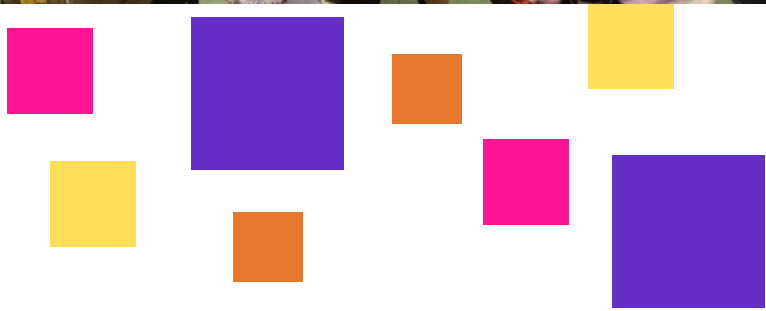


ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



THE WEE
HAVEN YOUTH
PROJECT





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BACKGROUND

The Wee Haven Youth Project was established in December 2018 and was recognised as a registered SCIO in July 2019.

The organisation works with young people of high school age in the South West of Edinburgh delivering open access youth clubs, weekend clubs, holiday programmes, hot food and signposting support for families.

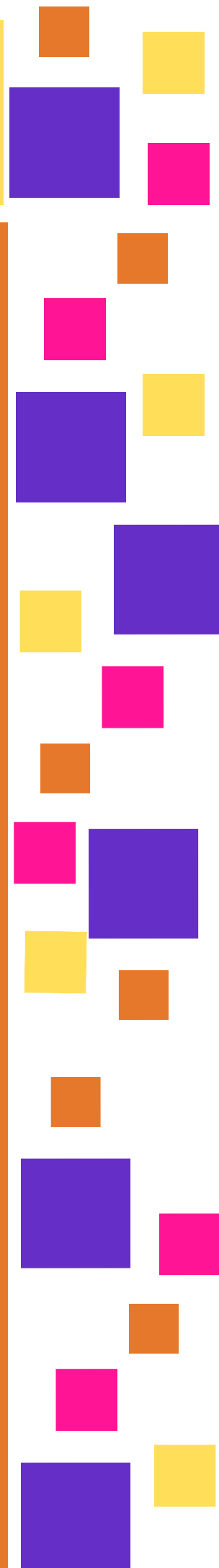
At the heart of everything we do at The WHY Project, we aim to create safe spaces with a 'home away from home' feeling for young people,

The organisation was founded by Kevin Brown and Sabrina Tickle, graduates at The University of Edinburgh, with extensive experience in youth work through direct youth work, senior management and governance. Both have lived experience of poverty and youth work which played a key role in the vision for The Wee Haven Youth Project.

Our work is supported by our board of trustees, made up of a wide range of professionals with diverse backgrounds and experience, skilled in youth and community work, the third sector, lived or professional experience of poverty and as well as Kevin, the founder have grown up and gone to school in the local area and have strong links to the community.



Our work is delivered through our 'Wee Havens' which are set up in local communities centres and spaces where there are existing gaps in senior youth work provision. We provide safe and accessible spaces for young people to engage in fun, education and topical activities in response to issues directly impacting young people and their lives





CHAIRS REPORT

Clare Gibson

At the risk of repeating myself from last year's Annual Report, I can hardly believe it has been a year already since I last put pen to paper (or fingertips to the laptop) to reflect on the last year of The WHY Project. I'll try to keep to the allocated word count to squeeze it all in, but I can't promise anything!

Over the past year The WHY Project has continued to support young people and their families in the local area whilst going from strength to strength. As we emerged from the pandemic, the team embraced the opportunity to expand the service, building upon the fantastic work that they had laid the foundations for during the previous year. This level of dedication demonstrates the commitment to the community continue to strive towards positioning ourselves as a key youth work organisation in South-West Edinburgh.

As I take a moment to reflect over the highlights of the past year, I am struck by a level of awe over what the staff team and volunteers have achieved. As a growing organisation, there have been many more milestones have been reached during this period of growth, with a few highlighted below:

In 21/22 The WHY Project:

- Had 2156 contacts with young people.
- Increased the core service to 7 open access sessions per week.
- Delivered 148 open access indoor youth session and 16 outdoor sessions.
- Increased salaried staff from 1 to 3.
- Doubled our income and fundraising to £92,988

All the achievements above would not be possible without the support of the fantastic staff team who are at the front line of delivery, the generosity of those who support us financially and the volunteers who give up their time to take part in the various fundraising activities that take place throughout the year. A special thanks too to the Board of Trustees who give up their time each to meet and support the aims of The WHY Project. To all our supporters; we couldn't do it without you.

