutions have implemented PB, giving people the power to decide how to spend part of a public budget. In many cases, PB has been found to positively impact well-being and governance, education and learning, as well as civil society and political participation.

These impacts, however, depend on the design and context of the PB process. Understanding these impacts and how the factors that produce them can help advocates to promote PB more effectively, practitioners to design better PB processes, and researchers to produce more useful data and analysis.

We present 19 key research findings and share practical recommendations for advocacy, planning and design, and research.

English

An infographic showing a person's head in profile with several circular icons connected to it: a coin, a hand holding a coin, a lightbulb, and a speech bubble.

Finding 2

PB redirects spending to low-income communities, when it uses equity criteria.

- Porto Alegre and Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- New York City, United States
- Seoul, South Korea

An illustration of two people, a man and a woman, looking at a large smartphone that displays a world map with various locations marked.

Digital Participation Guide and Ratings



Challenge: It's difficult to find accessible, relevant, and practical guidance for how to select and use online participation tools.

Response: We developed a global guide and ratings of digital participation tools.

Guide to Digital Participation Platforms

When to Use Them, How to Choose & Tips for Maximum Results

This view lets you compare the platforms based on our ratings.

Use the controls to filter, group and sort the ratings - you can then download the results as spreadsheet.

Home Introduction Participation Selecting a Platform

Introduction to this Guide

In the past decade, it has become increasingly common to engage citizens in various aspects of government via online platforms. In fact, in the release of their most recent data, the publishers of the PB Atlas reported an "accelerating trend toward the digitalization of participatory budgeting," spurred on by the COVID pandemic.

To satisfy this demand, several comprehensive digital participation platforms have emerged. They help governments, civil society groups, and other institutions engage residents in all types and stages of participatory processes, ranging from planning and budgeting to citizens' assemblies and the drafting of legislation.

While we often think of such technological platforms in the context of

	Platform name	Platform Category	Average Score (1-100)	Cost of platform (\$-\$-\$...)	Additional costs (\$ - \$...)	Capacity Requirement...	Feature
1	Citizen Lab	Toolbox	85	\$\$	\$		93
2	Decidim	Toolbox	85	\$	\$\$		55
3	Your Priorities	Toolbox	81	\$\$\$	\$\$		82
4	Bang the Table / Engage...	Toolbox	78	\$\$\$	\$\$		90
5	Cap Collectif	Toolbox	77	\$\$\$	\$\$		91
6	adhocracy+	Toolbox	77	\$	\$\$		98
7	CONSUL	Toolbox	75	\$	\$\$\$		58
8	ConsultVox	Toolbox	74	\$\$\$	\$\$		90
9	Fulcity	Toolbox	74	\$\$\$	\$\$		82
10	Social Pinpoint	Toolbox	72	\$\$\$\$	\$\$		79
11	76 Engage	Toolbox	69	\$\$\$	\$\$		90
12	Neighborland	Toolbox	68	\$\$\$\$	\$\$		95
13	Open Stad	Toolbox	68	\$	\$\$		88
14	Discuto	Toolbox	67	\$\$\$	\$\$		91
15	Democracia en Red / De...	Toolbox	66	\$	\$\$\$\$		77
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Participation Playbook



Challenge: It's difficult to find user-friendly practical guidance for how to design new programs, in ways that address common and local challenges.

Response: We developed an interactive online tool to help make key design decisions.

A screenshot of the Participation Playbook website. The page has a white background with a blue header. The header includes the text "THE PARTICIPATION PLAYBOOK" and navigation links: "About", "Policy Challenges", "Participation Solutions", "Design your Process", "Get Help", and a language selector "(en)". There are also social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, and links for "Log in" and "Sign Up". The main content area features a video player on the right and a text block on the left. The video player shows a video titled "What Is The Participation Playbook?" with a thumbnail of a diverse group of people. The text block reads: "The Participation Playbook is an interactive guide to help you successfully advocate for and implement a participatory program for your government or community. It is a tool for people who want to open up government to meaningful and equitable community participation." Below the text is a red button labeled "About the Playbook".

