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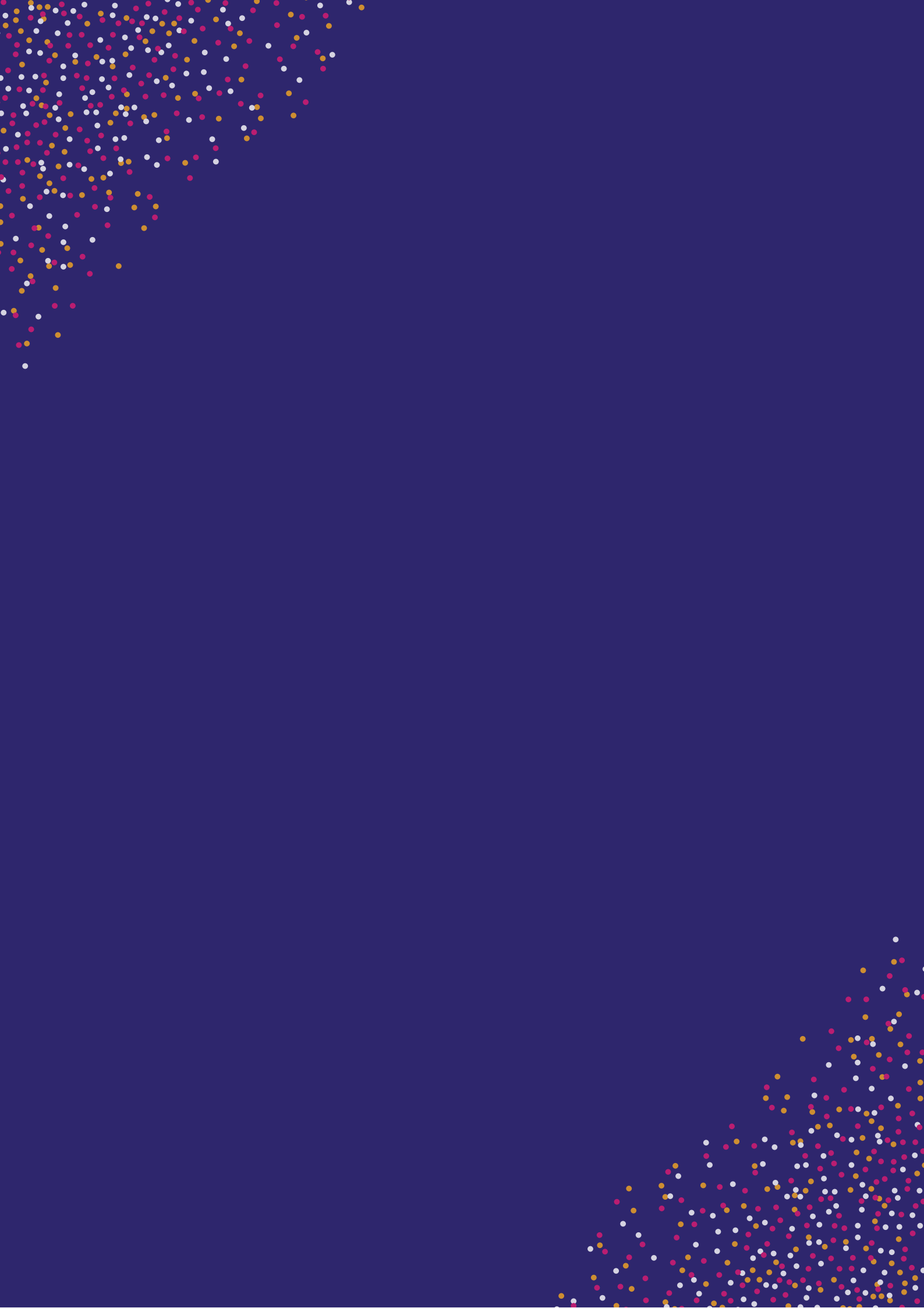
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VOLUNTEER
AWARDS

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WELCOME

Our Volunteer Awards are an important acknowledgment and celebration of the fantastic volunteers, community groups and voluntary organisations that work tirelessly in support of our city and community.

