



Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy

The Trades Club Project 2024



Welcome !

These pages explain who we are, what we do and our plans for the future.

We are planning to relocate our community boxing club. This document will explain why and how we will do that.





Who are we?

Northern Powerhouse is the first women-led boxing club in the UK.

We provide a safe and friendly space that welcomes everyone and supports them to develop in an empowering and fun environment through boxing, exercise and social inclusion.

We make a positive contribution to the physical and mental wellbeing of our community.

In 2018 NPBA was set up as a not for profit, Community Interest Company - Limited by guarantee.

Company number 11260145

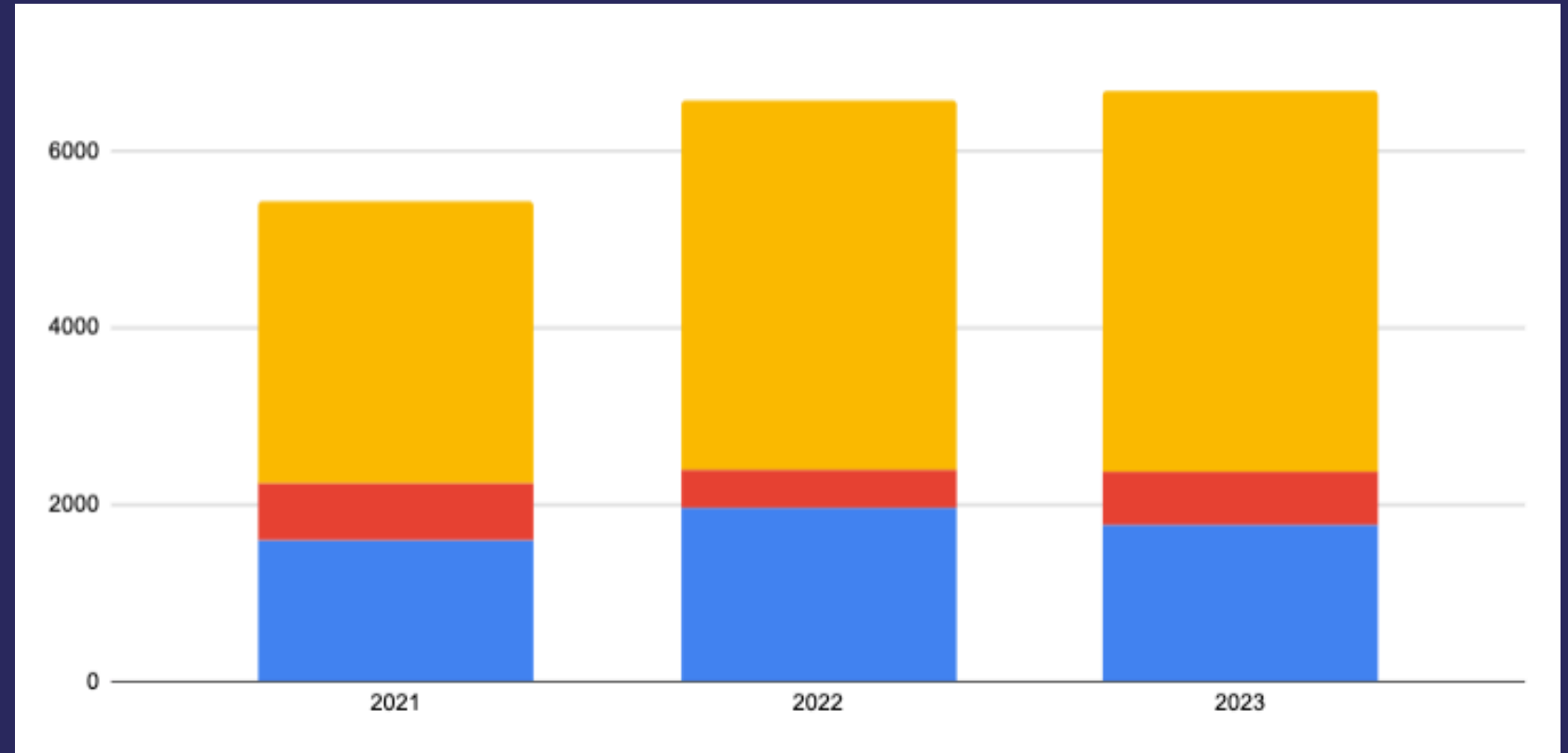


What are our numbers?