Most importantly thank you too to the young people who come along to groups, and the families who take part in summer activities. Your enthusiasm for your groups inspires us, and for this we are grateful.

As I reach the limit on my word count, it is time to close the book that was 21/22 and to start writing the sequel. Spoiler alert – it's already shaping up to be a good one!

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY



Enter charity name below
The WHY Project (The Wee Haven Youth Project)

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| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
| For the period from | Period start date | | | to | Period end date | | |
| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| | 1 | July | 2021 | | 30 | June | 2022 |

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Expendable endowment funds | Permanent endowment funds | Total funds current period | Total funds last period |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | 17,753 | - | | | 17,753 | 1,815 |
| Legacies | - | - | | | - | - |
| Grants | 30,000 | 39,021 | | | 69,021 | 34,203 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | 6,215 | | | | 6,215 | 10,006 |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | - |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | | | | | - | - |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | - |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | | | | | - | 45 |
| A1 Sub total | 53,967 | 39,021 | - | - | 92,988 | 46,070 |
| A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A2 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 53,967 | 39,021 | - | - | 92,988 | 46,070 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | | |
| Expenses for fundraising activities | 4,250 | | | | 4,250 | |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | | |
| Investment management costs | | | | | | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 25,142 | 38,096 | | | 63,238 | 16,566 |
| Grants and donations | | 925 | | | 925 | - |
| Governance costs: | | | | | | |
| Audit / independent examination | 1,260 | | | | 1,260 | 840 |
| Preparation of annual accounts | | | | | | |
| Legal costs | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| A3 Sub total | 26,882 | 39,021 | - | - | 65,903 | 17,406 |
| A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements | | | | | | |
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | | | | |
| Purchase of investments | | | | | | |
| A4 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 26,882 | 39,021 | - | - | 65,903 | 17,406 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 27,085 | - | - | - | 27,085 | 28,664 |
| A5 Transfers to / (from) funds | | | | | | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | 27,085 | - | - | - | 27,085 | 28,664 |

Key Points

- Overall annual income: £92, 988
- £6214 raised from fundraising activities
- £2752.63 from donations

SUMMER PROGRAMME

"In the summer my daughter was able to go on a lot of free trips and we were also able to go on some trips as a family which was great as doing things together as a family can be expensive"



Family Trips

Maid of the Forth Boat Trips
Bowling & Amusements
Five Sisters Zoo
Dalkeith Country Park