The awards ceremony is always a wonderful highlight for me, a time to pause and reflect on another incredible year of people giving back and caring about others.



Kim Harper
CEO of Community
Action Derby

The evening aims to provide a platform to celebrate our volunteers and VCSE groups and organisations. It is an opportunity to say thank you to those that have dedicated their energy into making a difference, in a time when the world needs community to come together more than ever.

We all know that the voluntary sector has a vital role to play in supporting strong communities. Over the past few months our volunteers and VCSE organisations have played a key role in supporting people through the cost of living crisis. This includes coming together to set up a network of Warm Welcome Hubs, which have provided so much help, support and advice, through what has been a really difficult and challenging time for many.

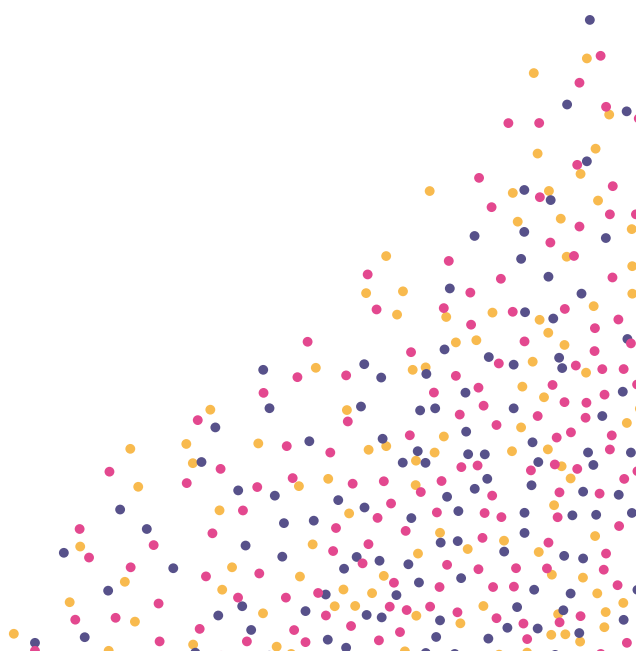
You all do so much, and without you life would be a lot harder for many people in our communities.

Thank you. You are all amazing!!





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Order of the Night

6.30 - 7.00pm

Guests arrive to harp music from Laura-Rose Gee

7.10pm

Welcome and housekeeping

7.20pm

Opening speeches

7.30pm

Presentation of 6 awards

- Inclusion
- Crisis Support
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Youth Work
- Young Volunteer
- Sporting

8.00pm

Break and buffet, with music from Dwaine Hayden

9.00pm

Presentation of 6 awards

- Overcoming Barriers
- Community Hero
- Good Neighbour
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Upcoming and Innovation
- Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise

9.30pm

Break

9.40pm

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement award

9.45 - 10pm

Closing remarks & winners photos

About Community Action Derby and Derby Homes

Community Action Derby

Established as Derby Council for Voluntary Service in the mid 70's, Community Action Derby (CA) is an independent, member-led infrastructure organisation. CA has over 850 member organisations and provides support services to the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Derby, which is, in turn, at the heart of supporting stronger communities in the city. CA operates over two sites based within the heart of its community, in Normanton and at the Shot Tower in the city centre, which is a shared office space, Community Hub, and Volunteer Centre.



Derby Homes is the UK's longest established Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO). It works in partnership with Derby City Council as a not-for-profit, registered provider of social housing. The organisation now manages a range of services beyond its original purpose.

Committed to supporting all residents of Derby, Derby Homes recently raised £38,000 in donations from contractors, businesses and Efficiency East Midlands's Cost of Living Crisis Fund to purchase air fryers, heated blankets, and slow cookers to help vulnerable individuals and families affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The organisation's community spaces have also provided 'Warm Spaces' provision to people, and supported volunteer groups to launch food banks and activities, which connect the community.



The support of volunteers and community groups working with Derby Homes represents a vital contribution to neighbourhoods across the city.



Volunteer Centre
Derby

About Volunteer Centre Derby and Volunteers' Week

Derby Volunteer Centre was established in 1992 to help support voluntary organisations and those wanting to volunteer. The Volunteer Centre provides support at a local level for individual volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations. It is VCQA accredited, which is the quality mark for Volunteer Centres, and provides assurance that the Centre is providing a high quality and effective service.



