



Places for Everyone

2021–22 Infrastructure Impact Report



What is Places for Everyone?



Places for Everyone is a **grant fund** programme.

A **grant fund** is a sum of money for a project.

It is funded by the Scottish Government through Transport Scotland and is administered by Sustrans Scotland.



Many different organisations in Scotland can apply for money from Places for Everyone including:

- local councils
- organisations that give public services like schools and hospitals
- community groups



Places for Everyone gives money for **infrastructure** to make it easier for people to walk, cycle and wheel for everyday journeys.



Infrastructure is the buildings and services that a country needs to work well – things like roads and transport.



Places for Everyone started in March 2019.

It does work to make the **outcomes** of Transport Scotland's Active Travel Framework happen.

An **outcome** means the way Transport Scotland wants to see things turn out.



The information in this report comes from work done by Sustrans Research and Monitoring Unit.



In 2021-2022 there was an **evaluation** of the Places for Everyone programme using information from 30 projects, and 5 individual projects were used as case studies.

An **evaluation** checks something to see if it is going well and if it is making a difference.

A **case study** is a short report on one project.



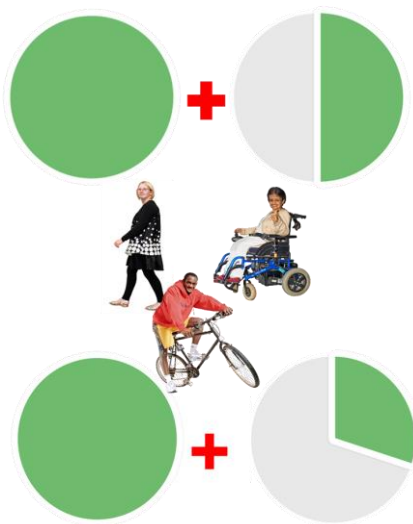
This report shows what the evaluation found out.



The Covid-19 pandemic stopped work on many Places for Everyone infrastructure projects.

It has made it take longer to check these projects to see if they are working well.

Outcome 1: Increase the number of people choosing walking, wheeling and cycling in Scotland



In all projects:

- there was a 54 per cent increase in active travel trips after projects were finished
- more than a year later there were over a third more active travel trips (37 per cent more) than before projects were delivered



In individual projects:

- when **protected junctions** were put on the South City Way in Glasgow, there were 2 times as many people cycling after the project was finished



Protected junctions separate people walking and wheeling, cycling and in vehicles as they pass through, making the junctions safer for anyone using the road.



- 2 times as many people walked, wheeled and cycled after paths were made better in Maidencraig and Wishaw



- 5 times as many people took active travel trips between Port Charlotte and Bruichladdich on Islay after the Lochindaal Way path was made

Outcome 2: High quality walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure is available to all

In all projects:

More than a year after a project was finished, the number of people deciding to use a project route went up because:

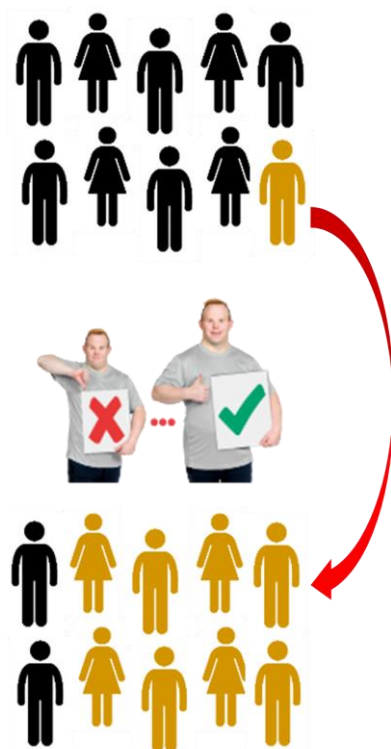
- they liked the area
- they felt safe
- it was easy to use
- it was quicker to use





In individual projects:

- everyone using the Lochindaal Way path in Islay said it works well and is well looked after



- before the Places for Everyone project, only 1 in 10 people (10 per cent) thought the path in Wishaw was what the community needed and wanted

After the Wishaw Link path was made better, more than 8 in 10 people (85 per cent) thought it was what the community needed and wanted.

Outcome 3: Walking, wheeling and cycling is safer for everyone



In all projects:

More people said a project route felt safe after the project was finished, and this went up again more than a year after the project was finished.

In individual projects:



- after improvements to Lower Granton Road in Edinburgh, almost everyone that used it said it felt safe in daytime

Most people (89 per cent) said the traffic was not as dangerous.



- in Glasgow, all cyclists and most pedestrians who were interviewed felt either safe or very safe when using the protected junctions on the South City Way

Outcome 4: Walking, wheeling and cycling is available to everyone

In all projects:



After projects were delivered there were more trips made by:

- women
- people aged 55 and over
- disabled people



In individual projects:

- in Maidencraig in Aberdeen almost all route users (98 per cent) agreed that the path is easily accessible



More disabled people now use the path.

The greatest increase was use of active travel by people over 65.

Outcome 5: Delivery of walking, wheeling and cycling is promoted and supported by a range of partners



In all projects:

There are around 250 projects being developed across Scotland as part of the Places for Everyone programme.

More than 60 projects work with other national, local or community partners.



In individual projects:

For example, the Lochindaal Way got support from the local Bruichladdich Distillery who:

- gave £50,000 for the first part of the project
- bought signs
- gave staff who volunteered to work on the project
- will help to keep the paths in good condition



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