In 2021 our participation for the year was 5437

In 2022 it was 6578

In 2023 it was 6688



- REGULAR CLASSES
- FULLY FUNDED SESSIONS
- YOUTH CLASSES



Demographics

■ Age

7-17: 40%

18-29: 5%

30-39: 23%

40-49: 14%

50-59: 14%

60+ : 4%

■ Gender / Gender identity

70% Women

21% Men

9% Trans / NB

■ Ethnicity

White: Under-18 79%, Over-18 85%

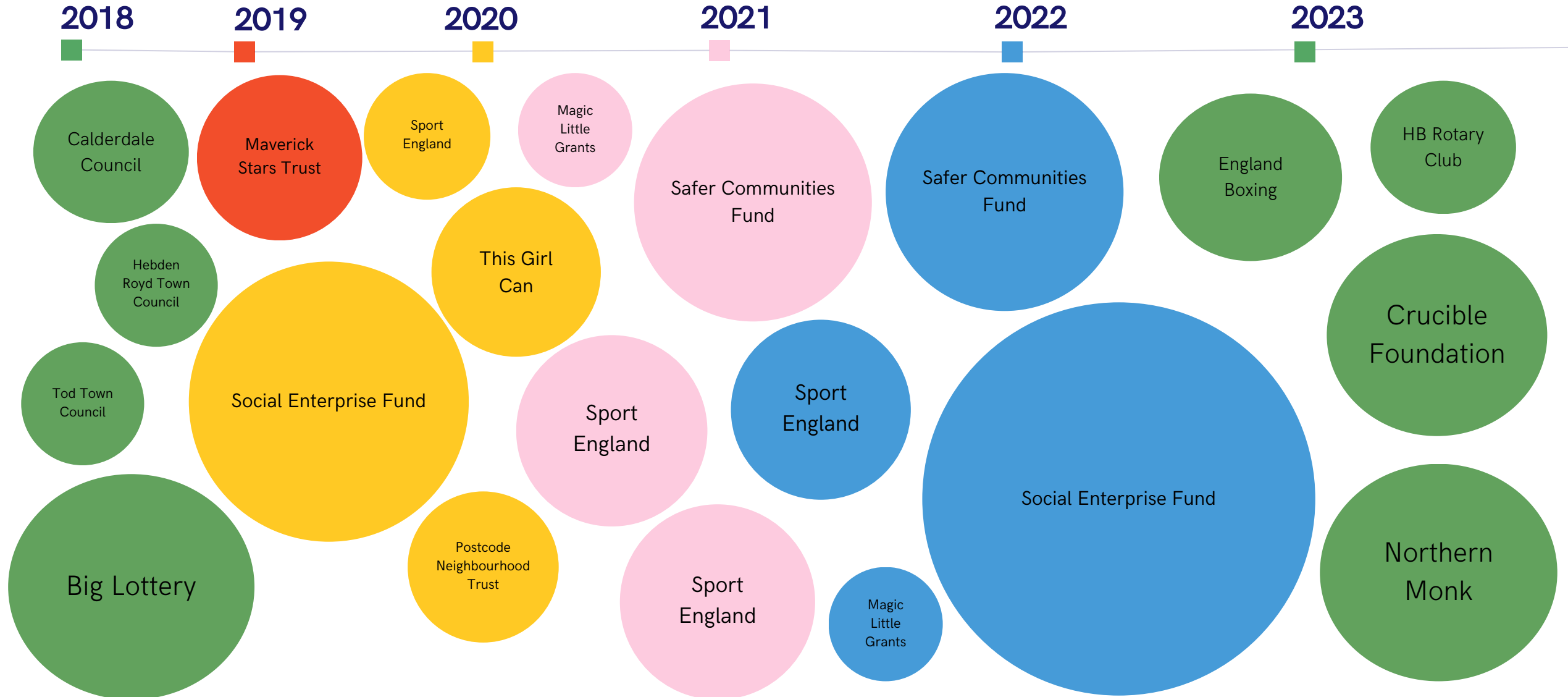
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups: Under-18 9%, Over-18 6%

