



# Shaping a More Data Wise London

SHARING LEARNING FROM OUR WORK  
SUPPORTING SMALL CHARITIES AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS BETTER USE DATA



# DATAWISE LONDON

Our mission at Datawise London  
is to help unlock the value of data

Improving use of data  
by small local  
charities and  
community  
organisations, so they  
can better shape  
services and influence  
change, for the benefit  
of Londoners.

DISCOVER. LEARN. ANALYSE. SHAPE. REPEAT

<https://datawise.london>



# Some background...

- ✓ Developed from previous support projects – **Impact Aloud** and the Refugee & Migrant Data Project along with **The Way Ahead** initiative
- ✓ There were no holistic data support programmes pitched at smaller charities and community organisations
- ✓ Datawise London was born – funded by City Bridge Trust as part of the Cornerstone Fund – an innovative partnership with a collaborative approach, exploring systems change



# Our partnership



**DataKindUK**

**Makerble**



**london plus**

**COALITION**  
— FOR EFFICIENCY —

# 18 months on from our launch...

57

Events

676

Participants

309

Organisations

33

London boroughs

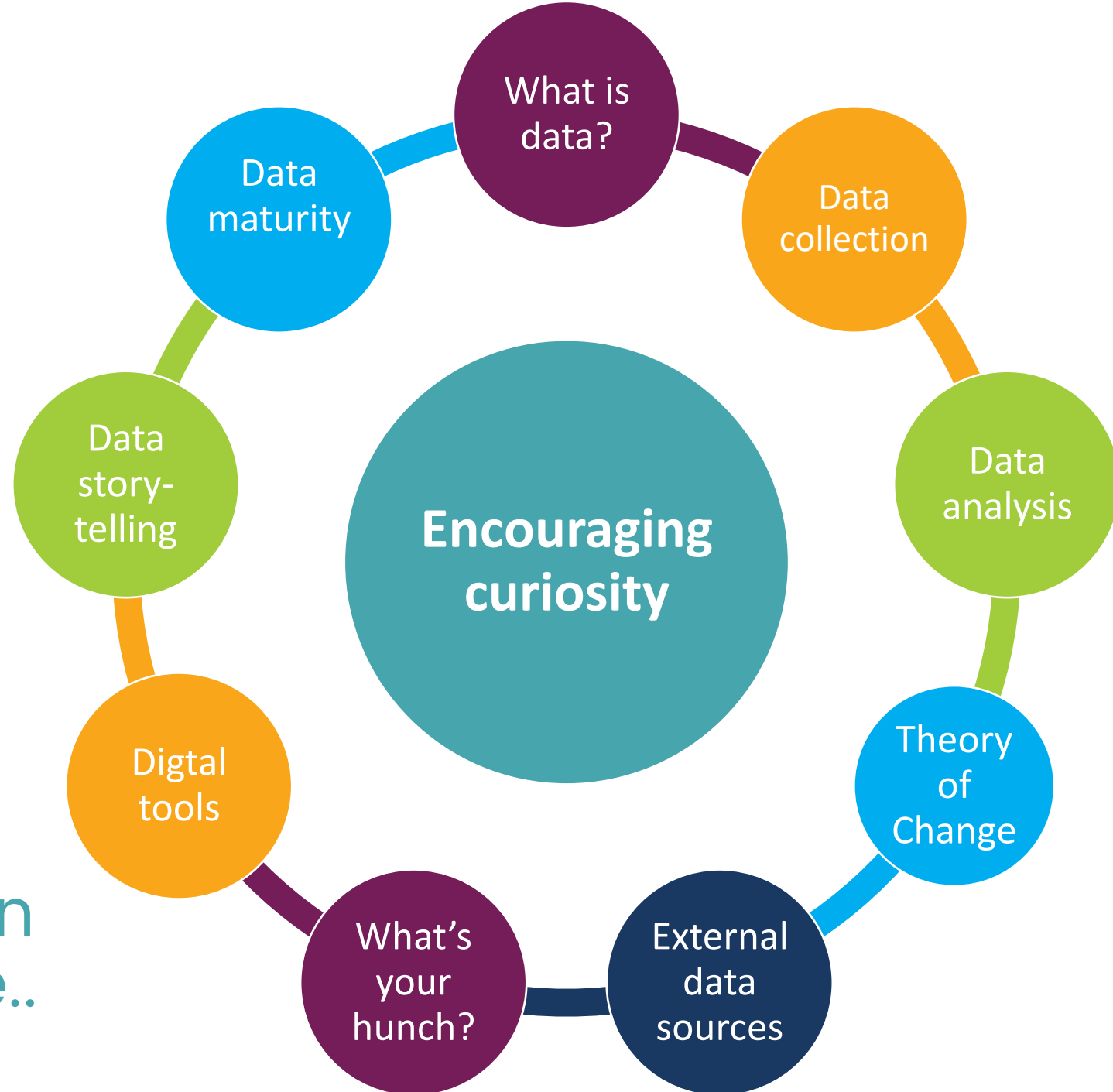


# How to inspire small charities to do more with data?

How to encourage organisations to move away from just using data for monitoring purposes, to using data to shape services & influence too?



