

Unst Partnership Ltd.

From UP to You!



What is a Participatory Budget Project?

Unst Partnership's Shop has been trading for a year. We are now in a position to put some of that money back to the community. We have to pay our bills, run the Community Skip Scheme, produce a Tourist Map and maintain 3 community polytunnels. We are continuing to pay a member of staff to run the Shop. However, we have allocated £3,000 to let you vote on projects which you feel are worth funding.

We are encouraging local groups to put forward proposals for projects that will benefit the island. If you are involved with a local group, think about what you might use or need in the year ahead.

Guidelines

- Applications must be from a group or organisation based in Unst
- Applications should be for £500 or less
- All groups should have a constitution and bank account, or be meeting regularly already
- Projects must take place in Unst, be beneficial to the community and promote community sustainability and viability
- **Your group/organisation will have to support and present your project at a voting event to be held in the Baltasound Hall at 7pm on Thursday, 26th September 2019** (your application will not be considered unless you can attend the event)
- Funding must be used for the agreed purpose set out in the application and any unused funds must be returned
- Projects awarded funding will be monitored and evaluated by Unst Partnership Ltd in conjunction with the applicant
- Funding must be spent by 31st March 2020

Timetable

Application period

Application forms are available from **Saturday 31st August** from the Unst Partnership Office or by email from up@unst.org Applications to take part should be in to the UP Office by **Wednesday 18th September**.

Groups Contacted

Unst Partnership will check each application form and will contact all the applicants to let them know if they have met the grant criteria and invite them to take part in the Voting Event.

Voting Event

The project will culminate in a table top presentation by each group and voting event to be held in the Baltasound Hall from **7pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 26th September**. Groups will be allocated a table at which they can pitch their project, explain the merits and answer questions from residents.

Voting will commence at approximately 8pm; all the people who attend the event will get a voting sheet and be able to rank the projects they would like to see funded. Votes will be scrutinised, counted and totalled and the results known on the evening.

If you are over 8 years of age and an Unst resident you will be eligible to vote. Children taking part in presentations or voting must have permission from their parents/guardians.

Spread the word and get involved in a project to assist a group you are involved with or would like to see better funded.

