

# Democracy Matters

The title 'Democracy Matters' is rendered in a large, sans-serif font. 'Democracy' is in green and 'Matters' is in blue. The letters are filled with icons representing various groups of people: an elderly person with a cane, a person in a wheelchair, a person with a stroller, a person climbing stairs, and a person on a bicycle. A speech bubble is positioned above the 'o' in 'Democracy' and another above the 't' in 'Matters'. A thick blue horizontal line is positioned below the title.

Your Community. Your Ideas. Your Future.

We want to hear your voice and the voices of your friends and neighbours in a discussion about local communities deciding their own future.

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The way we live our lives is constantly changing; just think of all the changes that have happened in your lifetime. Democracy is changing too. It used to be that most citizens were content to cast their vote and then leave the decisions to others. Increasingly people want to share in making those

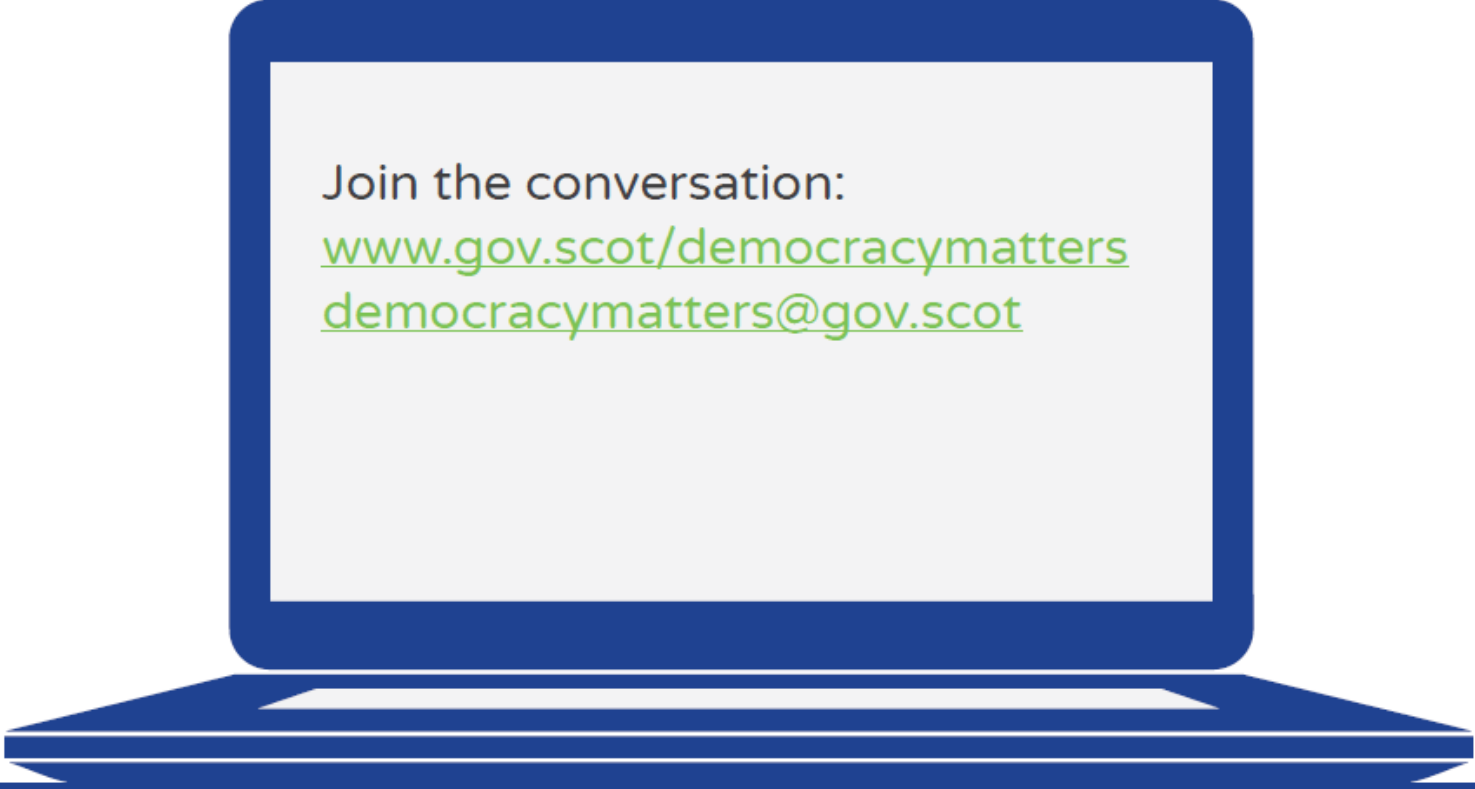
decisions, or at least have a greater understanding as to why certain decisions have been made on their behalf. In order to make democracy work better for everyone, and especially for those who feel left out, we are asking people all over Scotland:

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## 5 questions which fall into 3 categories:

- 1: Communities more in control**
  - a good idea to begin with?
- 2: Communities more in control**
  - how could it work in practice?
- 3: Communities more in control**
  - what is most important to know before we go any further?



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