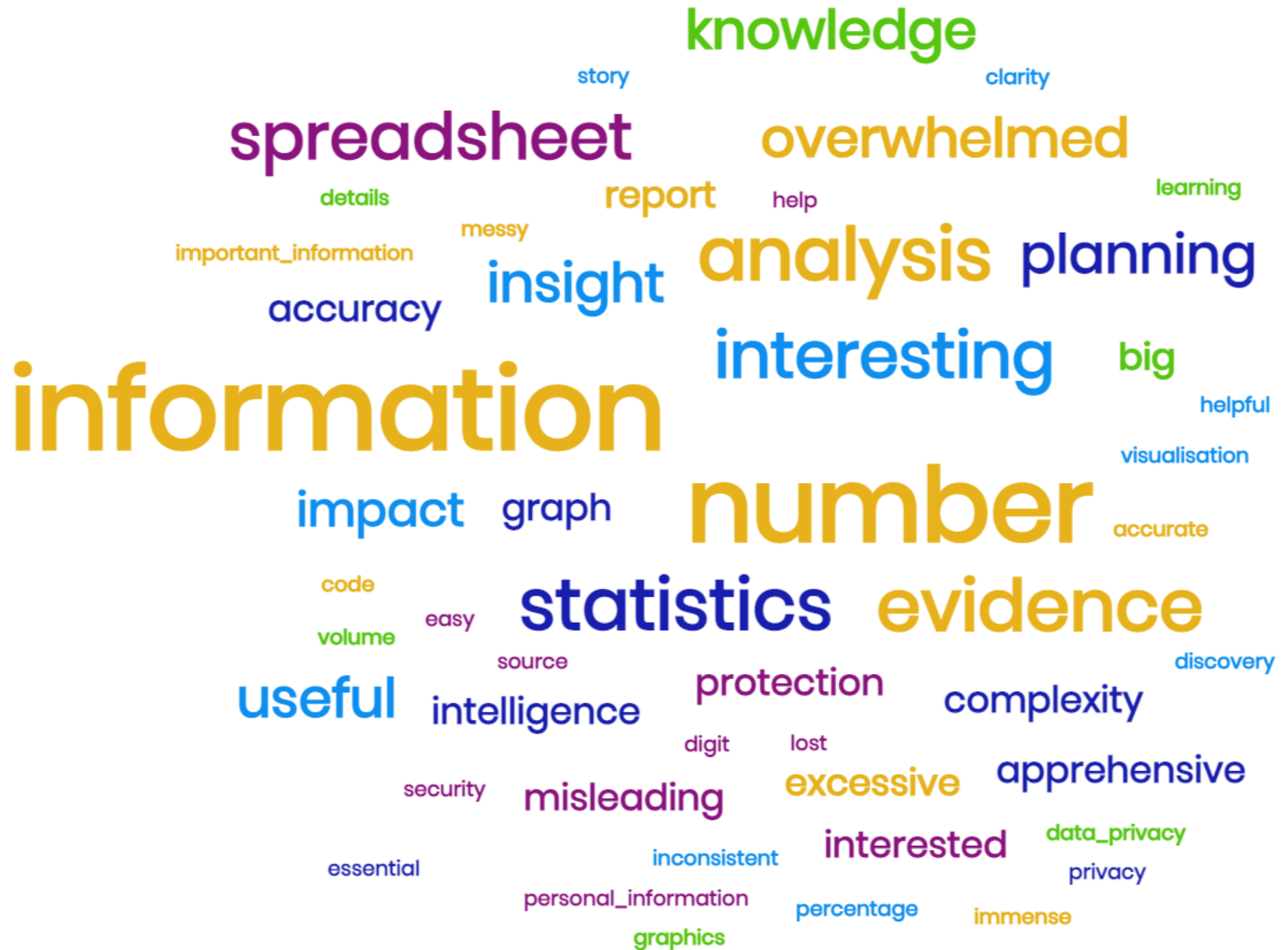
# Our Data Essentials recipe



Adapting from in person to online..

What  
does  
the  
word  
DATA  
mean  
to  
you?

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# What would you say are your 2 biggest challenges with data?

GDPR Risk

Using Excel effectively

Collating it into something useful

using it effectively What to find

Asking the right questions. Creating a culture of data-driven decision making

resources to collect data

Sorting vast data sets

method of collecting

Excel - how to use it

Collecting data from enough people so it's representative. Having time to make use of it.

storing it efficiently

filtering

Getting info from people without being intrusive

trying to make sense of data and trying to gain insight

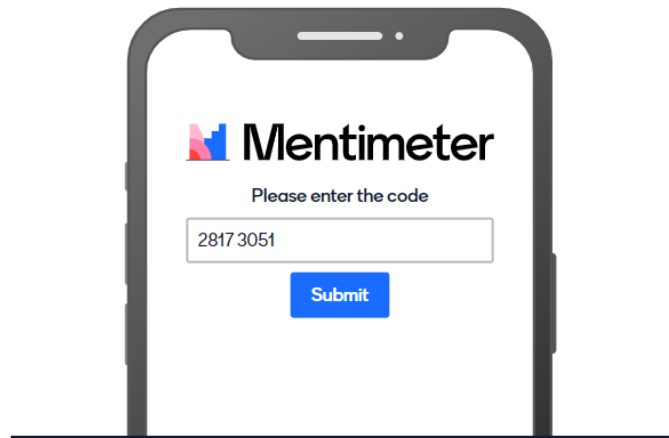
We have so much data - using it all effectively to shape our services well and regularly