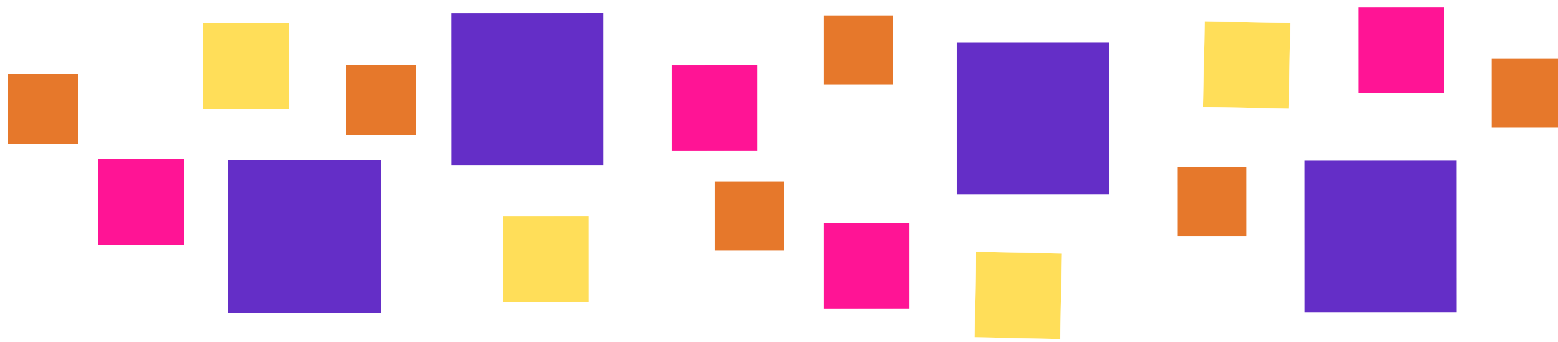
Trips with Young People

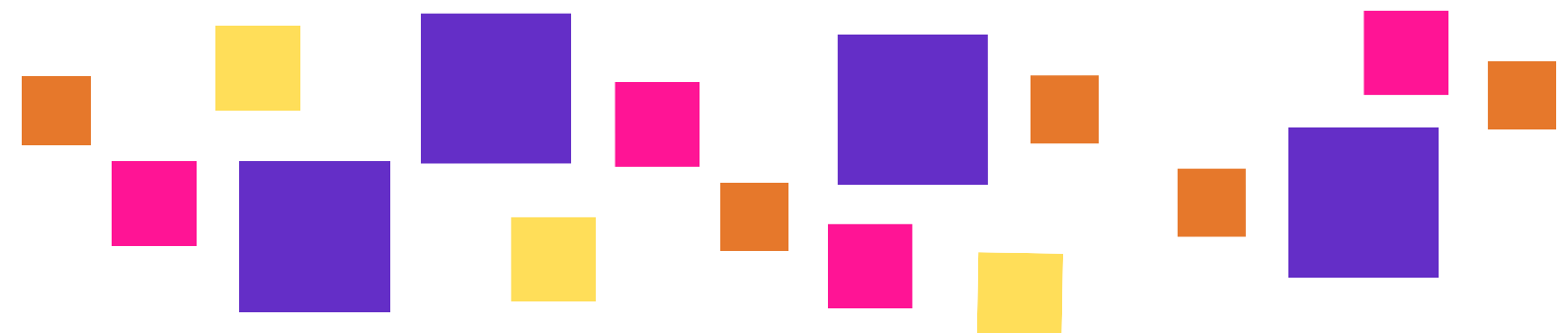
Foxlake, Time Capsule
Edinburgh Dungeons
Camera Obscura & TGI's
Gravity, Bowling & Lasertag



12 Trips for Young People
with 174 attending

6 Family Trips with
192 children and families attending





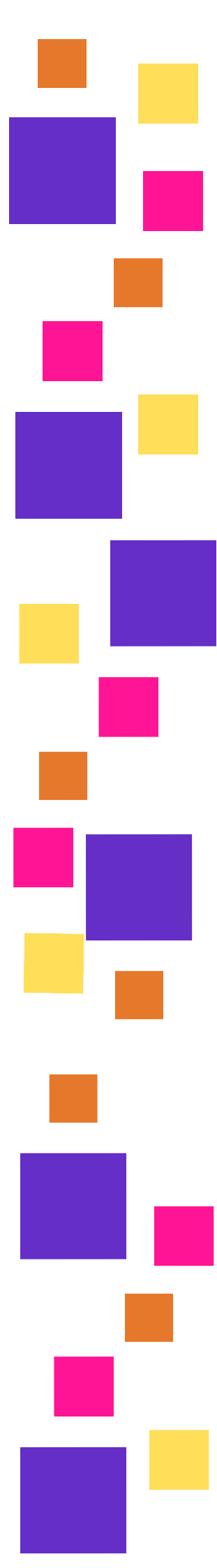
Though most of our general provision is targeted at young people, we believe providing these weekly day trips for the whole family to enjoy, including parents and children of all ages, impact directly on the wellbeing of the young people we work with. In a time where finances are barrier for many, free trips to Dalkeith Country Park, Five Sisters Zoo, Maid of the Forth Boat Trip and bowling made for inclusive positive family experiences and break the cycle of stress and struggle and build stronger connections to between parents and the organisation. This stronger connection meant more families will felt confident in reaching out for support, guidance and signposting on issues when in need, which was, and is, important in a time where there is a growing cost of living crisis.



