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Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK

Workshop 22nd January 2025

Please note, the Zoom link will open at 10.30 but the session will not start until 11.00

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Welcome

The purpose of this workshop is to:

- Share the vision of the strategic framework
- Understand where we are now and what progress looks like
- Collect information to support the creation of a delivery plan for 2025-2027
- Identify ways to widen participation in the delivery of the strategic framework

We will be using working groups to capture your thoughts, and plenty of discussion throughout the day.

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Programme

10:30 In-person arrivals

11:00 Welcome – Prof May Cassar, Chair NHSF Member Council

11:05 Introduction to the Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK – Caroline Peach

11:30 Where are we now? Group work to map specific activity to framework outcomes

12:30 End of morning session

12:40 NHSF AGM – Prof Chris Gaffney, Chair of Board of Trustees

13:00 Lunch and networking

13:45 Making progress towards the strategic outcomes. Group work to action to address gaps

15:00 Bringing it all together. Reflection and identification of who else to involve.

16:00 Close

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Introduction to the Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK

- The second Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK covers the period 2024-2027.
- It is a tool to drive change.
- It focuses on three connected outcomes.

Link: [Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK]

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Introduction to the Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK

- It provides **focus** for collaboration.
- It **connects** activity.
- It can be used to **demonstrate** relevance and value.

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Introduction to the Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK

- NHSF has used consultation data to develop pathways to each outcome
- The pathways are a prompt for today's group discussion sessions
- Each pathway includes:
  - Stakeholder groups from which collaborators may come
  - Action areas from the Strategic Framework for Heritage Science in the UK
  - Results (intermediate outcomes) that come together to generate the overall outcome
- Each pathway is missing information on specific activity (outputs) for the action areas

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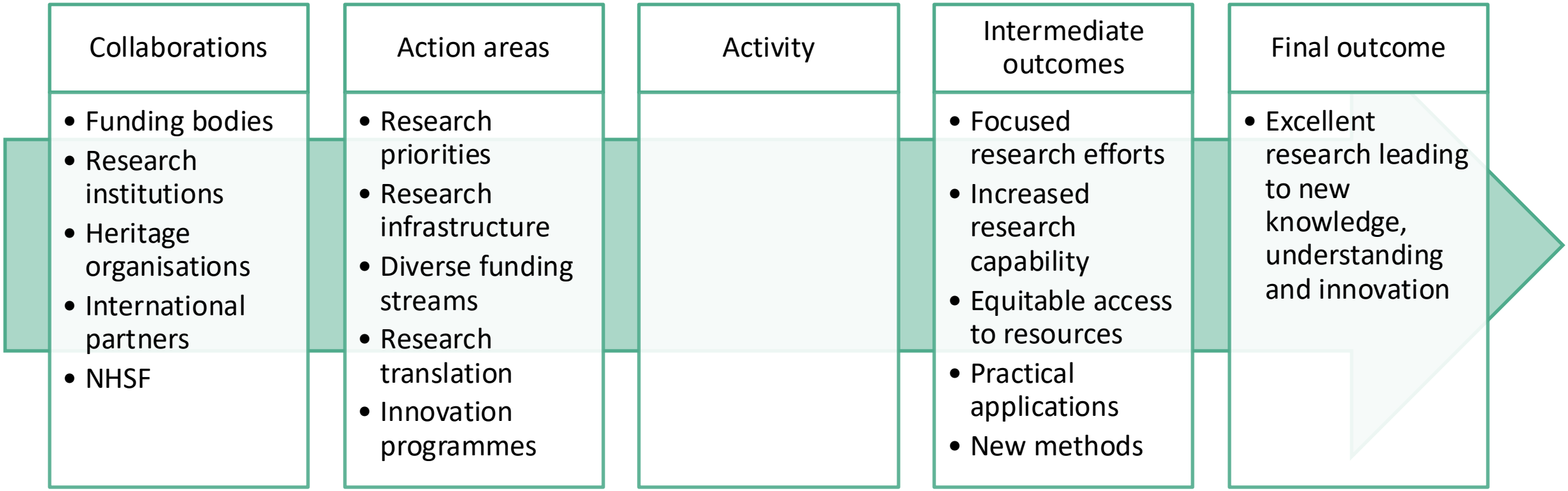
Research pathway – action areas to outcome