# What should charities use data for?

## Pick your top 3...

Go to

**www.menti.com**



Enter the code

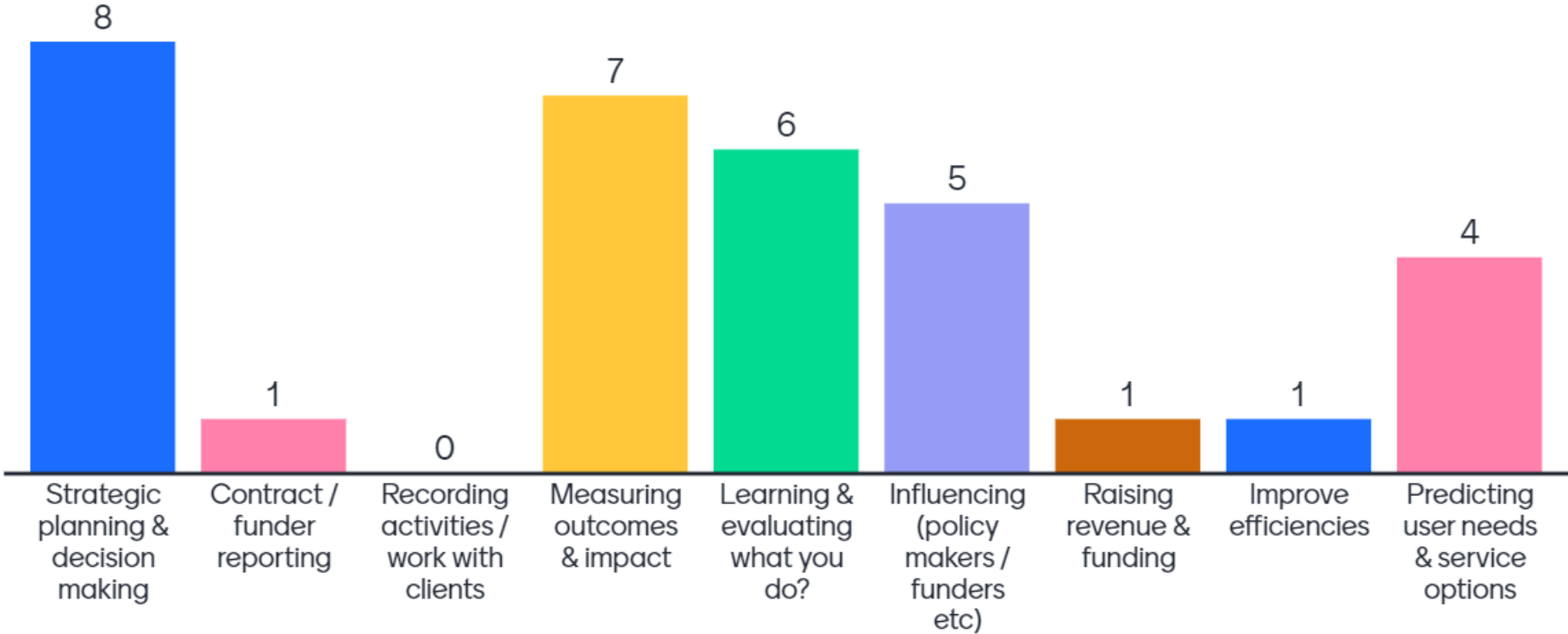
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We'll drop the link into chat:

<https://www.menti.com/b4vnjr7x91>



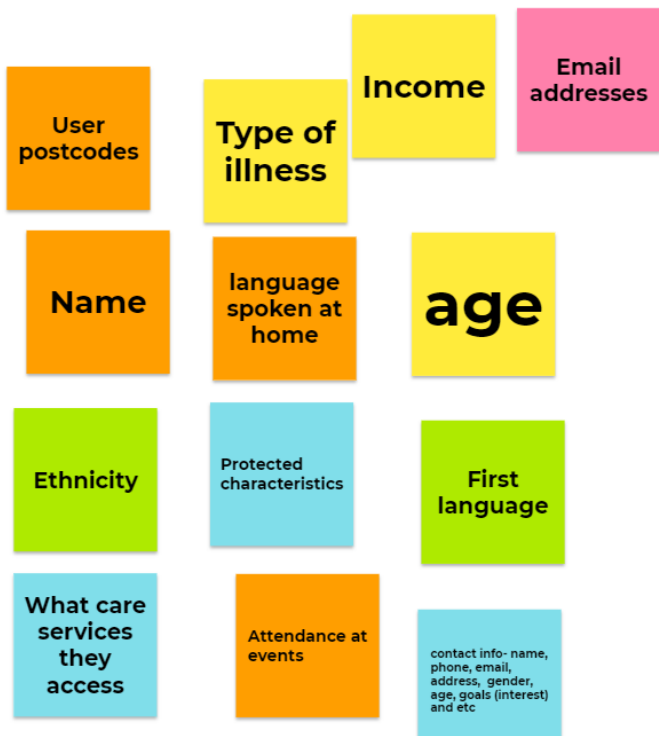
# What should charities & groups use data for? Pick your top 3...



# What do you use data for? (Top 3 collated)



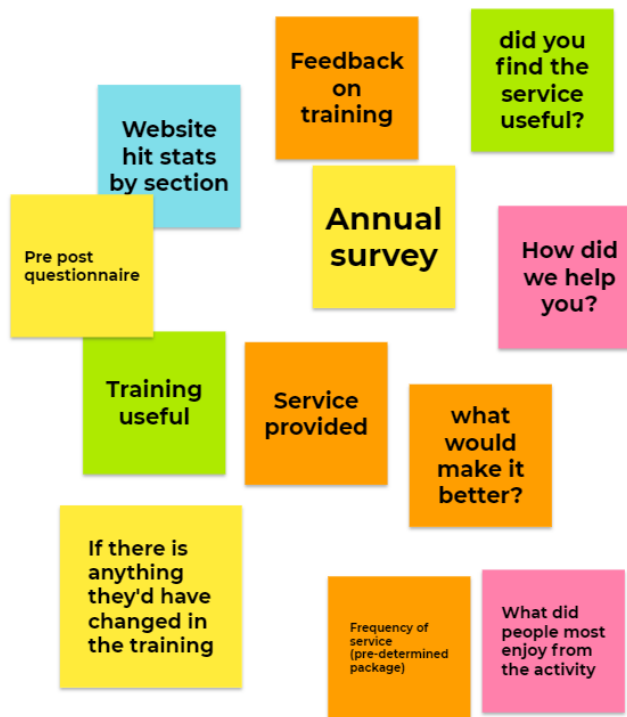
## User data



## Engagement data



## Service data



## Outcome data



# 4 types of data exercise

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# Data analysis: exploring a hunch

## What would Alice do next? Group 2

Safety  
travelling?



