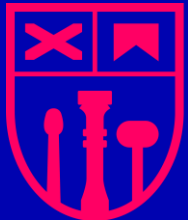


CHARITY STRATEGY



SCOTTISH
SCHOOLS PIPES
& DRUMS TRUST



HISTORY

Our history drives us. The Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust began in 2007 as a small, local initiative with a clear mission.

After seeing the powerful impact of the Prestonpans school pipe band, trustees expanded the charity's reach in 2014.

Since then, we've continued to grow and adapt, providing practical, flexible support that helps schools across Scotland increase piping and drumming opportunities.

2007
East Lothian Pipes and Drums Trust is founded to support activities in Preston Lodge High School

2012
PLHS Pipe Band is established

2013
First Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships held, supported by RSPBA2013

2014
Addition of a freestyle category encourages fusion with other instruments

2014
Apprenticeship programme begins training a future workforce

2015
ELPDT reconstituted as Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust

2015
First bagpipe loan

2019
SSPDT partners with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland for internships.

2016
First Professional Development Forum for instructors

2024
First MusicFest event held on the Mound in Edinburgh

2023
Lending of small pipes begins

2026
SSPDT launch new strategy to sustain the charity's work indefinitely

The background image shows four young women in school uniforms (white shirts, dark ties, and plaid skirts) sitting together. The image is overlaid with a solid blue color. The text 'OUR PURPOSE' is written in bold, orange, uppercase letters. Below it, the text 'To help young people across Scotland learn, achieve and belong through piping and drumming' is written in white, uppercase letters.

OUR PURPOSE

To help young people across Scotland learn,
achieve and belong through piping and
drumming

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that pipe bands are far more than musical ensembles.

They build **teamwork, resilience, confidence, discipline, camaraderie**, and open doors to positive destinations, cultural exchange, and community pride.

This is what drives our work for young people and for Scotland.



VISION

A Scotland where young people and musical traditions thrive

MISSION

To empower Scotland's schools with access to piping and drumming tuition, instruments, and performance opportunities

VALUES

We have integrity

We champion others

We innovate

We are approachable

OUR AIMS

1. Grow and sustain pipe bands
2. Increase participation in musical tuition
3. Improve outcomes for young people
4. Provide inspirational performance opportunities celebrating Scottish musical heritage.



OUR IMPACT

In developing a thriving network of school pipe bands in Scotland, we will deliver:

Improved
attainment
levels

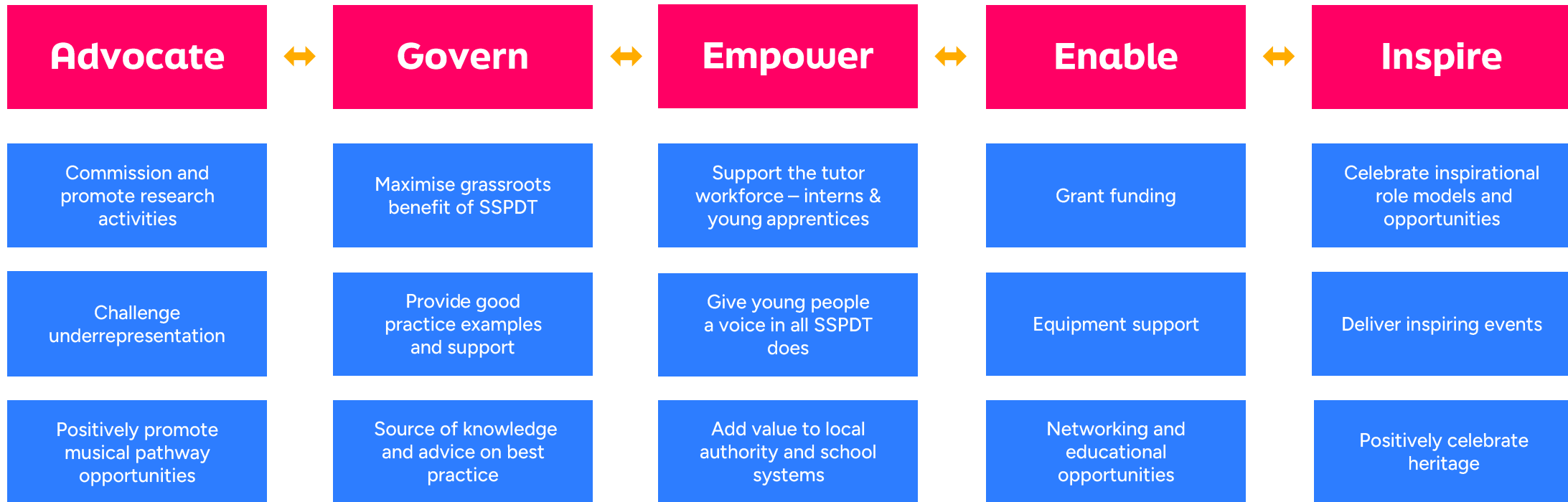
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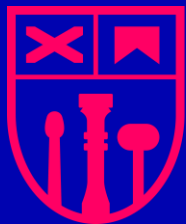
Vibrant living
cultural
heritage

Strengthened
school
communities

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Helping young people across
Scotland learn, achieve and belong...
for generations to come.



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