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## City-Regional Planning in Scotland

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Geddes' seminal ideas relating to the city-region have been highly influential in Scottish planning. This legacy is embodied, for example, in the name of the University of Dundee's planning school – Town & Regional Planning. Land use planning – or spatial planning – in Scotland has led the way in terms of strategic planning. National Planning Guidelines were a Scottish innovation in 1974. Interestingly, these were a response to North Sea Oil and Gas and the need for strategic coastal planning. Scotland has also introduced a National Planning Framework.

This project highlights two milestones in strategic or city-regional planning which reflect Geddes' approach of 'survey, analysis, plan'. The Tay Valley Regional Advisory Plan (1950) presents a comprehensive physical, social and economic survey for the management of change. In contrast to this relatively formal approach, we present the current work of TAYplan which uses innovative ways to engage people in strategic plan-making processes.

This presentation is a collaboration between Pam Ewen and the TAYplan team, and staff in Town & Regional Planning at the University of Dundee. One of four strategic development planning authorities in Scotland, TAYplan covers the city-regions of Dundee and Perth and is a statutory partnership of Dundee City, Angus, Perth & Kinross and Fife Councils. TAYplan provides direction for the next 20 years about where and how new development and infrastructure should occur.