How to target this  
group of people if  
there is people in  
need. Do other  
charities, GPs,  
Borough work with  
them

Safety of  
traveling to  
and from the  
group

Maybe the needs of  
young carers who  
are not attending  
are different?  
Language barriers,  
etc?

Travel  
links?

address's of  
the people  
who come to  
the group, put  
the data on a  
map

Where do  
young people  
live in  
comparison to  
centre?

Bus  
routes?

Demand for service?  
Maybe there needs  
to be another group  
in a different area?

Research with the  
people you have  
coming already, see  
if they have likes  
dislikes and  
problems barriers  
with attending  
session

Do they know  
about the  
group. Could  
be just a case  
of advertising

# Articulating hunches

“We are not engaging with many young adults in the borough”

“The services required in Kingsbury and North Brent are different”

“We aren't supporting people from the most vulnerable / deprived wards”



# Using external data – a quick quiz

✓ What is the increase in working age Londoners out of work *and* claiming Universal Credit between May 2019 and May 2020?

✓ Go to the London Poverty Profile to find out..

## Out-of-work benefits

### Proportion of Londoners aged 16-64 on out-of-work benefits by benefit type (2014-2020 (Q2))



London's Poverty Profile 2020

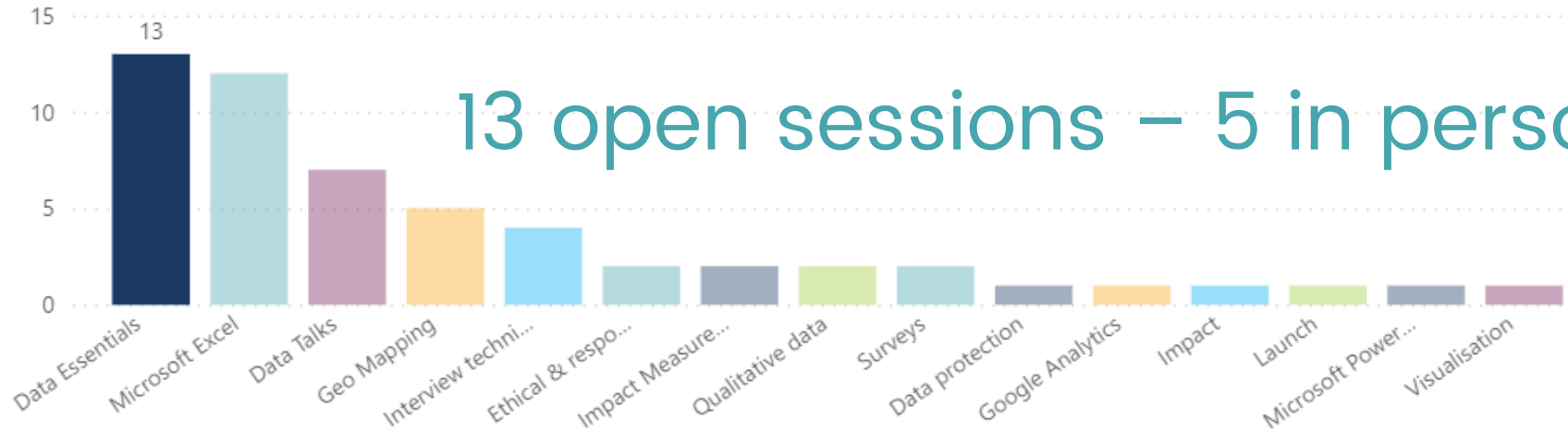
The proportion of working-age Londoners on out-of-work benefits has fallen since 2014, but has risen



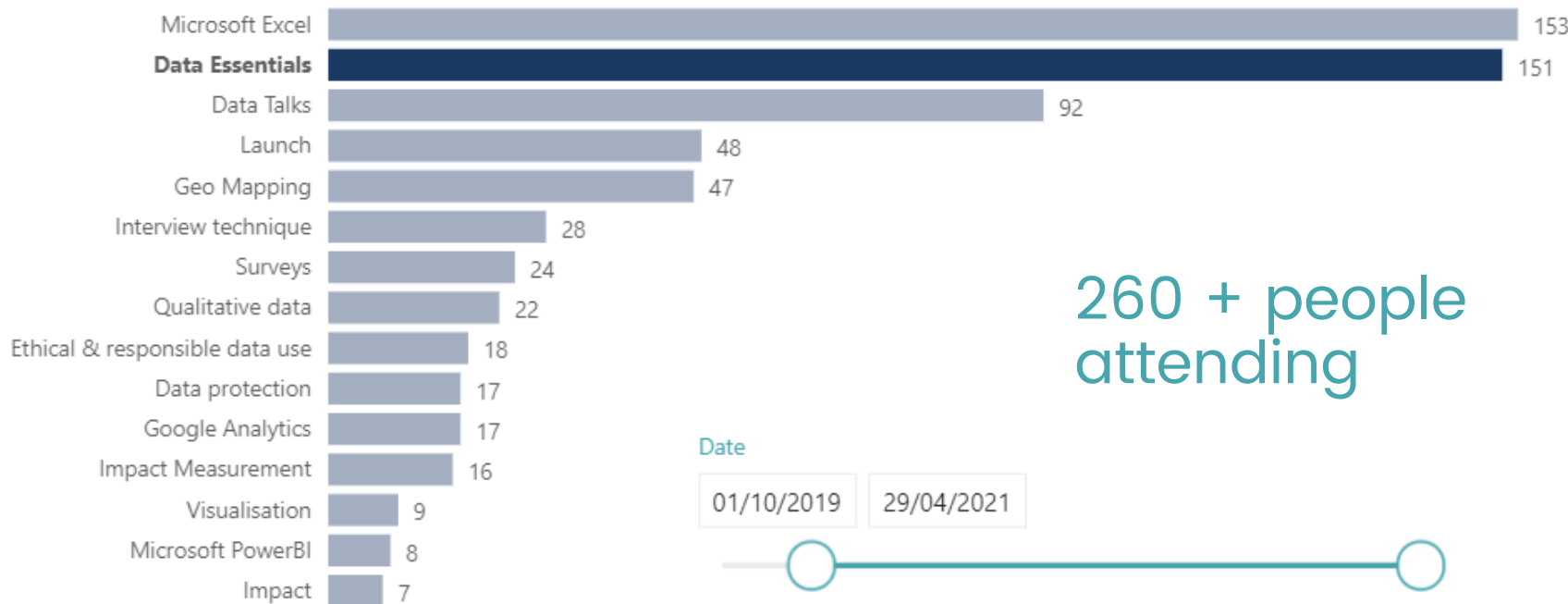
# Our data dashboard..

