

# Features of successful partnerships activity

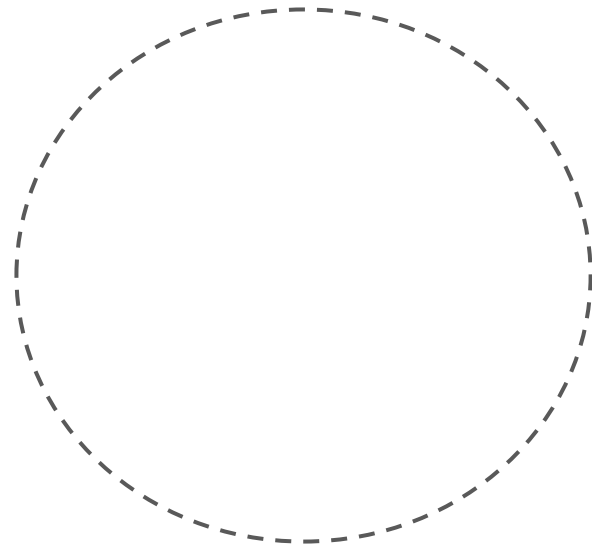
This downloadable and printable self-assessment tool was created for Health Equality Development Grantees by the Innovation Unit as part of the Health Communities Together programme.

Inspired by and adapted from [this guide](#) produced by Social Enterprise UK and the Institute for Voluntary Action Research, this activity identifies nine features of a successful partnership. Participants can take the activity back to their localities and together with stakeholders, prioritise the most important features of their partnership and identify areas of strength and for development.



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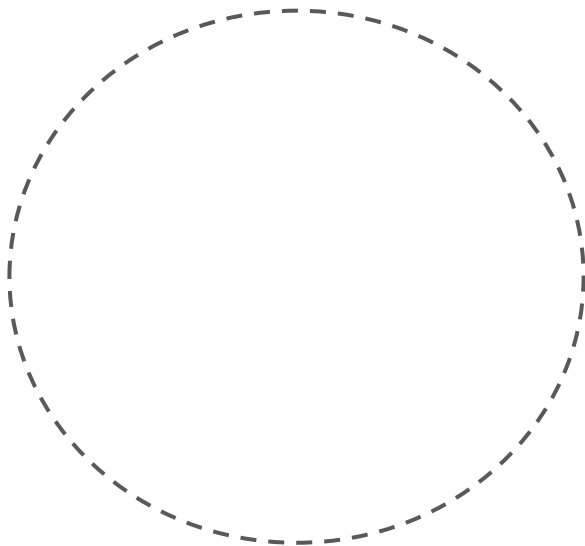
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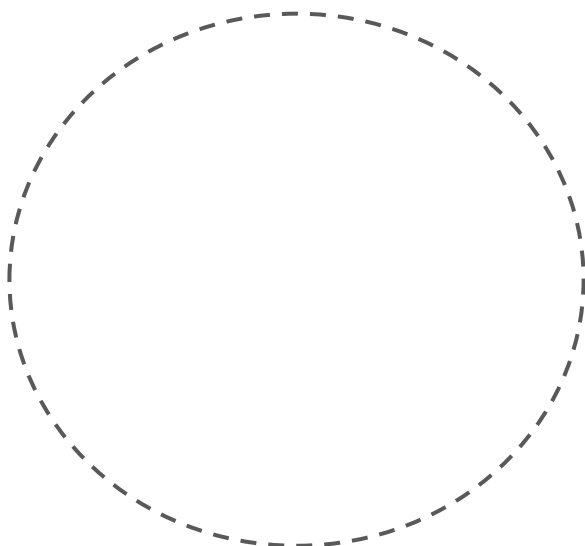
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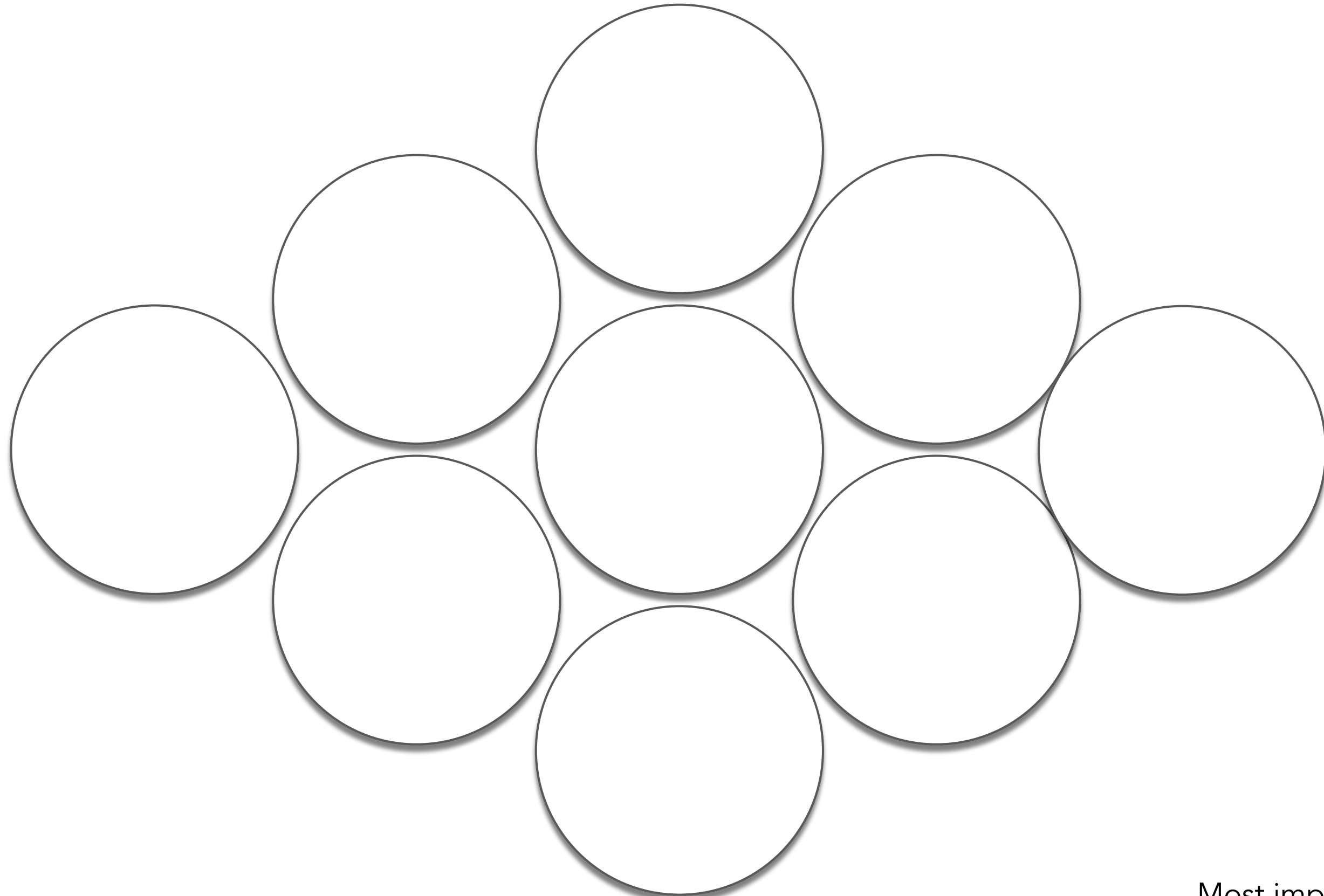
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## Activity 1: Ranking features of successful partnerships

