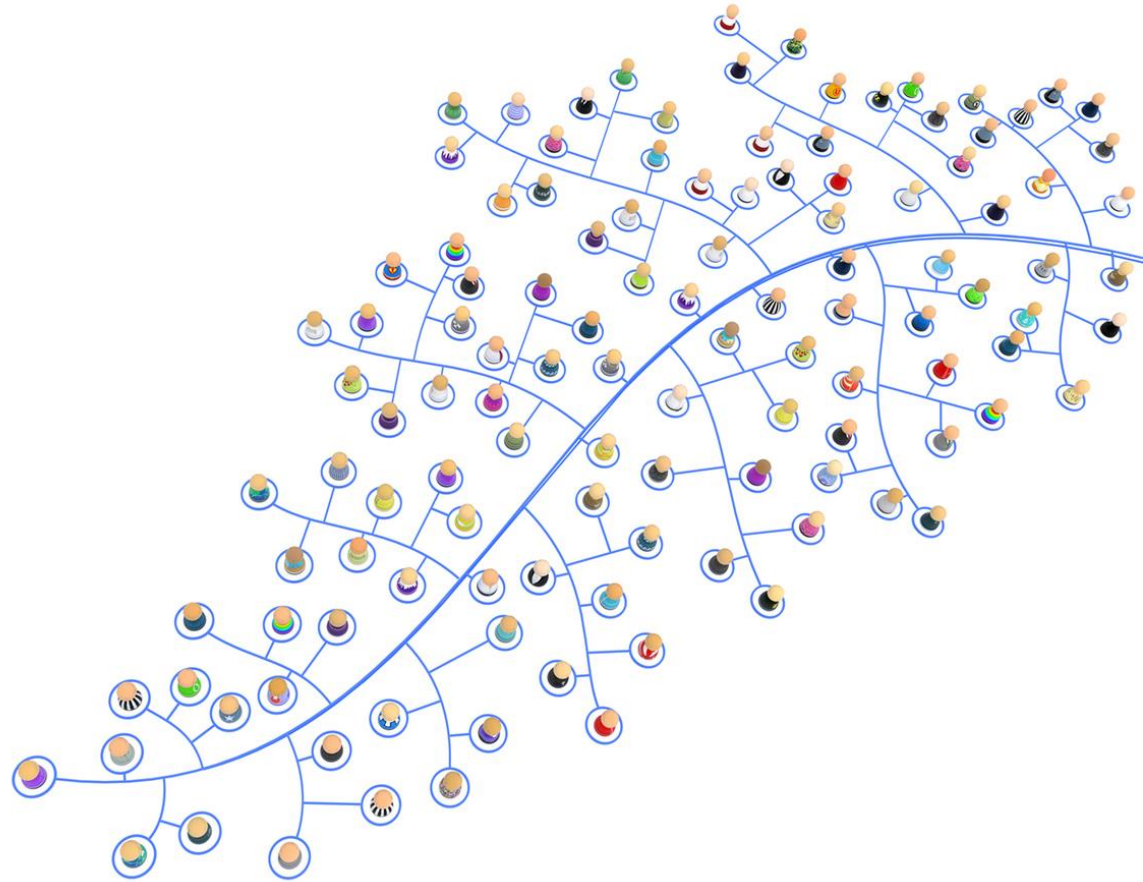


Development Networks Evaluation Findings

Sharing Event 11 September 2017

The National Archives

Networks



Agenda

- Headline findings
- Methodology
- Development networks
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations

Headline findings

- 10 networks funded throughout England (all unique and at different stages)
- Over £240K invested (includes TNA and match funding)
- Only 1 network no longer in operation
- One network has become a new organisation (Archives West Midlands)
- Enabled archive services to look beyond their own day to day operations
- Helped to raise the profile of services among senior council leaders
- Allowed individual archive services to tackle big challenges
- Administration is a key area of concern among network members
- Services have more power and authority when working collectively