13 open sessions – 5 in person, 8 online

Number of events held



Participants



260 + people attending

Date

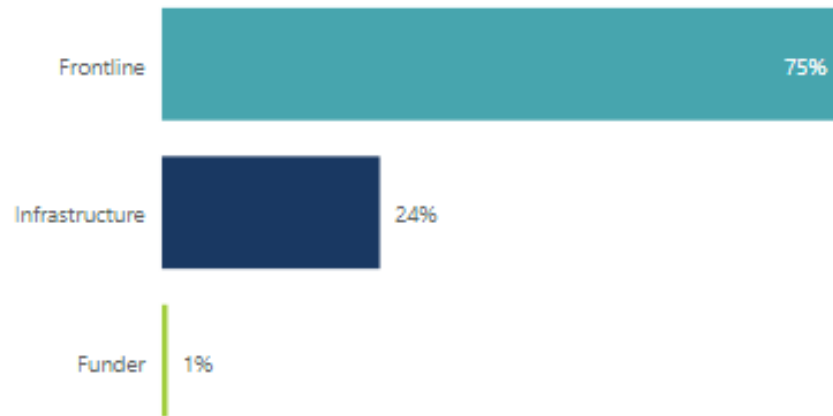


An additional 10 sessions in partnership with:

- CfE Learning Lab
- Bexley VSC
- Enfield VA
- Redbridge CVS
- Hillingdon4All
- Locality
- Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Evelyn Oldfield Unit
- Local Roots
- London VC Forum

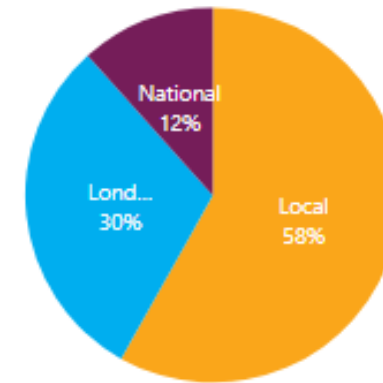
# What kind of organisations engaged?

Primary Organisation Type\*

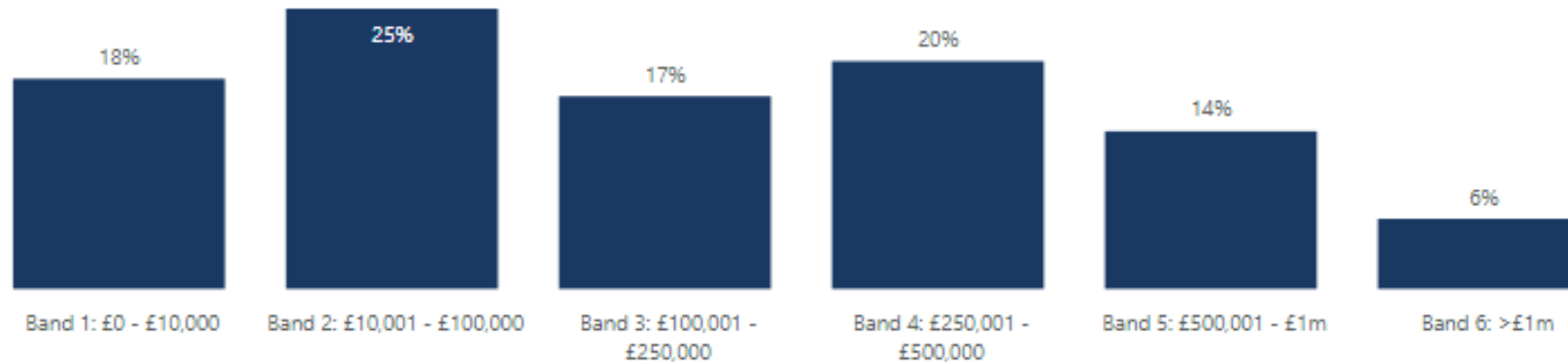


Geographical Coverage\*

116  
Organisations attending



Income\*



- Organisation
- YoungMinds
  - Yes Futures
  - World's End Under Fives Centre
  - Working Chance
  - Woman's Trust
  - Wimbledon Windmill Museum
  - Wellbeing Showcase
  - WelCare Kingston
  - Volunteering Kingston
  - Volunteer Centre Kensington and Chelsea
  - Voluntary Action Camden
  - Vibrance
  - Urban Growth
  - Upper Norwood Library Trust
  - Time and Talents Association
  - The Winch
  - The Relatives & Residents Association
  - The Mill @ Coppermill
  - The Listening Place
  - The Limes Community and Children's Centre
  - The Holly Lodge Centre
  - The British Institute of Human Rights
  - The Bridge

# Data Essentials session feedback

"Very thorough introduction to how to use data and the tools available. Very useful indeed and easy to understand. Will help us map out our strategies post lockdown."

