

## Dotty Voting

### Good for...

- Identifying how something might change
- Deciding what might be needed for a project/new role
- Helping a group listen to each other's opinions/ideas and come to a consensus

### You will require

- Flip chart/large sheets of paper
- 3 sheets of A5 paper per group
- Pens
- Sticky dots in various colours or shapes

### What to do

- Together with the group, introduce a general discussion on the chosen subject (see below for suggestions).
- Record all the responses on flip chart paper.
- Divide into smaller groups and give each group 3 sheets of A5 paper.
- Ask each group to agree their top three thoughts/ideas which came from the discussion. Write one on each sheet of paper.
- Display all the sheets of paper, merging similar responses and duplications. Allow a little time for discussion/questions/clarification.
- Give each child/young person three coloured dots.
- Invite the children/young people to walk around the room and vote for their top three ideas using the sticky dots.
- Identify the cards which represent the top three thoughts/ideas.
- Have the children/young people prepare a way of presenting their thoughts/ideas to the PCC/church leaders/other stakeholders
- Reflect - what have you learned? How might that feed in to what you (or the church) do? Who can help things to change?

### Suggested topics

- Church
- Issues in the community

- Worship
- Their youth / children's group
- The church building
- Appointing a children's/youth worker

## Do it differently

Bring adults and younger people together. Have a short talk to introduce the topic (eg why we are thinking about our church building; building links with our local school), then follow as above.

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