THE PARTICIPATION
PLAYBOOK

Log in Sign Up

About Policy Challenges Participation Solutions Design your Process Get Help (en)

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What Is The Participation Playbook?
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About the Playbook

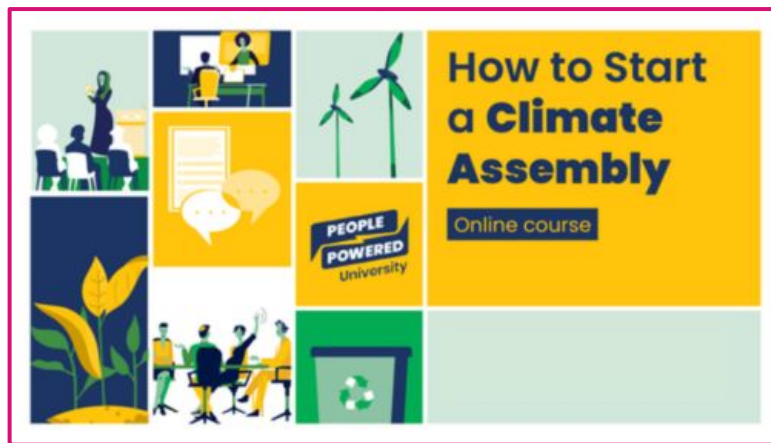


Online Courses



Challenge: Practitioners need more accessible and action-oriented training on how to address common challenges.

Response: We developed online courses and seminars focused on common practical challenges.



Mentorship



Challenge: Governments and organizations need hands-on help troubleshooting their specific problems, but they often lack guidance.

Response: We provide a peer mentorship program that matches people launching new programs with experts to provide direct support.



Rising Stars
Mentorship

1-on-1 **mentorship** to help you implement or improve your own participatory democracy program!

PEOPLE
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The graphic features a photograph of two young men, one wearing glasses, looking at a laptop. The background is dark blue with white text. A small yellow star is above the word 'Stars'. The 'PEOPLE POWERED' logo is in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

Accelerator Programs

Challenge: One-off training and isolated resources rarely lead governments to launch new programs and policies.

Response: Provide comprehensive training, peer learning, and mentorship to regular cohorts of governments and organizations.



What We Do: Build a Global Community of Practice



Our Member Organizations

Our member organizations are local, national, and regional organizations that provide direct support for participatory democracy programs.



What Have We Fostered So Far?

**Examples of Participatory
Democracy process that we
helped through different
programs:**

- 1. Immigrant PB**
- 2. Participatory
Policymaking**
- 3. Playbook usage**

Immigrant PB: New Taipei City



Participatory Policymaking: Zimbabwe

Challenge: Participatory policymaking as a 'disruptive' response to **climate change**

Organization: Green Institute

Program: Climate Democracy Accelerator



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Rising Stars + Playbook: Rio Grande do Sul

THE PARTICIPATION PLAYBOOK

Principais resultados:

Mecanismos/soluções de participação: **Formulação de Políticas Participativas:**

1) **Advocacy:**

- a) **Legislação** sobre processo participativo popular na formulação de políticas ?
- b) Atores vulneráveis/Público alvo: Juventude, crianças, mulheres, pessoas idosas, Povo indígena, Imigrantes Refugiados, Minorias étnicas ou raciais, Pessoas com deficiência, Pessoas LGBTQ+, Comunidades de baixa renda - COMUNIDADE ESCOLAR DO RS DE MANEIRA GERAL;
- c) O Governo estadual irá financiar o projeto;
- d) **Ideias-chave para atividades de advocacy:**
 - i) **A inovação é o futuro da democracia;**
 - ii) **Vamos aproveitar a inteligência coletiva;**
 - iii) **Políticas baseadas no conhecimento dos cidadãos;**
 - iv) **Por uma democracia colaborativa.**

2) **Planejamento ou Projeto:**

- a) Atores que irão desenhar o processo: funcionários do poder executivo provincial ou estadual (em países federais);
- b) **Objetivos do processo participativo:**
 - i) **Conheça as opiniões dos cidadãos, incluindo as suas preocupações e/ou desejos, sobre os serviços e políticas públicas;**
 - ii) **Incentive a criatividade e aproveite a inteligência coletiva;**
 - iii) **Melhorar a eficiência na implementação de uma política ou serviço;**
- c) **Grau de influência que os participantes terão na decisão:**
 - i) **Eles discutirão as contribuições dos cidadãos e avaliarão até que ponto as incluirão no desenvolvimento de políticas ou legislação, explicando publicamente suas decisões - INTERNO SEDUC/CREs - GRUPOS FOCAIS - Etapa 4**
- d) **Ações esperadas dos participantes:**
 - i) **Envie propostas ou ideias;**
 - ii) **Saiba mais sobre o andamento dos projetos;**
 - iii) **Interagir com as autoridades;**
 - iv) **Implementar projetos;**
 - v) **Forneça as informações que faltam.**



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