*Data Essentials participant*

"It was a really good session - accessible and easy to understand, the right level of interactivity and was clearly applicable to my day to day work" *Data Essentials participant*

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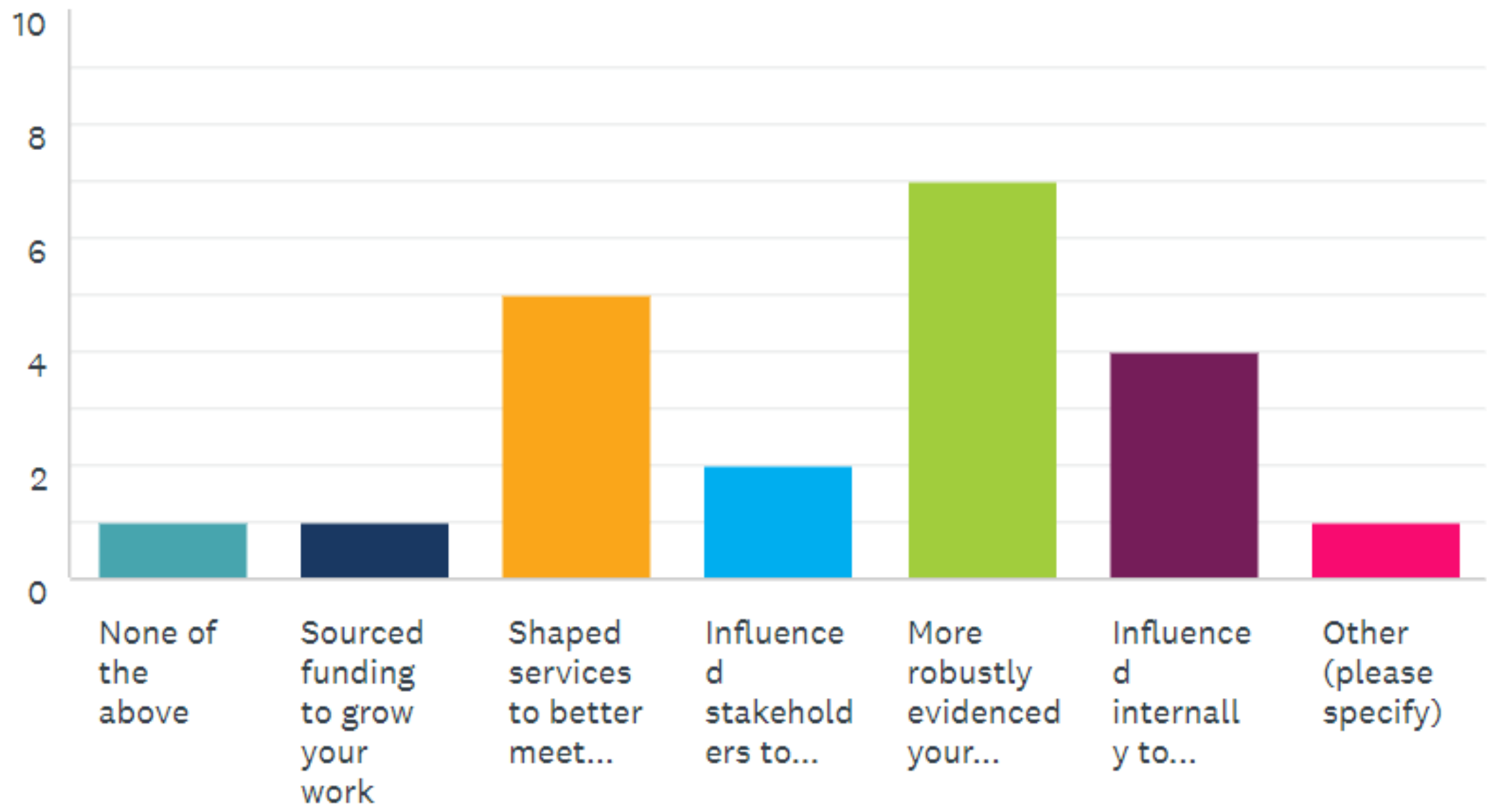
"I'll be writing funding applications and will use what I learnt today to evidence the outcomes and impact" *Data Essentials participant*

