

## Bridging the Gap – An Overview for Schools

Locations across Scotland | 2018-21

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Young people will live the longest with the decisions we make today. “Bridging the Gap” is a project which will equip young people with the skills and tools needed to engage with town planning and place and learn about decision making. The project will also forge sustained intergenerational partnerships within communities. Adults will see young people as equal participants in the community and the decisions made will be actively shared with everyone.

### HOW IT WORKS

Workshops run by PAS volunteers and staff will encourage pupils to consider their local area and the impact of change on it, for them and others in their community. The activities will emphasise working collaboratively and can encompass opportunities for outdoor learning. Pupils will use a range of digital tools, including the Scottish Government’s [Place Standard](#).



“Planning affects everyone’s lives, so I’m delighted those involved in the Bridging Gap project are providing a platform for young people to get involved. The project supports the ambitions outlined in our consultation on the current planning review, to encourage more people to get involved in planning, and give young people a stronger voice in the decisions about the future of the place they live in.”

Kevin Stewart  
MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing.

### ANSWERS TO SOME FAQs

- The project is free of charge to schools
- The project is designed around the outcomes in Curriculum for Excellence, including literacy, health and well-being, social studies and technologies
- Preparation time needed for teaching staff will be minimal
- The project is flexible and can be adapted to fit a particular scheme of work or group of learners



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