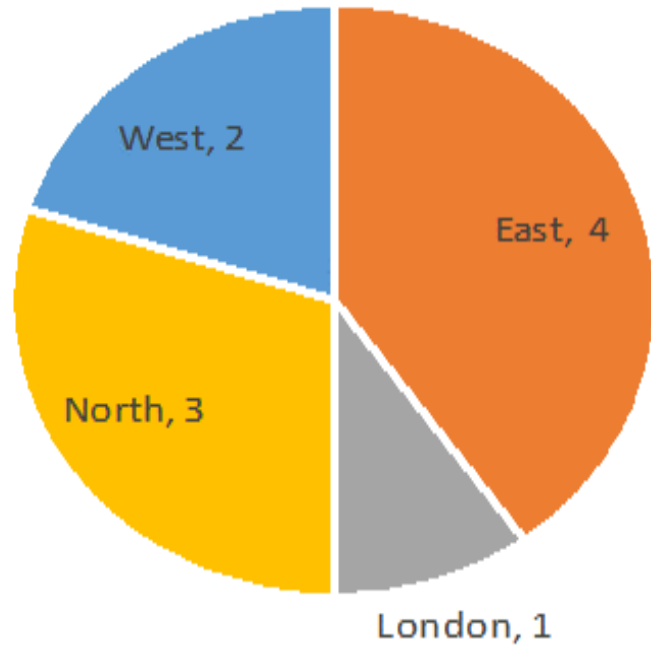
Methodology

The research was undertaken over a four stage process.