CASE STUDY

Young Person's View

When my friend asked me to go to the youth club I wasn't sure if I wanted to go because new places used to make me nervous but because it sounded fun I decided to go anyway. All the youth workers were nice and made me feel welcome and I knew people from school too, so I enjoyed it. Because I liked it so much I went to all the groups I was allowed to and really enjoyed cooking and baking, where I learned to make things like pancakes, cupcakes, homemade pizza, fajitas, and lasagne. I live with 3 brothers and sisters and my mum, and I know my mum was getting stressed about money which was making me upset. When I was upset one day at the youth club S asked me what was wrong and I told her about my mum being stressed about money and S said they can maybe help with some stuff so my mum could call them to chat is she wanted. WHY helped us out with lots of stuff and my mum is much less stressed now and I know she can talk to them if she is worried about anything which makes me less stressed too. In the summer I went on trips with The WHY Project to Time Capsule, Edinburgh Dungeons, Burntisland and North Berwick with my friends, and I went on family trips to Five Sisters Zoo and Dalkeith Country Park with my mum, brother and sisters.



CASE STUDY



Parent's View

My daughter had been going to the group for a couple months & always told me how much fun it was and how much she liked the youth workers. Her confidence grew a lot and she was happier than before and seemed to be making more friends. As a single mum to 4 kids I was finding things very hard at this time, I was behind on my gas and electric bills and I had other costs like opticians that I had to pay for me and 2 of my kids which was all adding up. Our fridge broke too and couldn't afford to replace it so we had to keep our milk in the neighbours fridge and only buy food that didn't need to be kept in the fridge or freezer.

One day my daughter came home and told me WHY could help with some stuff & put us in touch with people that can support us with the bills and debt. Right away I was helped with food and a new fridge which the staff delivered themselves, they helped me set up a meetings about my debt & making sure I was getting all the money I was supposed to get as I was missing out on some payments. The help I got has been great and things are better now than they were before so I'm less stressed & even if I struggle with something I know I can contact WHY and they'll try to help.

YOUTH CLUBS

16 Outdoor Sessions

148 Open Access Indoor Youth Groups

2156 youth engagements



"The clubs are great so I can see my friends somewhere inside and warm" Ellie



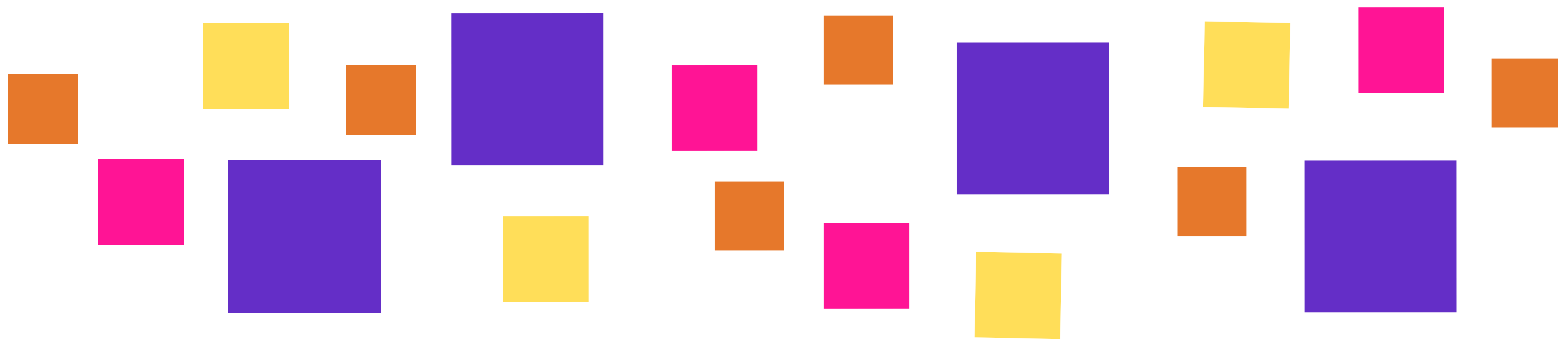
100% reported increased confidence & self-esteem

94% reported feeling more connected to the community

84% reported increased mental health and wellbeing

88% reported increased knowledge of risk taking behaviours

100% reported attending youth groups had a positive impact on their lives



"The best thing about the clubs is the activities and seeing my friends"



"It's good that we can play games, make cakes and other activities"



As we commenced our 3rd year, council community centre's remained closed and our open access groups were still outdoors. We worked in partnership with Street Soccer, delivering sessions with focused on football and physical activity, games and arts & crafts, as well as the provision of hot food.

In September 2021, our indoor youth work resumed instantly regaining popularity leading to new ways of thinking to increase provision for as many young people as possible. This led to the groups being split across evening, increasing the weekly groups on offer.