Try to arrange the nine features of successful partnerships in order of prioritisation. Discuss why each is important as a group. There do not need to be right, wrong or final answers.

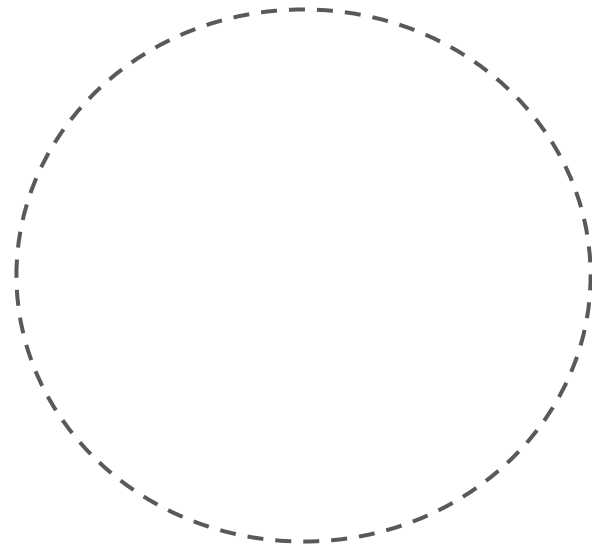
There are spare circles to add features if you think any are missing.