1. Initiation
2. Consultation
3. Compilation
4. Dissemination

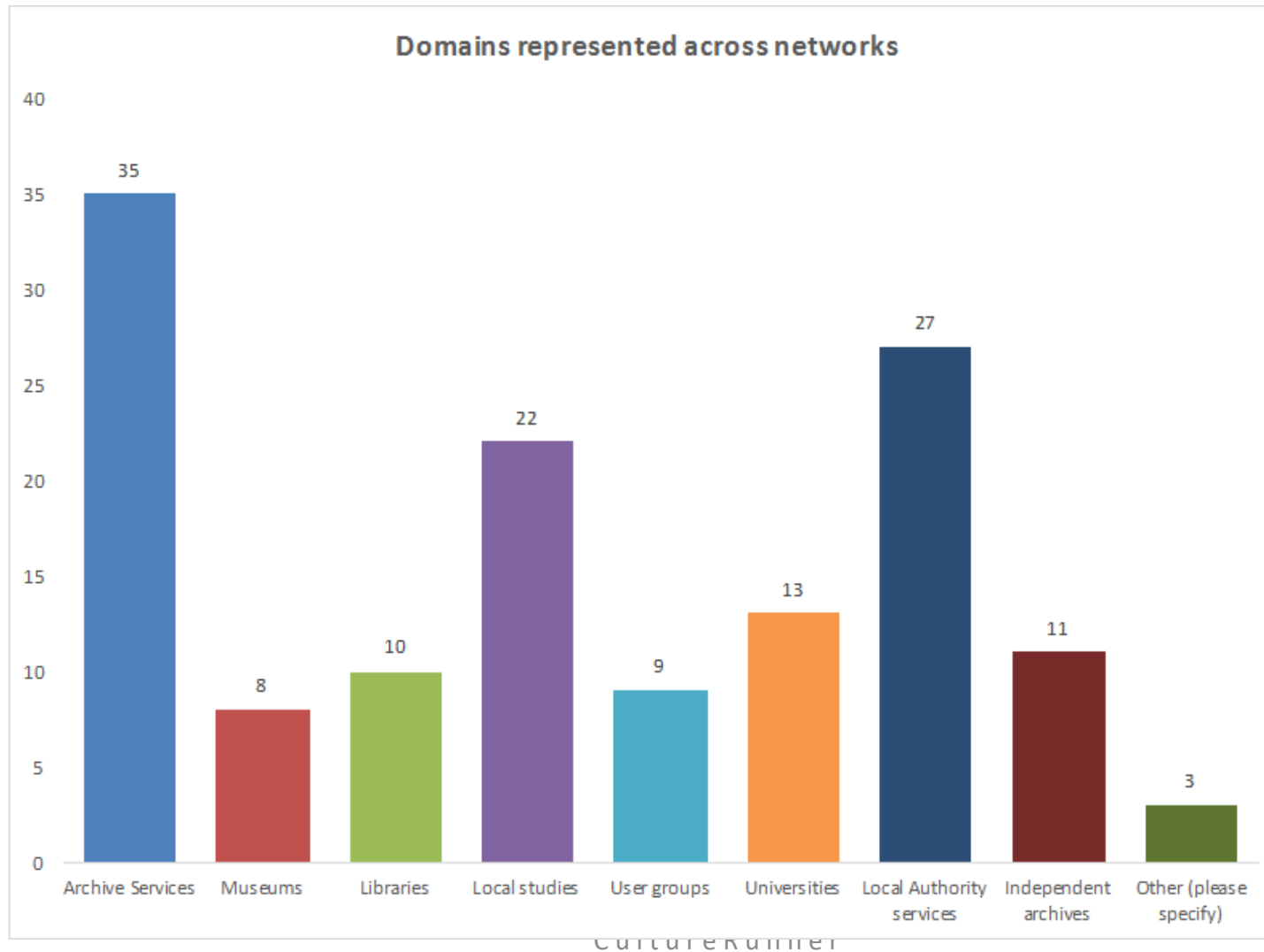
Development Networks

Geographic Remit

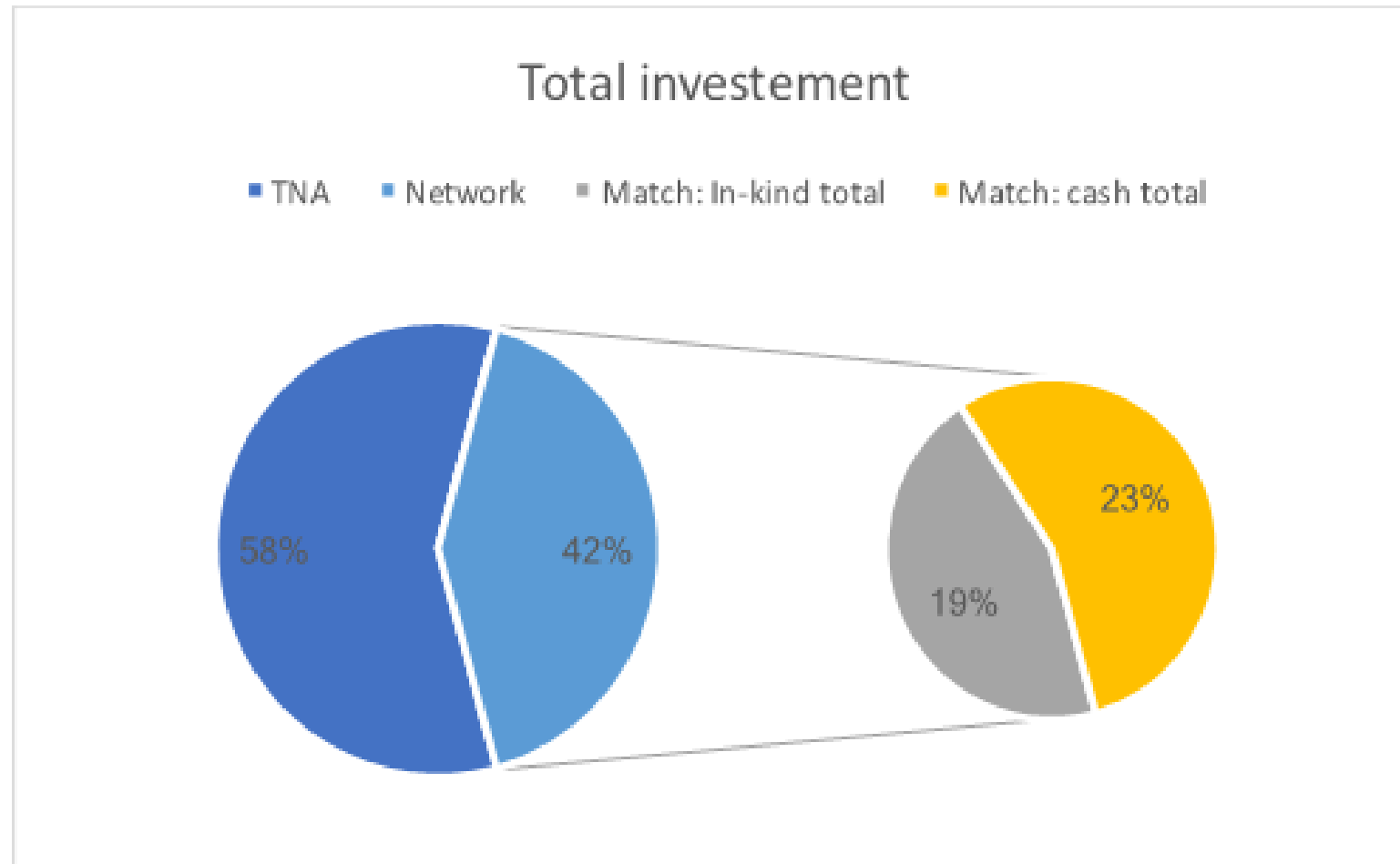


Network	Geographic remit
Archives First	East
East Midlands Regional Archives Council	East
East of England Regional Archive Council	East
The South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP)	East
London Archives Partnership	London
Archives for Yorkshire	North
Greater Manchester Archives and Local Studies Partnership (GMALSP)	North
South Yorkshire Archives Partnership	North
Archives West Midlands	West
South West Fed	West