Key assumption: Better research structures and collaboration lead to higher quality outputs and innovation



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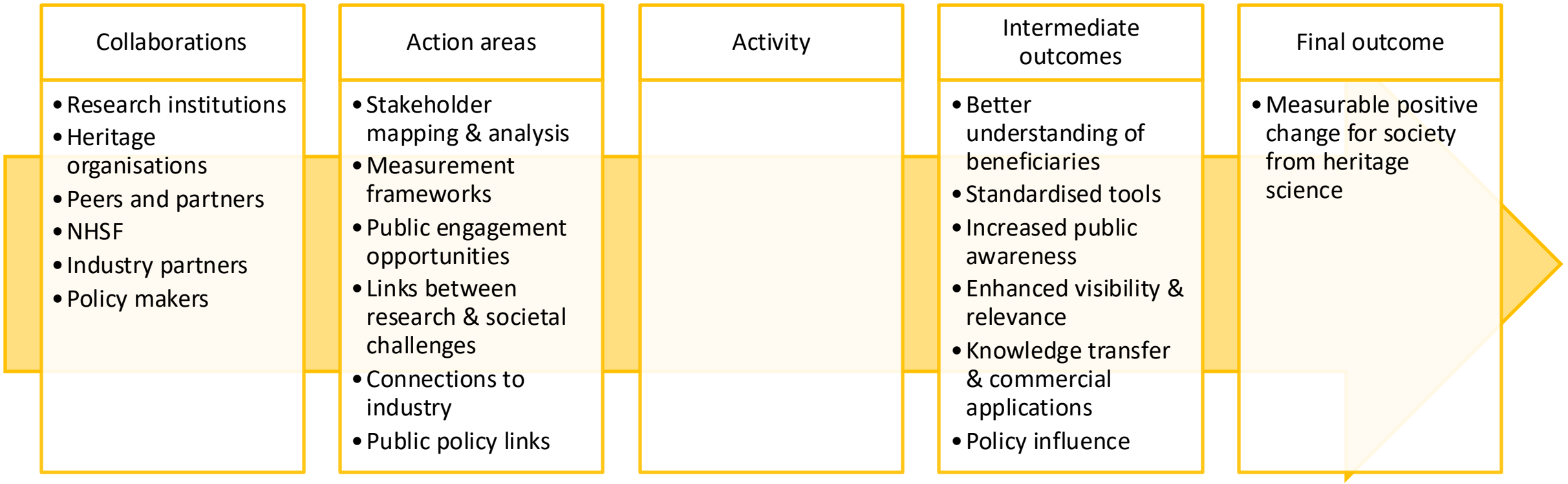
Public value pathway – action areas to outcome

Key assumption: By systematically measuring and demonstrating value, we can increase recognition and support for heritage science