Most important

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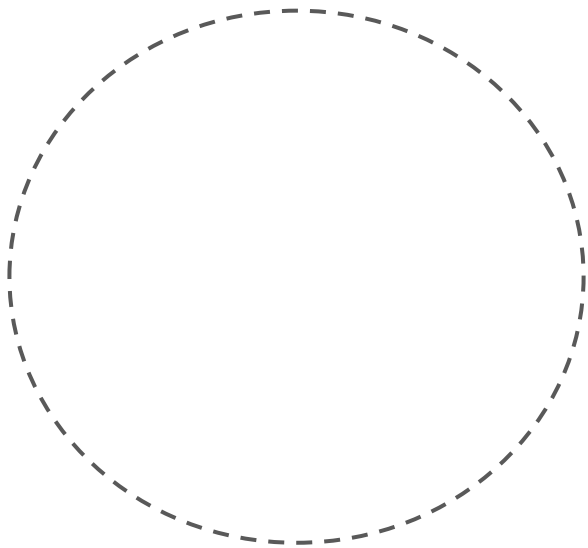
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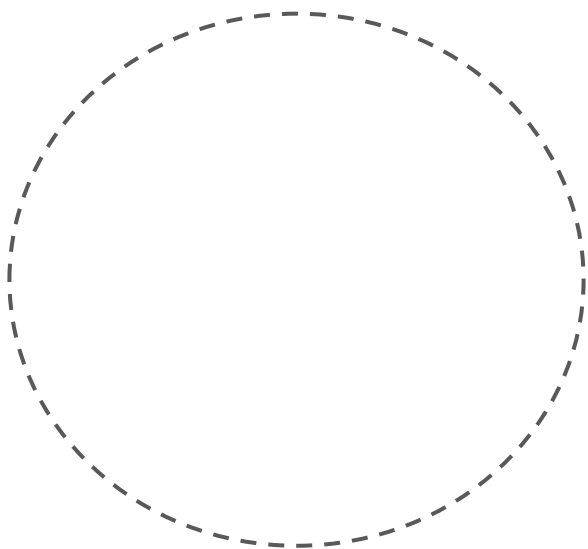
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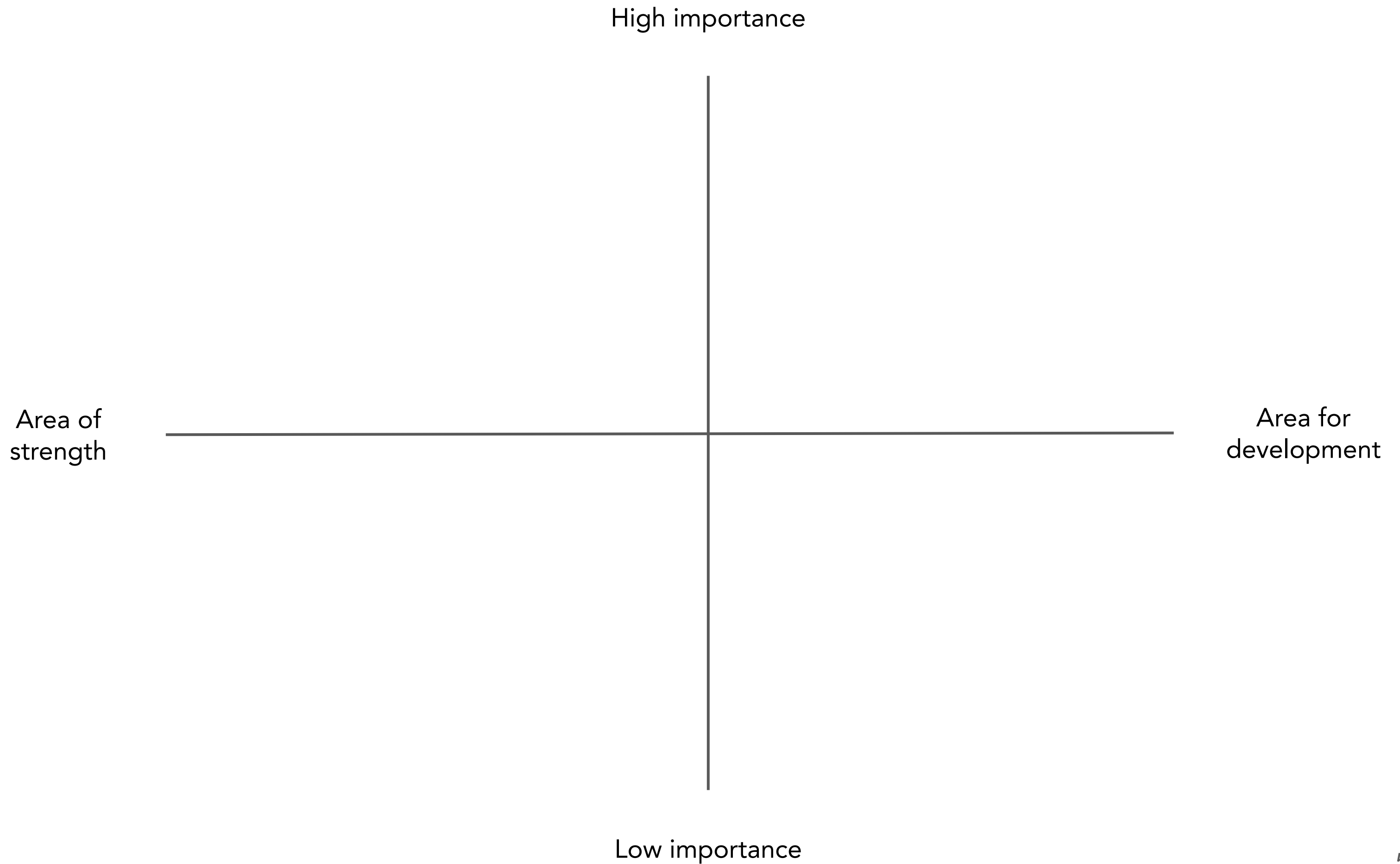


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# Activity 2: plot the partnership features along the x and y axis



# Discussion Questions

Which areas do you want to celebrate and sustain?

Which areas do you want to pay attention to?

What next?