Asian/Asian British: Under-18 4%, Over-18 4%

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Under-18 4%, Over-18 2%

Prefer not to say: Under-18 4%, Over-18 3%

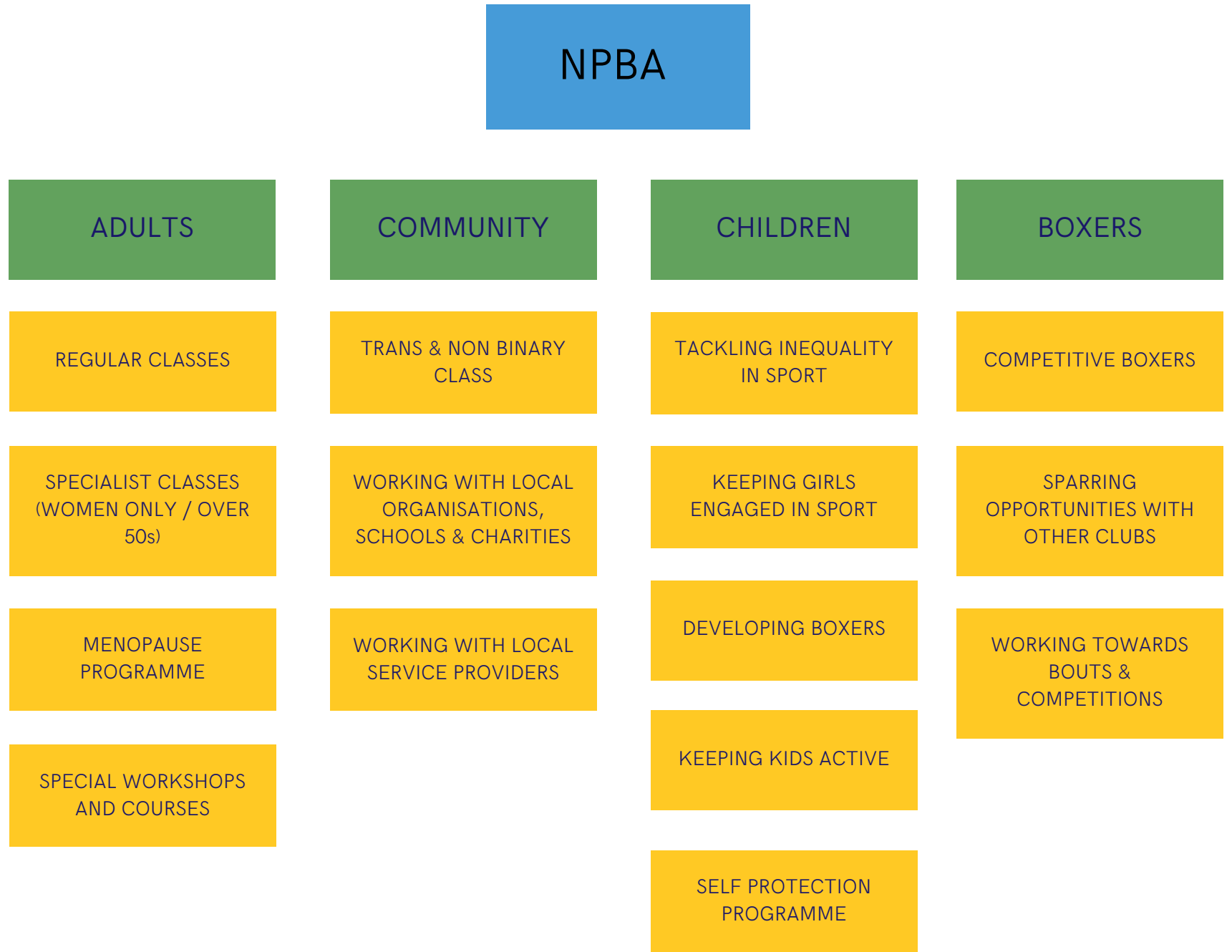
Funding: As a social enterprise we rely on funding to deliver projects that answer the needs of our community.



