

# Examples of participatory work in SG

Currently developing a co-ordinated overview of all participatory work taking place across SG

## Ongoing:

- Social Security Experience and Client Panels
- People's Panel for Wellbeing
- Development of new National Care Service
- The Promise (care experienced children and young people)

## To date:

- Citizens' Assembly of Scotland (CAoS) - October 2019 and December 2020
- Scotland's Climate Assembly - November 2020 and March 2021
- Citizens' Jury on Qcovid
- Mini Public on post-Brexit rural priorities in Scotland

# SG commitments for this Parliament

- local deliberative engagements that culminate in a national Citizens' Assembly on the topic of local government funding
- an annual Citizens' Assembly to look at some of the more complex issues we face as a country
- to establish a Citizens' Assembly for those under the age of 16 to ensure the voices of the future are heard
- putting people at the heart of everything we do, and taking a person-centred approach to Covid Recovery (Covid Recovery Strategy)
- increased use of participatory processes to aid the transformation of work of government, ensuring the public are involved in decisions affecting them

# IPDD working group

- In response to the need for new infrastructure and processes to deliver these commitments, and to learn the lessons from the previous Assemblies, the Institutionalising Participatory and Deliberative Democracy (IPDD) Working Group was convened in summer 2021
- [IPDD report](#) was published in March 2022, and makes 19 recommendations across two key themes: embedding a range of participatory and democratic innovations, which can be used as a basis to establish routine use of Citizens' Assemblies in Scotland.
- In the most recent Programme for Government, SG committed to publishing a response to the report of our working group on Institutionalising Participatory and Deliberative Democracy, setting out how we can involve people and communities, government, and children and young people in democratic decision making.

# SG Social Research: paying participants

- SG is working to establish a consistent process for remunerating people taking part in participatory research (i.e. longer form pieces of work, co-production, panels etc)
- This will include comprehensive expenses, and payment for participant time – it is our intention that this payment can be offered in vouchers and/or cash
- As far as we know, payment in vouchers should not pose difficulty for people claiming DWP benefits – but we are clarifying details on this
- [HMRC](#) has confirmed that cash payment for participant time is not ‘earned income’ and therefore not taxable (up to a reasonable threshold)
- We are currently working with DWP to establish a comparable public position re. cash payment

# SG Social Research: ethics and training

- We plan to review the SG Social Research ethics process to ensure it is appropriate for participatory work
- We are developing plans for participation and lived experience training for SG Social Researchers, to take place next year

# Some questions for you...

- We want to make sure that we are using the right method at the right time, when evidence, input or shared decision-making is needed
  - On what types of issues or in which situations is it most useful for SG to undertake co-production and/or a participatory approach?
  - On what types of issues or in which situations is it most useful for SG to engage with lived experience as a type of evidence, but not as part of a wider co-production approach?