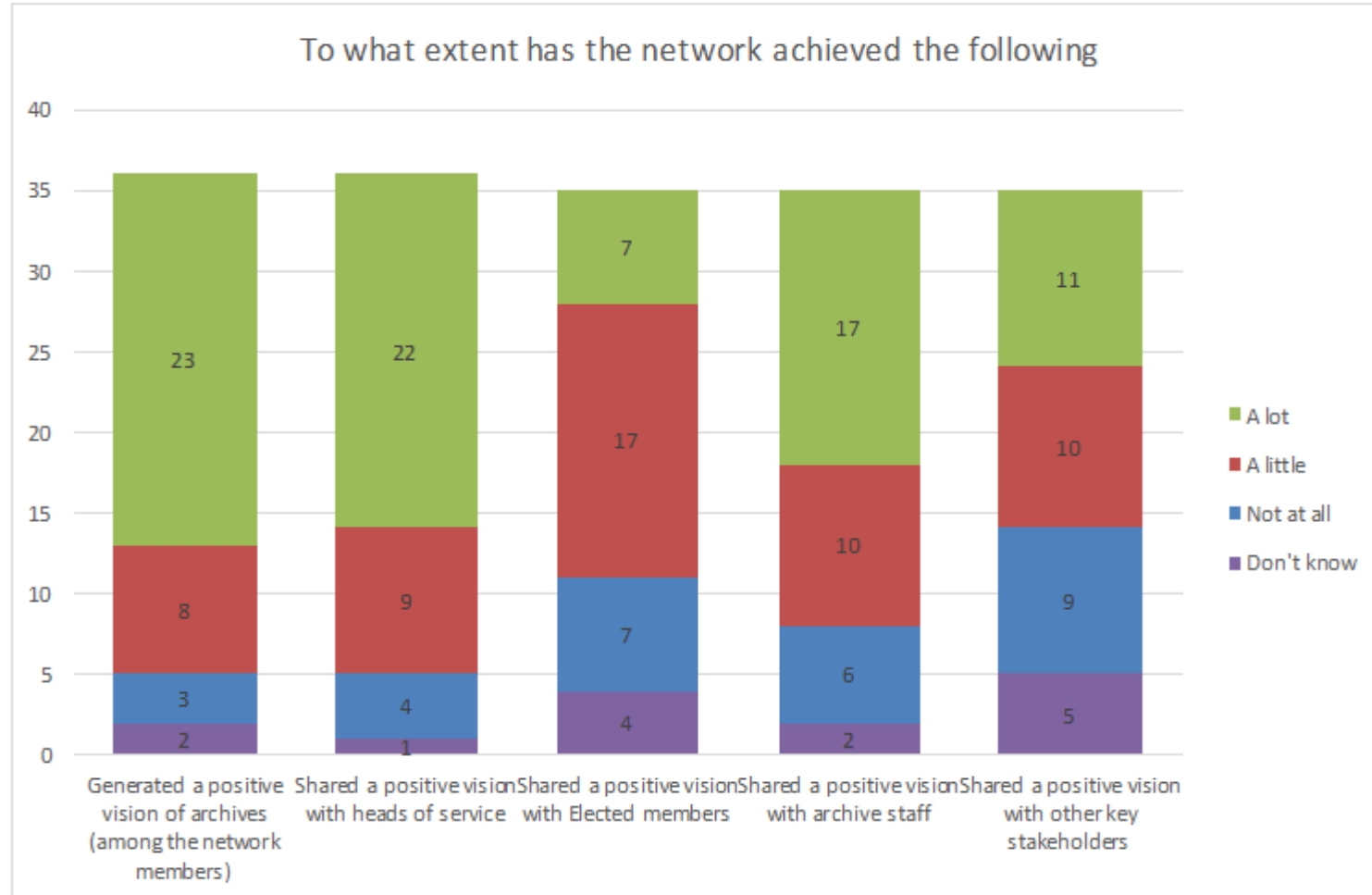
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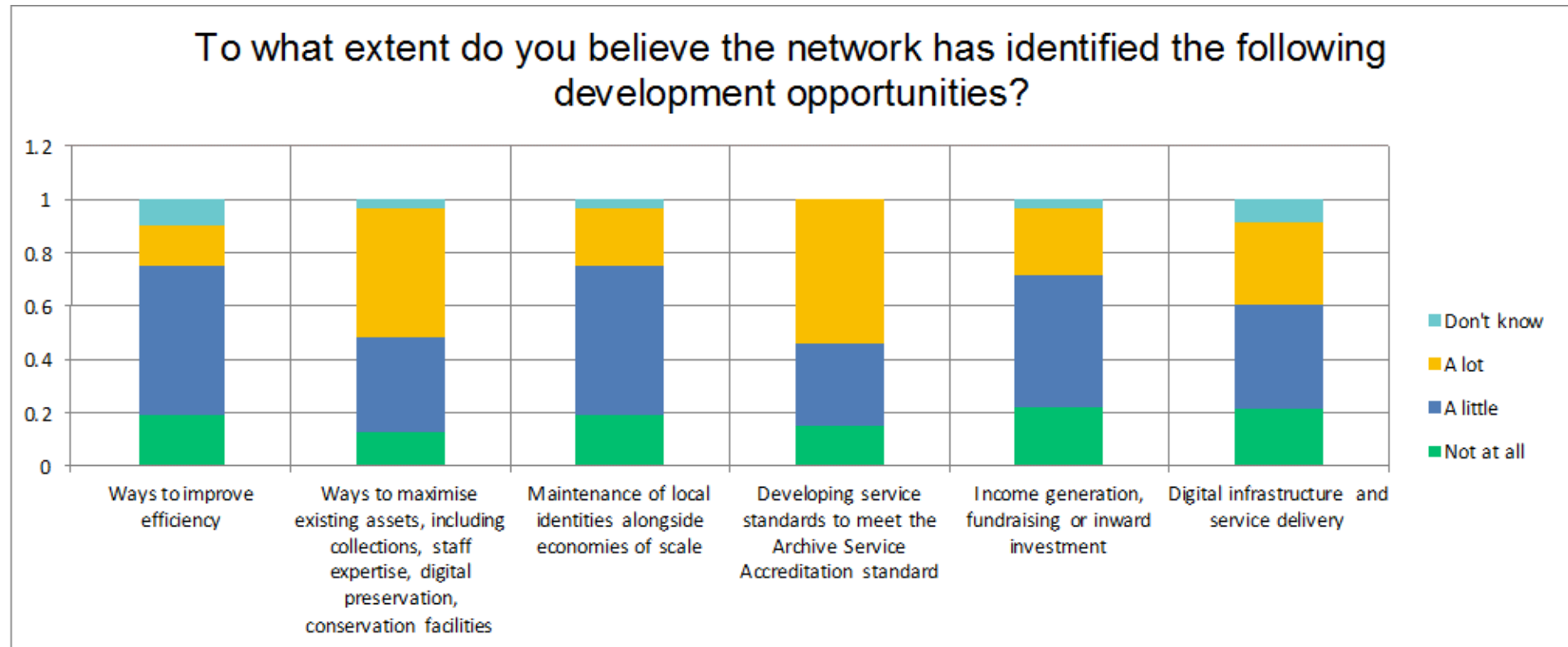