The bigger the circle, the more we were awarded



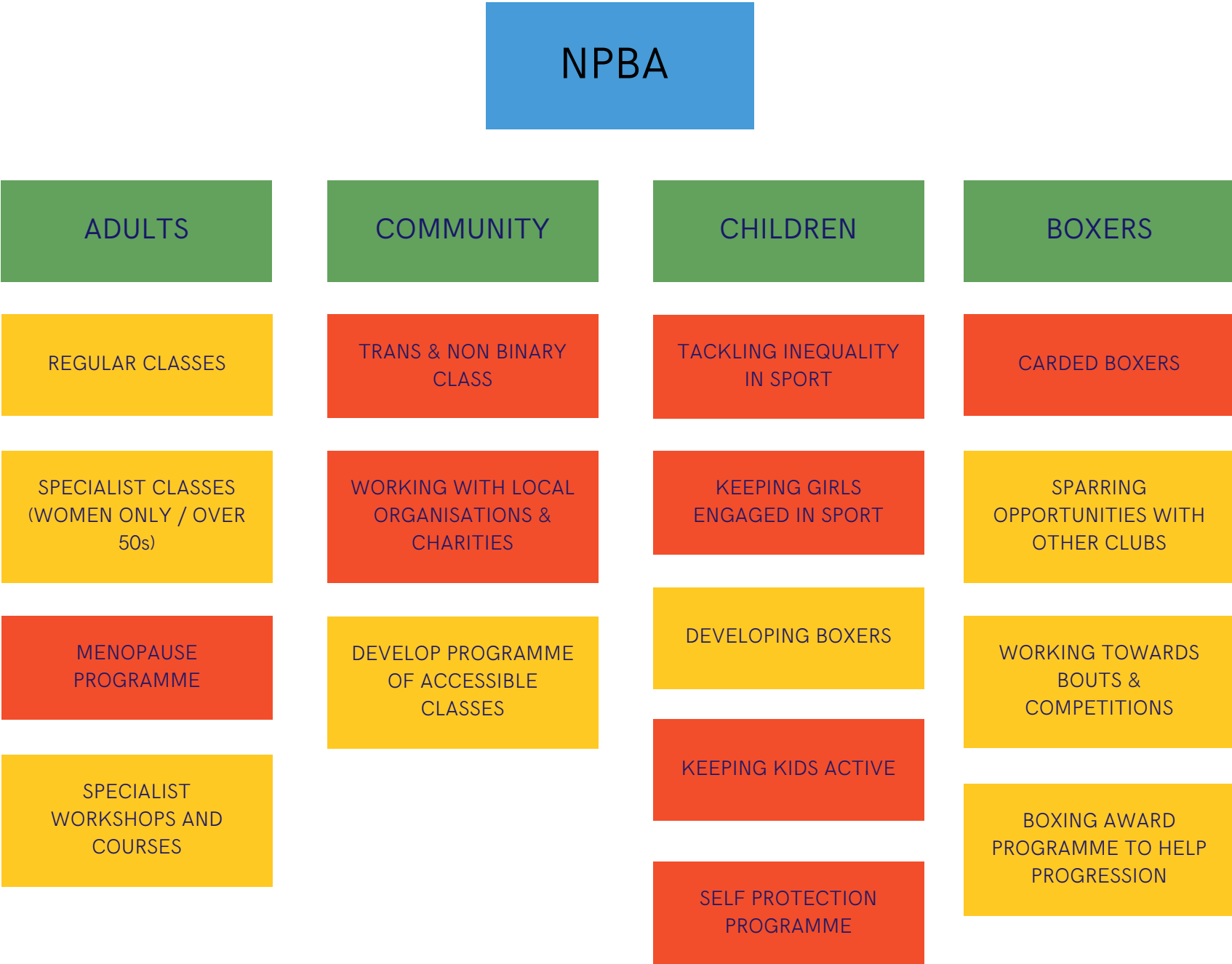
Our provision:





Areas of focus:

The red boxes are our funded programmes, projects we believe offer the most impact in line with our objectives as an organisation



Our partners and community projects:

Reach4Ward / Cloud
Youth Club

Project
Challenge,
Halifax

St Augustine's
Centre Halifax

Upper Calder
Valley Social
Prescribing Team

The Halifax
Academy

Crossley
Heath
School

Todmorden
Juniors

Time Out
Sessions

Healthy Minds

Fight for Peace
International

Calderdale
Young Carers

Colden
School

Riverside
School

Old Town School

Despite everything we have achieved, there are two things that are now stopping us from increasing the impact we can have:



Location

- Very few can walk to our gym!
- Reliance on owning vehicle or public transport
- Hard for young people to get themselves there



Premises

- No access for those with limited mobility
- No capacity to function as a community space like other boxing clubs do
- Class size is limited
- No opportunity to grow

We've secured the perfect location that addresses these issues and revives a beloved community space after eight years of closure.

The Ground Floor of The Trades Club

We plan to refurbish a disused community space in the heart of Hebden Bridge



Creates a community space that will be used by NPBA but also by other community driven social and recreational groups.



Brings a well loved but disused large ground floor space building back to life, something the local community want to see happen.



Central, walkable location meaning those whose mobility has been restricted by age, injury or disability can now attend



Creation of an after school youth service, somewhere for young people to go that is indoors and feels safe; a daily provision that is currently missing from the town.



Proximity to the park, means we can offer an outdoor provision but by arranging activities in the park, a sense of belonging can be created, something that helps our green spaces to become more welcoming and safer places for everyone, especially women and young people to enjoy.