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

A time to say thanks

Volunteers' Week is an annual opportunity to celebrate and inspire. Volunteers' Week 2023 aims to highlight that our diversity is our strength, show that there is more than one way to volunteer, and to encourage people to be the change that they want to see.

Volunteers are always active at the heart of every UK community, so taking the time during Volunteers' Week to celebrate and recognise their efforts and all they contribute to our local communities, the voluntary sector and society as a whole, has never been more important.

For more information about Volunteers' Week, visit: www.volunteersweek.org

Categories and Winners



Inclusion Award

Derby Stand Up To Racism has been nominated in recognition of its outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing, and raising awareness on issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in Derby, Derbyshire and beyond. DSUTR has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to equality and social justice. Their work to platform the plight of refugees in the county is outstanding - making their presence felt at peaceful rallies and demonstrations, such as when mosques were being targeted by Britain First and campaigning as part of Black Lives Matter. DSUTR has been key in the fight against racism, discrimination, Islamophobia, xenophobia, antisemitism and actively supports refugees and asylum seekers.



Crisis Support Award

Ruth Clark is a key member of Derby City Mission's Jubilee Debt and Welfare Benefit Advice provision, for people in Derby who need help with finances. Ruth has been supporting people for over 15 years as a volunteer, her knowledge and expertise around how to address and ease the burden of debt literally transforms lives. Her skills directly help prevent evictions, utility disconnections and bailiff action. Ruth also liaises with other agencies, so debts are prioritised, affordable repayments are negotiated, and Debt Relief Orders are applied for. Ruth's dedication to local families has meant thousands have not had to make the difficult choice between eating and heating.



Mental Health and Addiction Award

Kelsey Family CIC was created by Steph Kelsey to fill a gap in mental health and addiction services. Despite some amazing therapeutic intervention work, real life can be vicious and often devours those in recovery and spits them back out without a care in the world. Entry back into treatment can be out of a lot of people's grasp at this point due to financial implications, mindset, or availability. Kelsey Family CIC delivers family-based recovery activity boxes, family health and well-being activities, family recovery coaching, family retreat, and breathing space for those in recovery or commencing their journey out of treatment.

Categories and Winners



Youth Work Award

Helen Simpkin is a lifeline to children at Bridge the Gap. Without the time she volunteers each week, the organisation would be unable to support the number of children it currently can. Her ability to build a positive relationship with a child is amazing. She cares for them, advocates for them and provides them with professional support that would otherwise be inaccessible. From pumpkin 'grounding' carving to 'Mindful Movement' and, 'Compassionate Crafts', Helen is there with ideas and kindness for any child who attends. Helen could be nominated for all categories, but it is the impact she has on the youth that ensures that they feel that they matter, they are loved, and they are not alone.



Young Volunteer Award

Esme Grace Wainwright is a kind, caring 7-year-old, who spends her life trying to help others. She ran 6 miles for her 6th birthday to raise money for Derby Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and recently ran a marathon over a month for Macmillan, raising £750. In between these fundraisers, she helps with Friends of the Baby Unit, uses her pocket money to buy food for her local food bank, and litter picks around her local area. Esme's dream is 'to make the world a better place'. She has a heart of gold, and although she's currently battling with some mental health problems of her own, she still gives 100% of her love and commitment to helping others.



Sporting Award

Neelam Talit has been a vital part of the success of the Derby Active Through Football project. She ensures the project is reflective of the community and its needs, and was instrumental in getting the community active. Neelam took the initiative to manage sessions and to research exercises for the women who attend them. She speaks to the women in their native language and acts as translator to ensure no one feels excluded from exercise. She organised and donated toys for a crèche so the women could exercise without worrying about childcare. She readily gives time, money and effort and her community is a healthier, happier, and more active place because of her.