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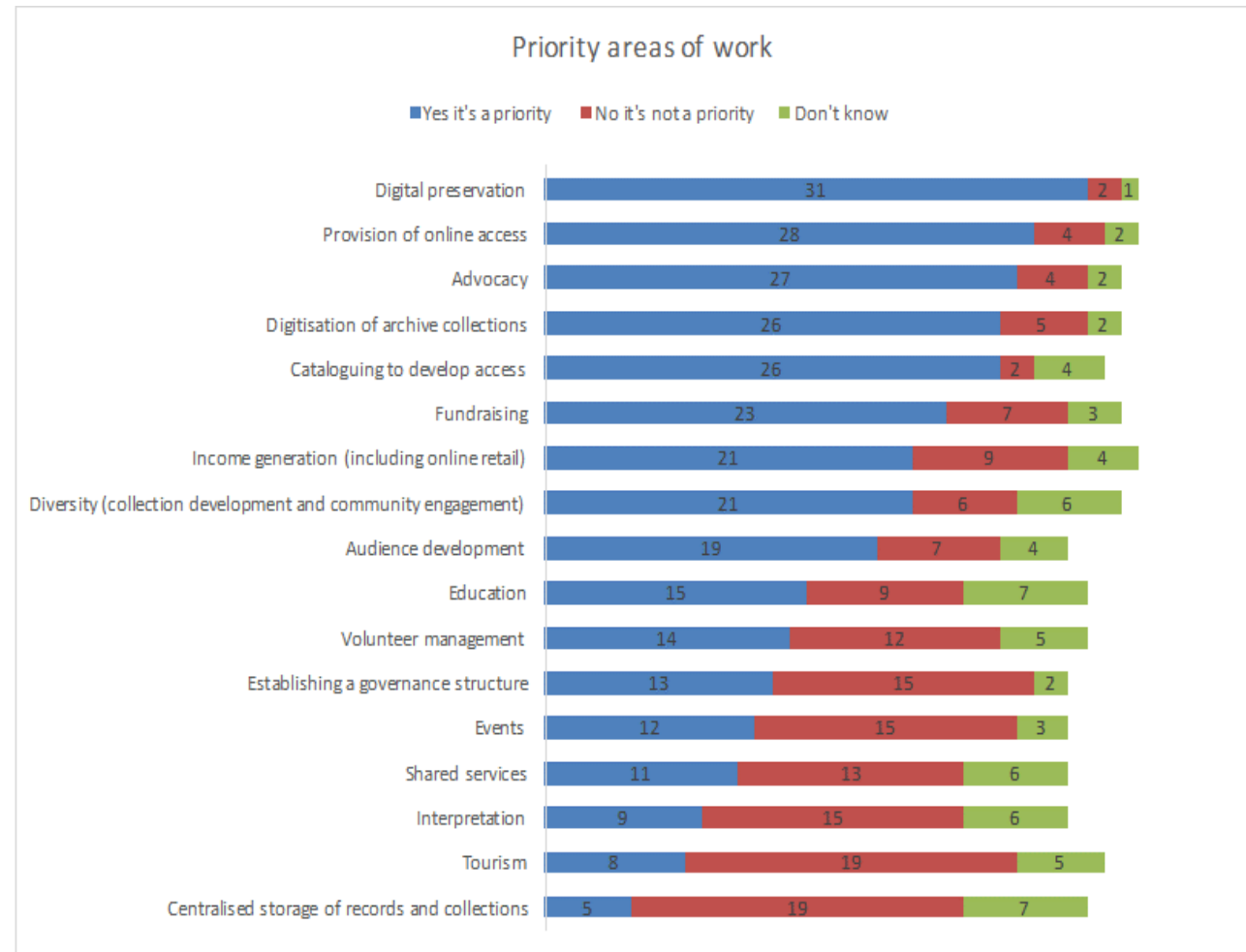