The History of The Trades, Hebden Bridge

The Trades was built in 1924 as a joint enterprise by local trade unions who levied one penny from the wages of the textile industry workers in the town. The aim was to build a headquarters for the local union branches and a place of education and recreation for the workers.

As the cotton industry declined and the factories closed down, the building fell into disuse.

It was taken over by the combined Hebden Bridge and Luddendenfoot district Labour parties, who appointed a Building Management Committee (BMC) to administer the building. The building is now held in trust for the local community.

The first floor of the building has been home to the celebrated music venue and socialist members club, The Trades Club, since 1982.



Boxing Day Floods, 2015

The Boxing Day floods in Hebden Bridge in 2015 were a significant natural disaster, with severe flooding affecting the town due to Storm Eva. The River Calder and Hebden Water overflowed, inundating the town centre and damaging homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

The impact on the local community and businesses was profound. Many businesses were forced to close temporarily for clean-up and repairs, and some never reopened. The floods caused immediate water damage and also led to lost revenue during the repair period, which for some lasted several months. The community rallied together in the aftermath, with volunteers helping with clean-up efforts and supporting displaced residents and affected businesses.

**The 2015 Boxing Day floods left a lasting mark on Hebden Bridge.
The flooded ground floor of the Trades Club has never reopened.**



Work Completed, 2017-2020

Across 2017 - 2020 money was raised by the local community and various grant givers to get the space to "first fix". This included measures against future flooding plus facilities and access for wheelchair users.

As the building is held in trust for the community, it can't be leased and refurbished by a "for-profit" organisation.

Therefore, unless a community organisation brings it back to life then it could sit empty for many more years.

We have a viable strategy to re-open this space for the community.





Project Aims

We want to refurbish and reopen the ground floor of The Trades in Hebden Bridge - a well loved community space that has been closed since 2015.

A safe space for anyone to exercise

Focus on the physical and mental wellbeing of our community

Create a flood resilient, energy efficient hub

A place for young people to socialise and access support

Big Plans for a Big Space

NPBA will take on around 150 square meters of the ground floor which is more than double the space we have in our current gym.

As well as the main gym space, there will be

- a kitchen
- a shower
- toilets
- a locker room
- an office
- a homework room - a quiet space for young people to use

What will we do?

Create a Community Hub

This facility will enhance mental and physical well-being, while also strengthening social bonds by encouraging people from Hebden Royd and other parts of the borough to connect and share its benefits. This approach not only enhances social cohesion but also promotes community-wide advantages, ensuring the hub serves everyone effectively.

Flood Resilience at the Forefront

To minimise disruption from potential flooding, we will implement flood defences and use resilient materials. This will ensure that we can quickly reopen with minimal impact should we flood.

Low Carbon Sustainable space

Once renovations are complete, the space will be financially secure and self-sustaining for community use. By installing renewable energy systems, we are committing to Calderdale's goal of becoming Carbon Zero by 2030.

Future-Proofed and Sound Proofed

With a music venue above us, we're collaborating with the landlord and The Trades Club to install top-quality sound proofing. This ensures both tenants can coexist harmoniously and the space is adaptable for future uses.

How will we do it?

The owners of the Trades have committed to establishing a long-term lease with NPBA which will allow us to develop a community space. We will preserve the building's 1924 role as a centre of social interaction, recreation and education emphasising health and wellbeing.

We will apply for funding from the Community Ownership Fund in the June 2024 window to cover 80% of the refurbishment and revenue costs.

The remaining 20% will come from existing funds and a crowdfunding campaign.

Timeline and Funding Goals:

Our goal is to raise the necessary funds by August 2024 and finish the work by early 2025, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the opening of the building.

How can you help?

Join Our Team:

We've got a lot of expertise on our Board of Directors and Project Team, however, we're always eager to welcome additional support. If you have skills and time to offer, contact us at 07989 538044 to discuss how you can contribute.

Share Your Ideas:

Over the next few months, we'll be conducting community consultations through online surveys and face-to-face events. Your input is vital to us, so please participate and let us hear your thoughts.

Support Our Planning Application:

This May, we need to secure "Change of Use" permission from the council for a boxing ring in our community space. Please support our application by leaving a positive comment on the Calderdale planning website.

Contribute to Our Crowdfunding:

Later this year, we'll launch a crowdfunding campaign. Every contribution helps. If you're a local business and can offer rewards like vouchers, services, or products for our campaign, we'd love to hear from you.

We want to hear from you - get in touch at any time

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Thank you



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