

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

Tackle Inequality.
Create Opportunities.
Inspire Change.

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WHO WE ARE



We are a youth & community development organisation using positive activities to enable change in young people and communities which have been disadvantaged.



OUR VALUES

Needs led

Impact

Empowerment

Partnership

Evidence based

Inclusion

Ground up approach

WHY?
DO WE DO WHAT WE DO



BECAUSE WE WANT TO
CHANGE
THE WORLD



WHY?

For 18 years we have been delivering in communities which have been dis-advantaged.

From our learning, we believe we have developed a way forward.



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WAY



HOW?

Time has shown what we as a sector are delivering is having limited impact in communities which have been most disadvantaged.



SECTOR APPROACH

WE TACKLE:

Poverty

Educational
underachievement

Poor health

Hopelessness

Segregation

Homelessness

Discrimination

Unemployment

Conflict/peace

Crime

Mental health

Drug and
alcohol misuse

Suicide

Isolation

Disconnection

Gender Based Violence

WE USE TOOLS SUCH AS...

Personal and social development
Drug/alcohol awareness programmes
Sports for development
Informal/formal education
Youth and community work
Outreach engagement programmes
Training/employment programmes
Positive activities
Outdoor activities
Family support

Life skills
Inclusive environments
Person centred approach
Offering new experiences
Community social action
Conflict resolution
Restorative practices
Peer support and learning
Diversionary programmes
Partnership working

WHAT?
SHOULD WE BE TACKLING



BIAS

INJUSTICE

DIFFERENCE

INEQUALITY

“the state of not being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities.”

DISCRIMINATION

UNFAIRNESS

UNJUST

DISPARITY

PAIN

DISTRESS

HURT

CONFUSION

AGONY

TRAUMA

“a deeply distressing or disturbing experience.”

SHOCK

DAMAGE

ORDEAL

INJURY

ANGUISH

INEQUALITY AND TRAUMA

Educational
underachievement
Religious discrimination
Mental health issues
Drug abuse
Racial discrimination
Alcohol abuse

Poverty
High unemployment
rates
Suicide
Health issues
Conflict/peace
Homophobia and
transphobia

**HOW DO WE
CHANGE
THE WORLD?**

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Reach
Out



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Positive
Activities



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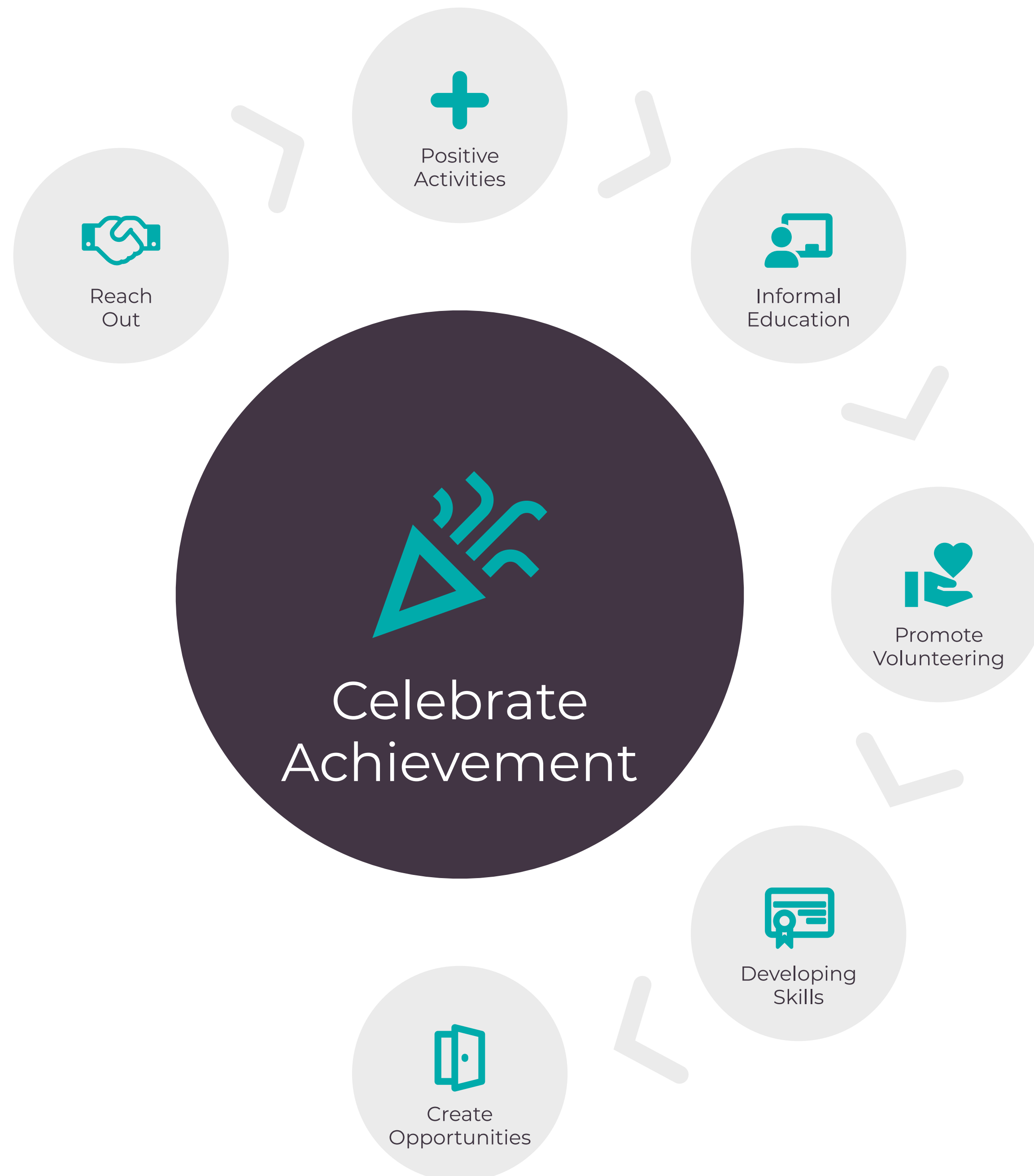