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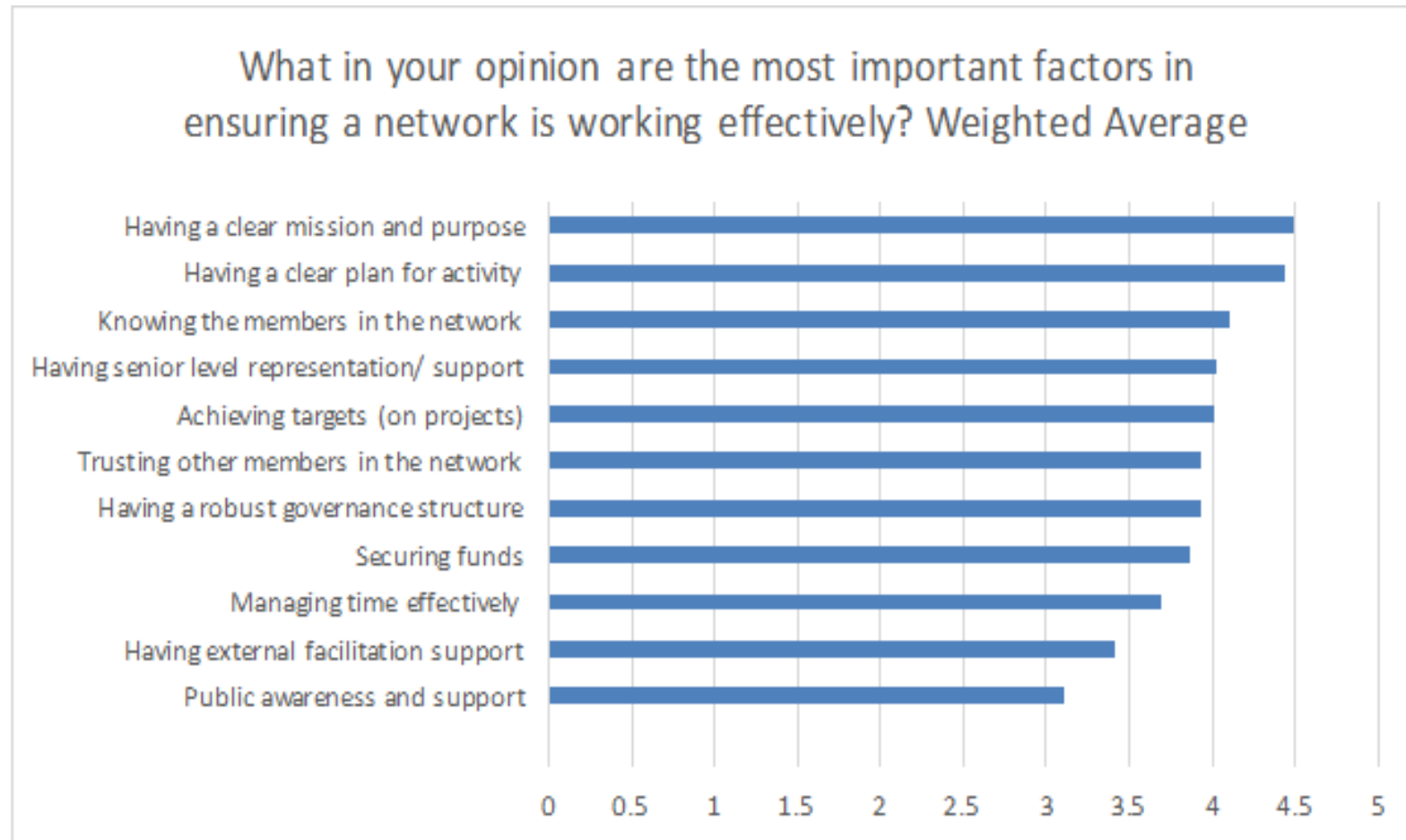
Development Opportunities