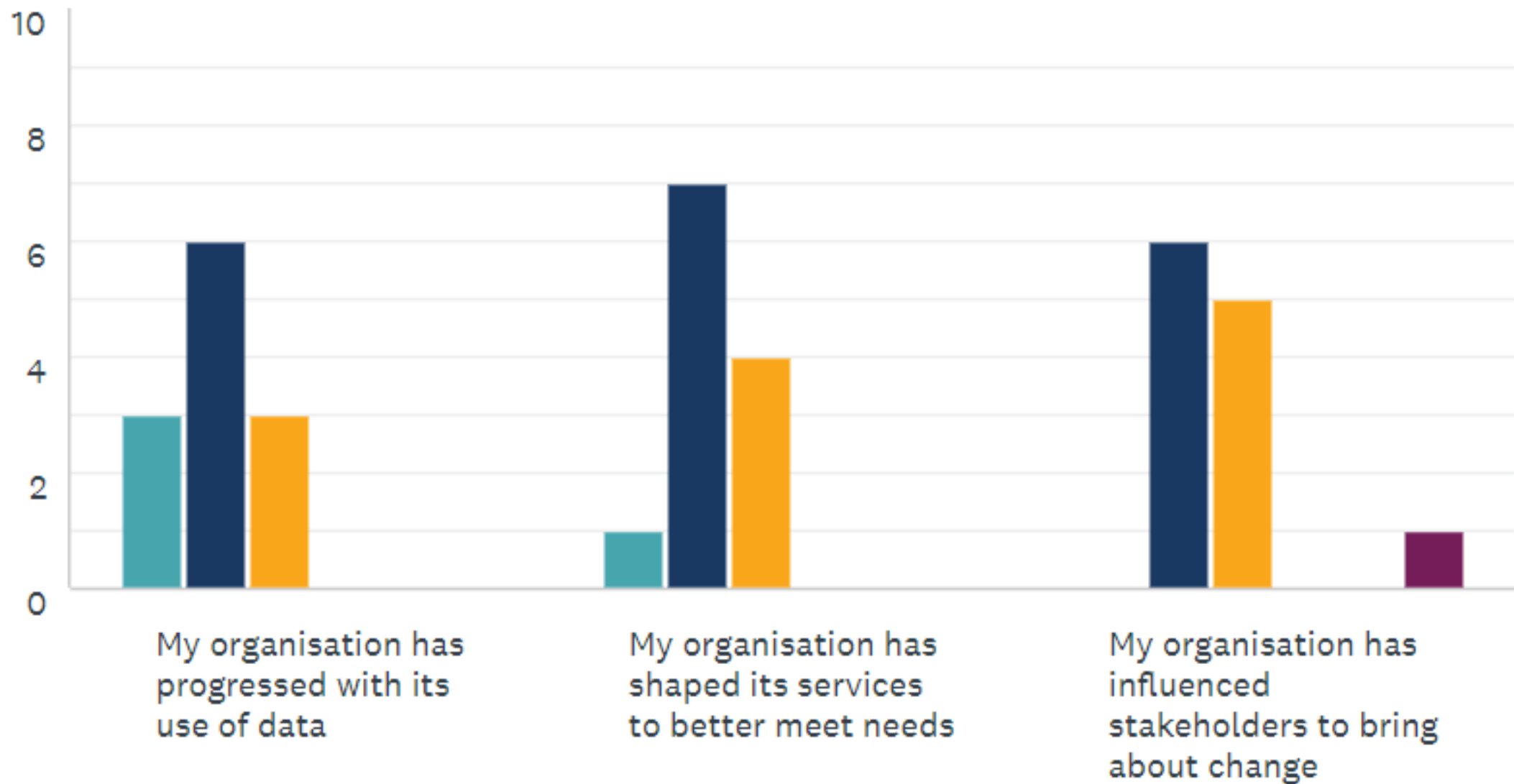
"It gave me a lot to reflect upon and a structure with which to face the issues, as well as tools to explore." *Data Essentials participant*

"Thank you for making data fun! And for introducing the topic in a very accessible relatable way. You're doing such invaluable work and pitching it perfectly - thank you!" *Data Essentials participant*

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# What Outcomes were achieved?

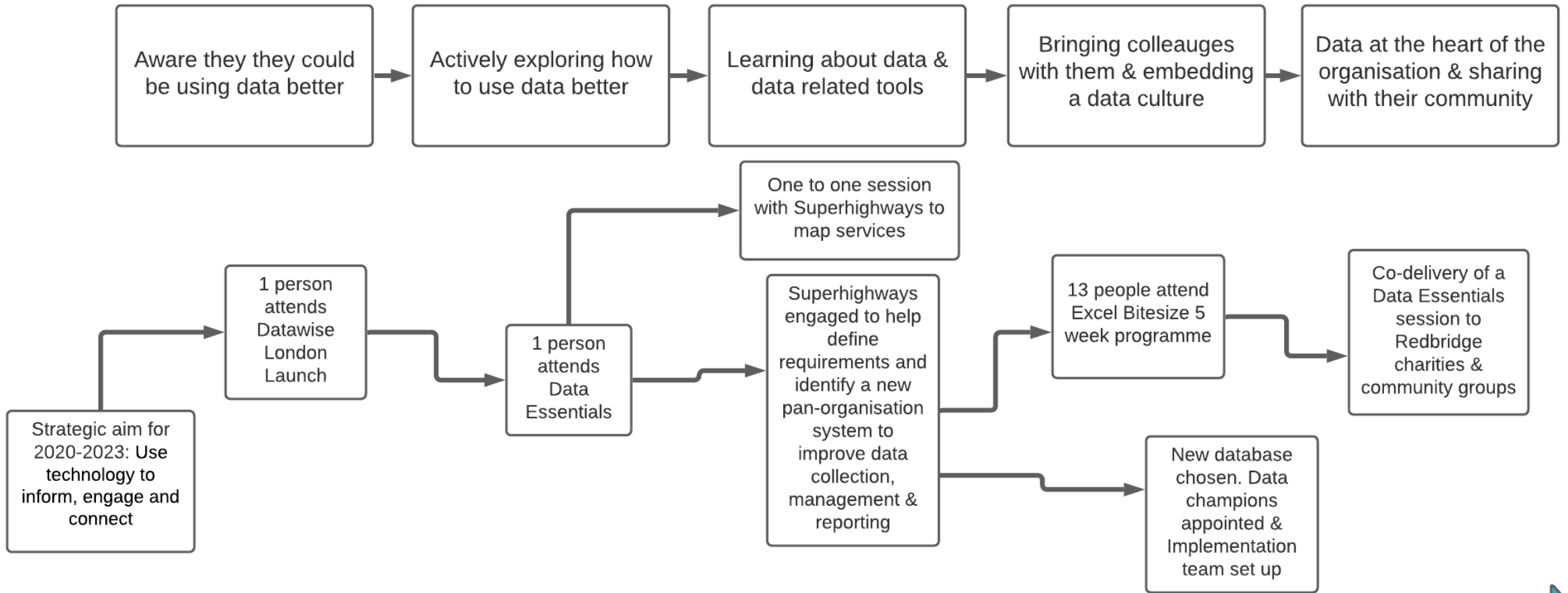




■ Strongly agree   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ Neither agree or disagree   
 ■ Disagree  
■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Don't know



# Data journeys – Redbridge CVS



# Data journeys – Salusbury World





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# DATA COHORT PROGRAMME – THE WHY?

- ✓ What does it take for a small organisation to adapt and change their data practice?
- ✓ How can small charities progress their data maturity within a responsive programme – what's possible?
- ✓ What's the value of peer learning in this process?



