Your Voice Our Vision Dataset Description

From April to July 2014 we invited people to add their voice to a UK wide conversation around key areas of Big Lottery Fund's work. We did this mainly through the www.yourvoiceourvision.org.uk microsite, on which all conversations can still be viewed.

We also held roundtable discussions (smaller or 1:1 discussions in Scotland due to purdah), received comments by email, and some blogs or articles posted on other websites.

All data has been collated and is being analysed by the Big Lottery Fund. Most data has been shared in this data set.

An explanation of how to identify different data sources and how the information is presented is listed below, by type.

YVOV microsite data
- All data downloaded from the microsite has been arranged to show each idea, the contributor's reason for posting the idea (the 'why') and all comments related to that idea. This data has been collated from multiple reports downloaded from the micro-site.
- The Column A entry for data downloaded from the microsite starts with '*http:*'. Please note that this URL refers to the reporting application for the microsite, it will not link to the microsite itself. The final phrase in the URL does, however, indicate the name of the *idea* posted and the topic area. For example, http://blf.dialogue-app.com/4-stronger-sector/infrastructure-support refers to a discussion titled *Infrastructure Support* posted within the *Stronger Sector* area of the microsite.
- A new row has been allocated for each comment but the related *idea* and *why* fields have been merged to show the flow of discussion that developed against each idea.
- All user profile data is linked to *comments* received.
- Website users and contributors were able to tag their own *ideas* but tagging of *comments* was not possible within the website functionality.
- We did not limit the tags that contributors could use, which resulted in a long list of tags developing.
- A limited number of Big Lottery Fund staff moderators were also able to retrospectively tag *ideas*.

All Non-microsite data
- For **all non-microsite data**, columns C ('Idea') and D ('Why') are left blank, as these were specific to postings on the microsite.
- **Only non-website data that is not attributable** to the contributor has been included, to maintain the spirit of the discussions as a safe place to discuss issues openly.
- All **email submissions have been excluded** from this data set because email was a submission option for people who did not wish to post ideas or comments publically.

Individual non-microsite data types
Listed by Column A reference:

1:1 Discussion
- These are notes of discussions held in Scotland, where roundtable meetings could not be held due to Purdah restrictions.
- Notes of meetings were provided by Big Lottery Fund staff and are therefore not verbatim comments. Every attempt was made to take accurate notes that fairly represent varying viewpoints. It should be noted, however, that notes will naturally be an interpretation of discussions and are not verbatim.
- Notes from these meetings have been divided into separate entries for each distinct point or topic covered during the discussion.
- Only notes that are not attributable have been included, to respect the ethos of these discussions.

Civil Society Blog Comments
Where possible, comments made on www.civilsociety.co.uk blogs related to Big Lottery Fund's future during the period that Your Voice Our Vision was live have been collated by Big Lottery Fund staff for inclusion in our analysis.

Wordpress blogs
- These are blogs that were published on the microsite but were not included in the data download from the microsite due to the technical specification of the application.
- Each blog has been given a unique number. The first entry in Column E is the blog post, all subsequent entries are the comments published beneath the blog entry.

Roundtable discussions
- Round table discussions were held with stakeholders across the UK (apart from Scotland, as referenced in *1:1 Discussions* above).
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Further information

Queries about this data set can be submitted to yourvoice@biglotteryfund.org.uk.