Priority areas of activity



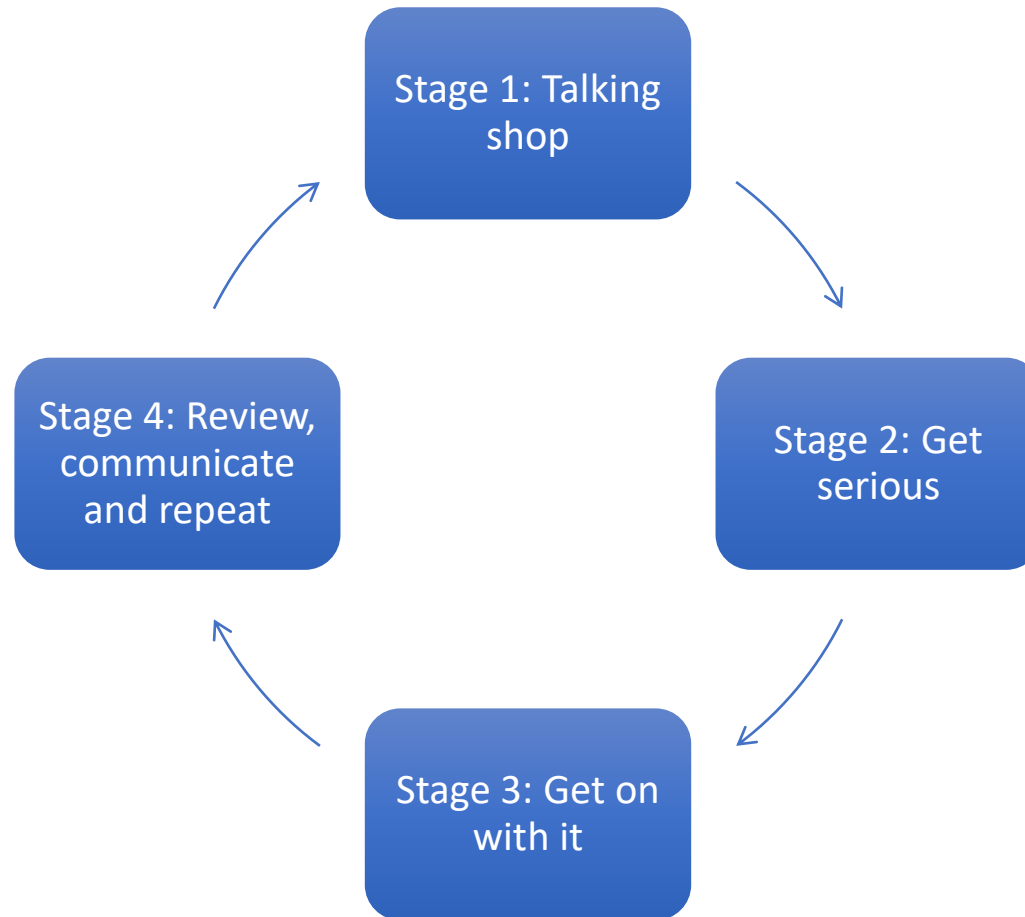
Effective Networks



Recommendations for TNA

- Continue supporting networks
- A healthy risk appetite
- Adopt a self-selection approach
- Continue match funding
- Enable the sharing of ideas
- Acknowledge Archives Accreditation
- Support leadership, governance and management and working with consultants

Stages of a Network



Top tips for an effective network

1. Agree on a clear purpose
2. Establish priorities
3. Communicate and advocate
4. Get active – do stuff
5. Develop a governance and management framework