# Data Cohort members



# Programme framework

## Discover Session 1 & 2

I have a better understanding of where our organisation is now and where we want to be

## Learn Session 3&4

I know what tools can help me collect & analyse data  
I have the improved skills to better collect, use and analyse data

## Analyse Session 5 & 6

I am able to access & use external data sources  
I can analyse and share my findings

## Shape Session 7

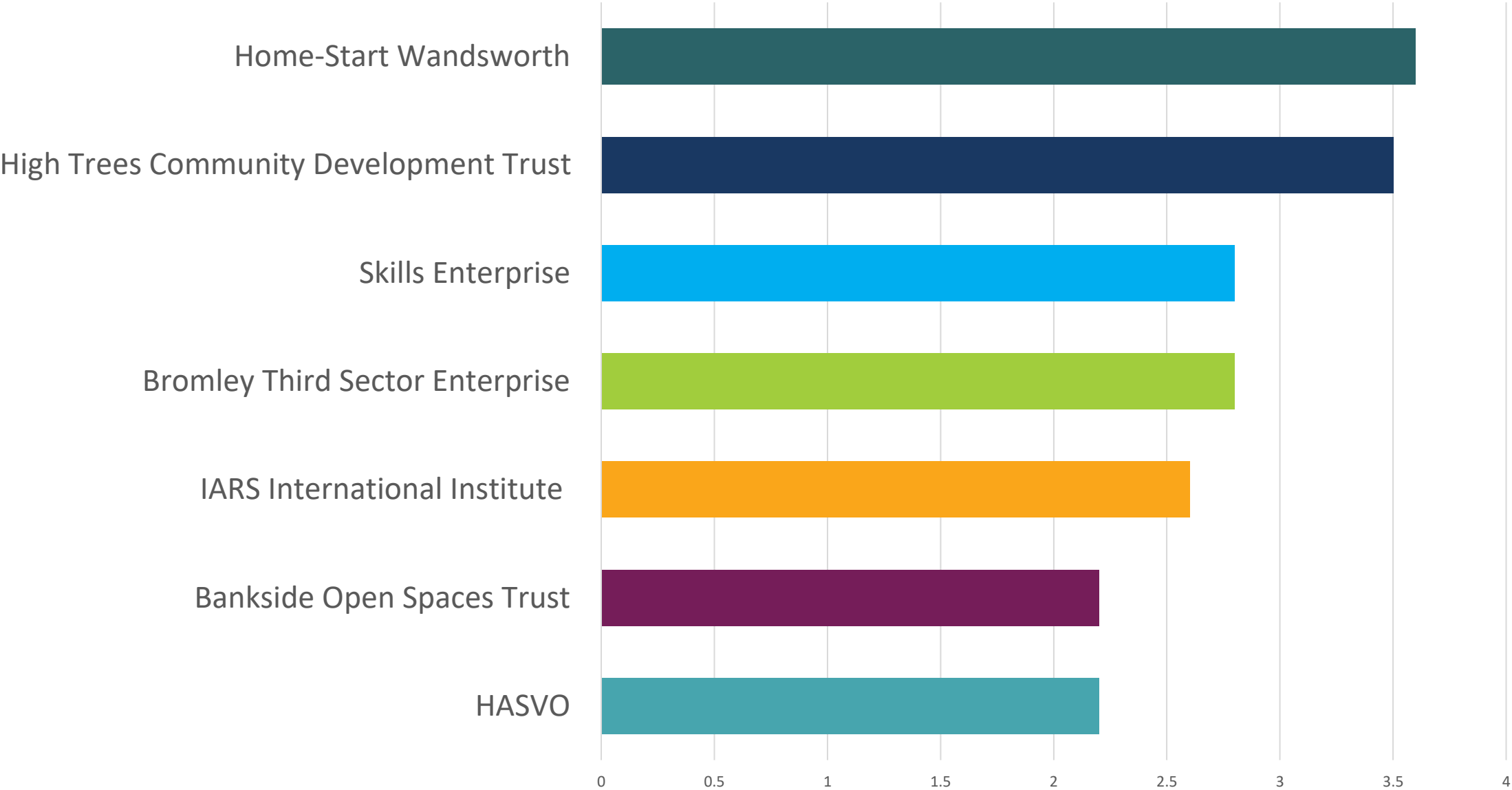
I have Identified what needs to be done and the steps to get there

## Repeat Session 8

I feel confident to do this all over again alone!



# Overall data maturity baseline score (self-scored)



# Data & Digital...



# Sharing learning...



December 2020



Wed, 12/9 · 5:50 PM  
Clare NLCF Roundtable  
1:04:05



Fri, 12/4 · 5:13 PM  
NLCF Philippa breakout  
1:04:09



Thu, 12/3 · 4:13 PM  
NLCF Sorrel breakout and why Superhighways  
1:05:25

Themes, quantifying and  
sentiment analysis



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## How micro charities and grassroots groups went digital: lessons from the pandemic

3.3.2021 - For charities & infrastructure organisations



Sorrel Parsons



✓ Consultation meeting with Director,  
Digital Third Sector Transformation at  
The Scottish Government



# Repeat – what next...

- ✓ Consolidating our learning
- ✓ Packaging resources developed for wider access  
e.g. self serve Excel Bitesize series
- ✓ Creating (or making accessible) data tools
- ✓ Exploring further innovative opportunities across  
the partnership



# Partnering with other funders...

- ✓ Trust for London – new 3 year support programme primarily for smaller grantees
- ✓ Local Trust – measuring change and data collection during Covid for Big Local areas
- ✓ Lloyds Bank Foundation – Data Essentials for grantees
- ✓ GLA Community Engagement. Qualitative Data Analysis for Community Led Recovery Programme grantees







## ENGAGING FURTHER WITH FUNDERS & INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATIONS



**We've got lots of ideas!**

**And we know you'll have thoughts, questions and ideas too.**

**Let's talk together....**



**Q & A**



# Thank you for listening

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