Categories and Winners



Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Award

Rebuild East Midlands supports individuals recovering from the impact of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The Rebuild team works with people in the community to redress the power imbalance that exploitation causes, empowering people to take back control and agency of their own lives. The team has supported over 37 adults through 1:1 casework and advocacy support, plus a further 23 through groups and activity sessions, along with indirectly supporting over 40 children in families where at least one parent is being supported by Rebuild. The approach the team takes is innovative and centred on the individuals they support, ensuring people do not need to recover alone, but are connected into community.



Community Hero Award

Anne Sherwood works tirelessly for the Chaddesden community, from volunteering at the Aspire food bank to being a key part of the community space and café at St Phillip's Church. Anne is chief caterer on a Thursday, providing meals and caring for the many community members who visit. She volunteers her time to run breakfasts, school events, toddler and craft groups and is always there to support other groups who use the space and need a hand, like Derby County Community Trust, Derby Adult Learning Service, a choir for young people with learning disabilities and many more! Anne pours her heart and soul into this community and without her so much would cease to function.



Good Neighbour Award

Laleta Buctkuar volunteers to support an 86-year-old lady who has no family and friends to help her. Whilst Laleta was supporting this lady, she grew concerned about a safeguarding issue that had arisen and made a trip into the Volunteer Centre to discuss getting more support for the lady. Laleta works fulltime, but gave her phone number to the lady and told her that if she needed anything, even in the middle of the night, she will be there to help. Laleta is a brilliant Good Neighbour and has always gone above and beyond to support the service users.

Categories and Winners



Overcoming Barriers Award

Ellen Brown has been a Perinatal Peer Supporter since 2020 and has shown outstanding commitment to supporting expectant and new parents. Ellen has Autism Spectrum Disorder and other health challenges, such as rheumatoid arthritis and unexpected hospital stays. Ellen has provided 1:1 support to 5 expectant parents, receiving great feedback for helping them feel listened to and supported. She regularly provides support within the community at events, coffee mornings and the hospital. Ellen has been on call 24/7 to provide support for a lady during labour/birth. This commitment in the face of adversity makes Ellen completely deserving of this award.



Arts, Culture and Heritage Award

Kalwinder Singh Dhindsa is an avid promoter of Derby heritage and people. He is currently working to erect a plaque to the Prince of Rome racing pigeon and, in June, will unveil a bench memorial to 6 Derbyshire men who lost their lives during the Falklands War. He has put up further tributes and shared research celebrating Derby greats, such as Hughie Gallacher, Reg Harrison, Dr Raymond Chapman and Levi Wright. He continues to share the stories of Derby in poetry, newspaper and magazine columns and on radio shows. He is a proud Derby man who cares for his community and his people. Sharing stories of hope and defiance when times become difficult.



Upcoming and Innovation Award

Dad's Space, set up by Connected Perinatal Peer Support alongside Derby County Community Trust, is a new initiative started to help dads – new, old, and expectant – talk about their experiences. The group has developed into something really special and unique - there is nothing else like Dad's Space in the city. Becoming a new dad brings a unique set of challenges and this project provides a great opportunity for us to better support dads on this journey. The volunteers also host an online community where dads can share their challenges, worries or top tips and get support from other dads and our trained Peer Supporters!

Categories and Winners



Lifetime Achievement Award

Sarah Butcher joined Treetops Hospice as a volunteer gardener in 2005. She leads and supports a team of thirteen volunteers who meet twice weekly to maintain the grounds and gardens within the 12.5 acre site.

Treetops' original grounds were unattractive and uninspiring. Sarah has tirelessly driven many significant projects including the creation of numerous perennial borders, as well as a pergola, specimen rose and water feature. This is viewed and enjoyed by patients and families visiting a weekly Wellbeing Café and exercise classes. Complementary planting and seating ensure that the Remembrance Courtyard, hosting a Memory Tree and a small orchard, are reflective and peaceful spaces to remember loved ones.

Sarah's vision has overseen the planting of thousands of daffodils and other bulbs along with a well-maintained woodland pathway, which encourages patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors (including dog-walkers) to enjoy a walk around the perimeter of the grounds. The introduction of wildlife habitats such as a pond, wood piles, and composting fallen leaves, has increased biodiversity on site.

Treetops' gardeners volunteer in all weathers, all year round, and Sarah is a vital part of this team. She wholeheartedly deserves the Lifetime Achievement Award for her amazing creative vision, passion, and dedication over the last seventeen years.