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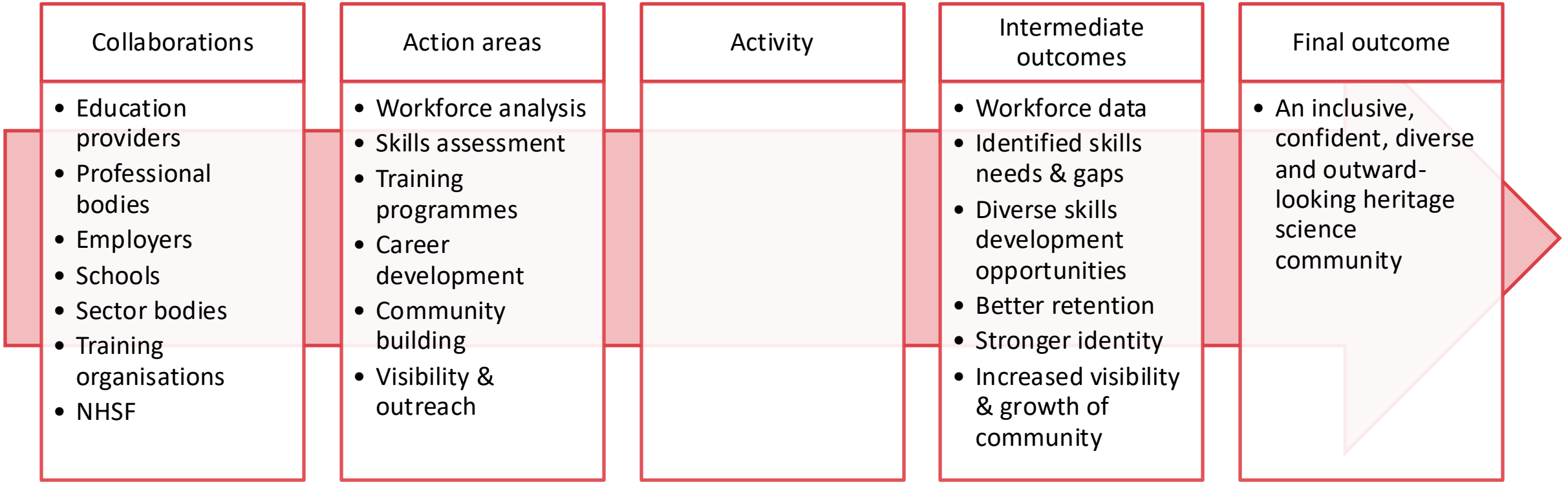
Community pathway – action areas to outcome

Key assumption: Building skills and inclusion creates a stronger, more sustainable community



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Where are we now? Group work #1

1. Join your working group (see joining instruction email for your working group).
2. Introduce yourself
3. Work as a group to note down known activity for each action area (see pathways).
4. Record what's happening, objectives, who's leading it, timescale (see matrix) - as much as you know!
5. If you have time: Are any action areas missing? Are any collaborator stakeholder groups missing? Any comments on the intermediate outcomes?
6. Your group facilitator will report back to the meeting

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Research – activity matrix

Action areas	What (activities)	When (timeline)	How (resources)	Who (responsibility)	Success measures
Research priorities					
Research infrastructure					
Diverse funding streams					
Research translation					
Innovation programmes					

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Public value – activity matrix

Action areas	What (activities)	When (timeline)	How (resources)	Who (responsibility)	Success measures
Stakeholder mapping					
Measurement frameworks					
Public engagement					
Links between research & societal challenges					
Connections to industry					
Public policy links					

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Community – activity matrix

Action areas	What (activities)	When (timeline)	How (resources)	Who (responsibility)	Success measures
Workforce analysis					
Skills assessment					
Training programmes					
Career development					
Community building					
Visibility & outreach					

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12th Annual General Meeting - Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Report on NHSF's activities in 2023-24 from the Chair
3. Minutes of 11th AGM held on 24th January 2024 and matters arising
4. Ordinary resolution 1: To receive the trustees' annual report for the year ending 31st March 2024
5. Ordinary resolution 2: To receive the statement of annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024
6. Ordinary resolution 3: To appoint/reappoint Kutsi Akcicek, Adam Gibson, Freya Horsfield as trustees of the charity
7. Looking ahead to 2025-26
8. Any other business

AGM documents available at: www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/about/formal-documents

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Making progress towards the strategic outcomes
Group work #2

1. Re-join your working group
2. Discuss where there are gaps in the matrix
3. Propose activity to fill the gaps, ensuring that any activity is SMART
    a. Specific
    b. Measurable
    c. Achievable
    d. Realistic
    e. Time-limited
4. If you had to prioritise one new area of activity, what would it be?
5. Your group facilitator will report back to the meeting

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Bringing it all together. Plenary discussion session

This session will:

- Reflect on what we have learnt about existing activity and gaps
- Gather final contributions to the mapping work
- Identify who is missing from the current conversation
- Discuss the priorities that have emerged from the mapping and activity planning sessions
- Explore preferred ways of working to deliver new activity
- Discuss efficient methods of capturing progress