

HOW WOULD YOU SPEND

£80,000

FOR THE

GORBALS?

Everything you need to know about the
Gorbals Ideas Fund and our
Your Priorities process for 2023



WHO ARE THE GORBALS IDEAS FUND?

The Gorbals Ideas Fund (GIF) are a group of local volunteers (Community Advocates) who believe local people should be more involved in deciding how money is spent in our community.



We use a process called Participatory Budgeting that gives local people much more control over how funding is spent to make the Gorbals an even better place to live.

Since we started, in 2018, we have been able to secure funds from the Scottish Government, National Lottery Scotland, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and others to support our work.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Until 2022 local people were mainly involved as voters deciding how small pots of funding would support local groups and organisations. In the first three years you helped distribute over **£100,000** and supported over **70** new events, activities and services.

As we were recovering from the global pandemic in 2022 we thought it was the right time to involve local people as more than voters, we wanted you to have the chance to have your ideas funded!

In January 2022 we launched Your Priorities, making £60,000 available to support the ideas of local people and £20,000 available to support ideas from groups and services.

The process was a great success and you can read more about the ideas you voted to fund on page 6.

Participatory Budgeting gives local people more control over how money is spent to improve their community

YOUR PRIORITIES 2023

Your Priorities 2023 launched on Saturday 1 April 2023. It's a pretty simple process designed to give everyone the chance to share their ideas with other local people, or show support for other ideas that you think would bring something great to the Gorbals.

There's a total of **£80,000** available to support Your Priorities 2023, **£60,000 for ideas from local people** and **£20,000 for ideas from local groups and services** and you have until **Monday 15 May** to post your ideas!

WHAT SORT OF IDEAS CAN I POST?

You can post ideas across **two** different topics:

1. Services, Groups & Activities

If you have an idea for something that could be delivered to the community, like a weekly group or activity or a services that people could access as and when they need it, post your idea in this topic!

2. Places & Spaces

If your idea relates to physical improvements to the area for example, a park or facility, post it in this topic.

WHAT IF THERE ARE SIMILAR IDEAS?

If we notice that there are two similar ideas we'll get in touch with the people that post them and invite them to collaborate and bring their ideas together.

If your idea resembles something that we know already takes place across the community, we'll be in touch to let you know and see how we can help!

GET INVOLVED

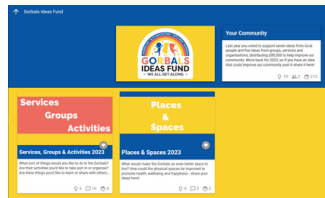
It's really easy to get involved, either online, by email or text, or at one of our information sessions.



Online

Simply head to our Your Priorities platform at: bit.ly/gorbalsideasfund and set up a new account, or sign in with Facebook.

If you took part last year you'll still be registered so just enter your email and password!



Email

You can also email your ideas to us at info@gorbalsideas.org.uk and we'll post your idea on your behalf!



Text

If you don't have access to the internet or email, text your idea to us on **07971819778** and we'll post your idea on your behalf.



Information Sessions

We're also holding information sessions in New Gorbals Housing Association, 200 Crown Street to help you get the most out of Your Priorities. Book a place at bit.ly/YPIS2023 or call Jo on 0141 429 3900.

Session 1 - Thursday 13 April 2023 at 2pm to 3pm

Session 2 - Wednesday 19 April at 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Session 3 - Tuesday 25 April at 10am to 11am

Session 4 - Tuesday 2 May at 12pm to 1pm

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

The platform will be open to new ideas from **Saturday 1 April** to **Monday 15 May 2023**.

After we close to new ideas you'll have two weeks to keep building support for your idea - encourage your friends, family and neighbours to sign up to Your Priorities and support your idea. This phase will run from **Monday 15 May** to **Monday 29 May 2023**

From Tuesday 30 May the **top 10 ideas from local people** and **top 10 from local groups** (as voted for on the Your Priorities Platform) will go on to Stage 2 and, if your idea is one of the top 10 ideas we'll invite you to work with us to begin developing and costing your idea.

When all of the ideas have been developed and costed we'll take these back out to the community for a final vote between **Saturday 5 August 2023** and **Saturday 2 September 2023**.

The ideas with the most votes will be funded and that's when we really start to bring your idea to life!

The Gorbals is the only community we know of in Scotland delivering participatory budgeting this way, and it really is an opportunity for you to make a difference in the area you live in! That's why our motto is:

• IDEAS | COMMUNITY | ACTION •

DOES THIS REALLY WORK?

YES, IT DOES.

The process really does work and in 2022 almost 1000 local people got involved. We're working to develop the ideas you voted to fund in 2022 and you can find out more about these on page 6.



WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

There are just two other, quite important, things we'd like you to know:

1. **We fund ideas *not* individuals.** If you post an idea and the community vote to fund it, that's the beginning of the development process which includes inviting other local people to be involved in deciding how the funds are spent to deliver the idea.

2. **It isn't a quick fix.** When we fund ideas we want them to be the very best they can be, we want them to last much longer than the funding they receive from the community and we're delighted to be able to offer that support, but this does take time.

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like more information about the Gorbals Ideas Fund and what we do check our website at www.gorbalsideas.org.uk or follow us [@GorbalsIdeas](https://twitter.com/GorbalsIdeas) on Twitter and Facebook.

If you'd like more information about Your Priorities give us a call on **0141 429 3900** or email us at info@gorbalsideas.org.uk.

FUNDED IN 2022



NGE Grassroots Football

You voted to fund this idea for children and young people. The Idea is now supported by a Management Committee who are working to bring these sessions to the community.



Gorbals Community Pantry

You voted to fund the Gorbals Community Pantry and we're now working with a core group of local people to bring this idea to life!



Gorbals Grows

You voted to fund a Sanctuary Garden and Growing Space idea and we're now working with a group of local people to plan how vacant spaces can be used to support wellbeing and food growing.



Gorbals Wellbeing Hub

You voted to fund a Mobile Wellbeing Hub and we're currently in the process of asking local people what they would like from this service. Watch out for our wellbeing sessions across the community.



Gorbals Art Group

You funded the Gorbals Art Group. The Group, for over 16s with an interest in art, takes place every Friday in St Francis Centre from 12noon to 3pm.

Coming soon...Gorbals Community Cinema and Gorbals Repair Cafe!

Your Priorities 2023



Submit Your Idea

Sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/GorbalsIdeas>



Share your idea

Use the 'share idea' button to share your idea on social media or by email.



Support

Support your idea and others' by clicking the 'heart' button.



Check in

Check in regularly to find out what people are saying about your idea or see what other people are posting!



Discuss

Use the comments boxes to take part in the discussion!



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