In April of 2022 we extended our weekly programme by partnering with the council on a weekly Girls Group & their P7-S1 Area 55, which meant by the end of our year we were doing 7 open access youth groups across 4 evenings.



SIGN POSTING



Families Supported

5 families received Edinburgh Lothian Trust Fund grants for summer support

5 families received Winter Fund Grants to purchase warm clothing

6 families received food parcels from Morrisons to help with food costs over summer

2 families were supported with signposting to further services

STAFF TEAM



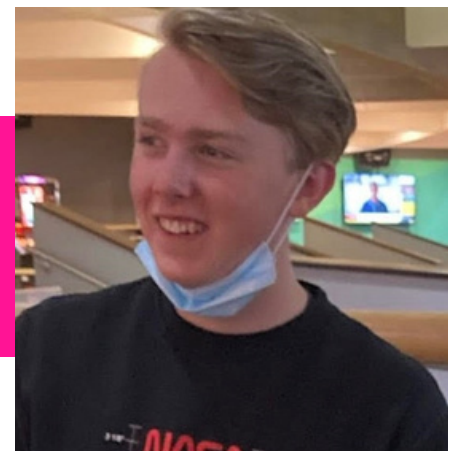
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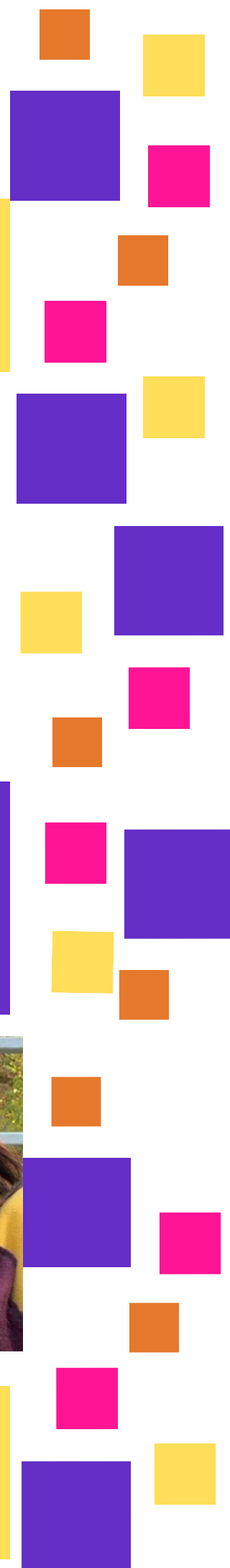


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THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our funders and supporters, as well as everyone listed here, there are so many people that turn up to our events, support and sponsor our activities, have walked our Kiltwalks, share your experiences, and our social media & keep us going with your encouragement.

We couldn't do it without you!

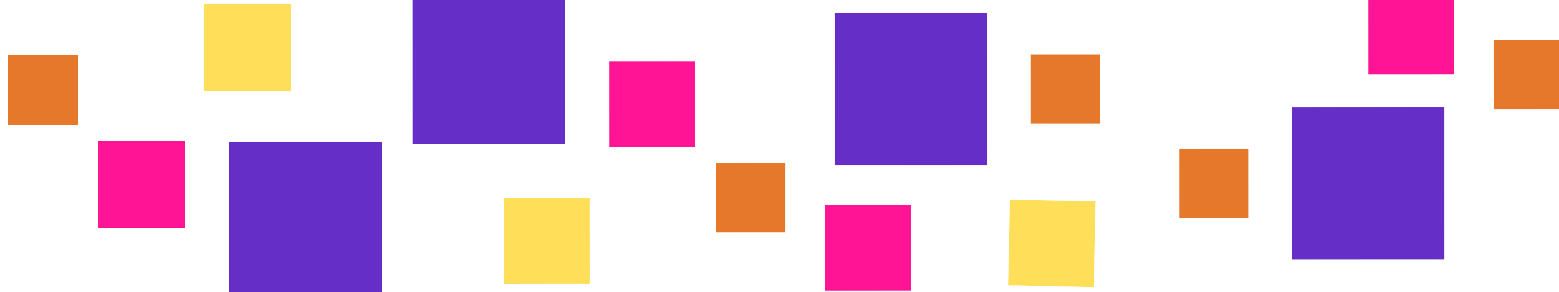
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