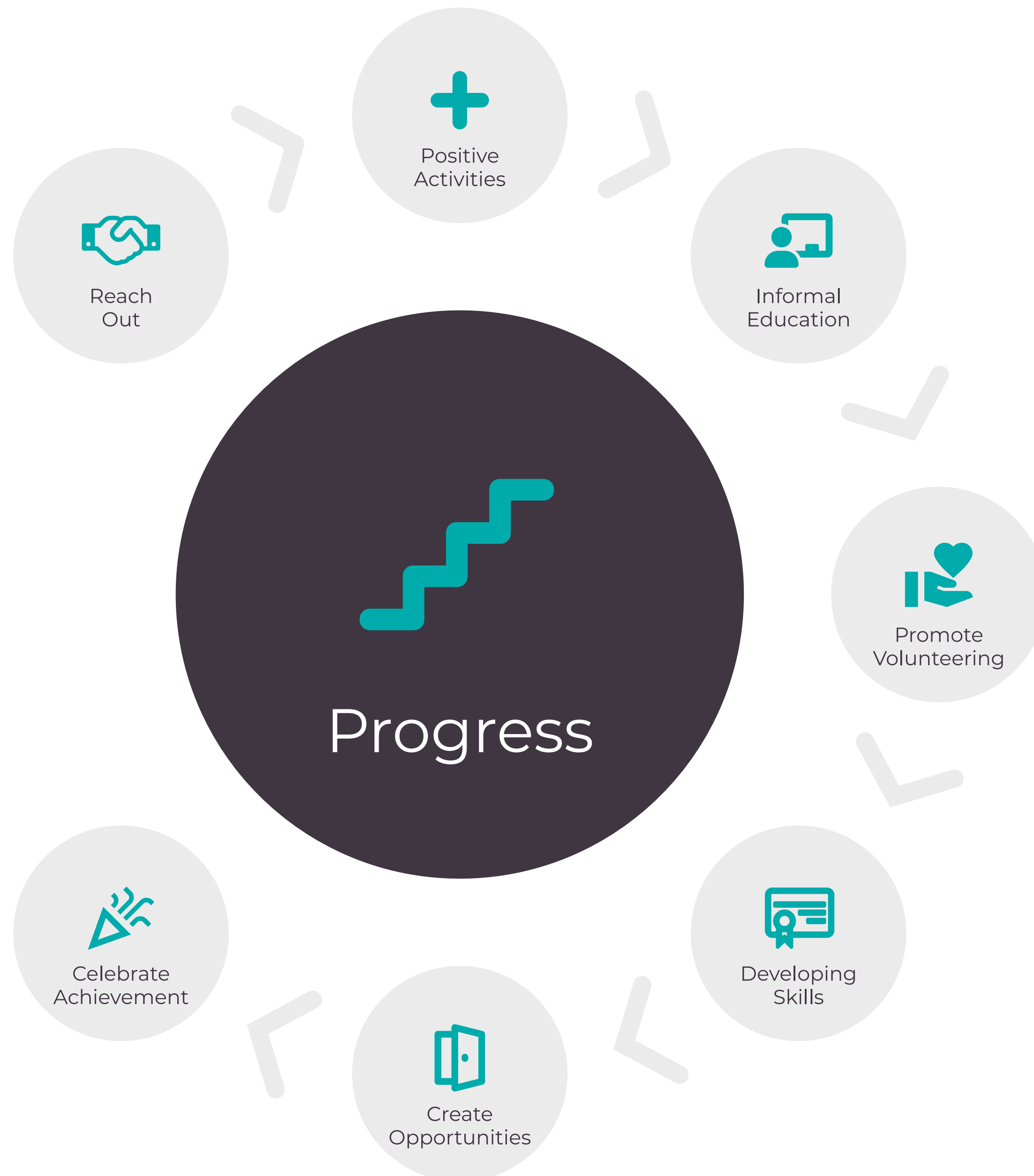
Informal
Education













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Positive Activities



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Promote Volunteering



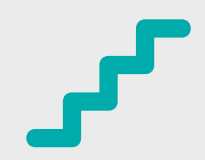
Developing Skills



Create Opportunities



Celebrate Achievement



Progress



Reach Out

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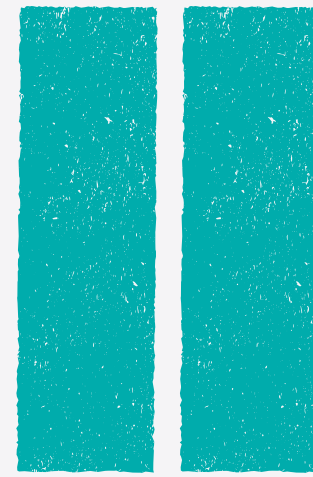
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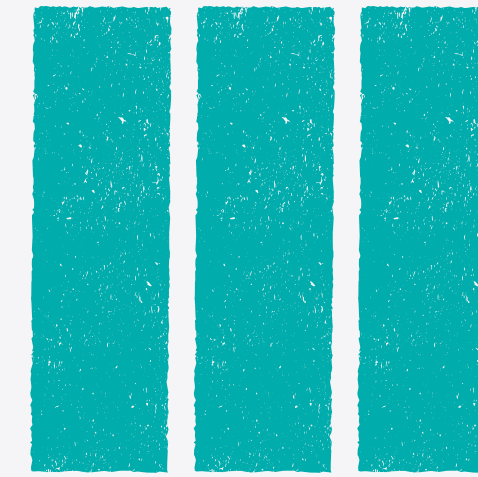
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Positive activities



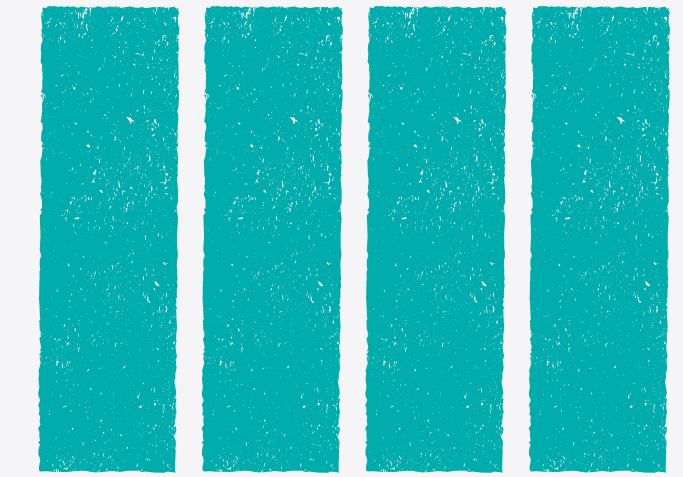
PILLAR 2

Youth and
community work



PILLAR 3

Education



PILLAR 4

Trauma informed
practice, wellbeing
and mindset



empowerTHEM

An interactive workshop looking at resilience and trauma informed practises, that can be designed to meet the needs of community groups and organisations.



empowerHER

A women's programme focused on 3 key themes: violence, safety and relationships. These are interactive sessions, aimed at enhancing individual knowledge on issue-based topics, as well as challenging preconceived ideas and informing new behaviours. It promotes Allyship, social action and an opportunity to engage with other organisations.



empowerHIM

A men's programme, which key focus considers themes such as; societal pressures, well-being and awareness of self. The workshops are interactive, thought provoking and encourages action.



empowerYOU

A capacity building programme utilising mentoring, skills development, reflection and goal setting which will benefit small groups and individuals alike.



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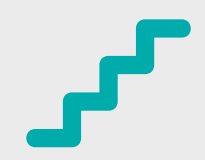
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