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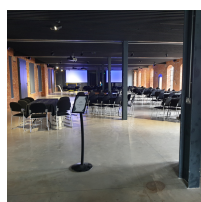
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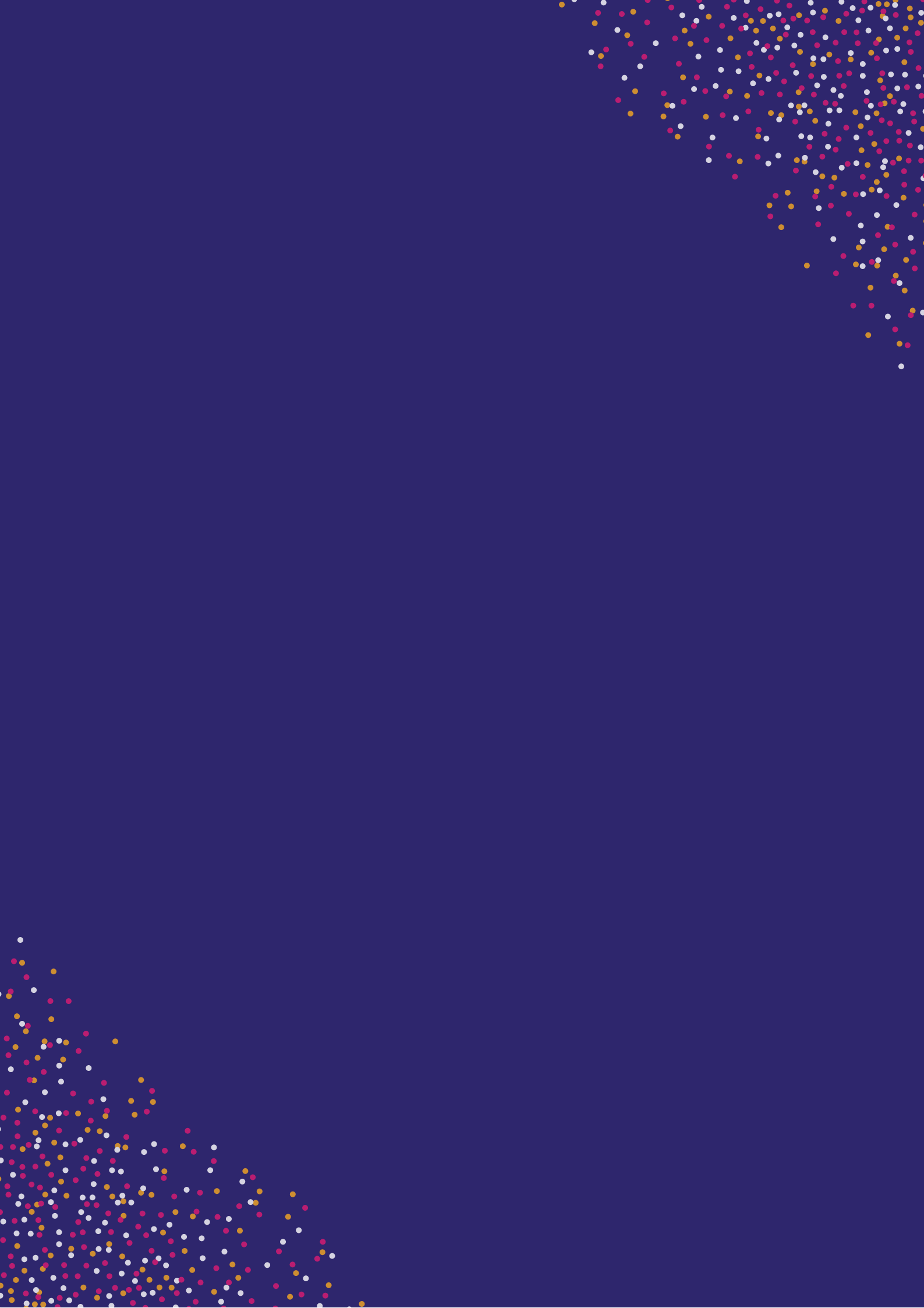
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