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Envisioning System Maturity: Accelerating Place-Based Change for Physical Activity.

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'The conditions that will speed up change'

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Our mission:

enable active lives for all by tackling inactivity and addressing health inequalities.

Purpose

- Understand the 9 Conditions of Change and why they matter
- Explore their impact through real-life stories
- Learn how to apply them to your own context
- Leave with a personal pledge for change



Introductions

- Name?
- Where are you from?
- What do you love about where you live/work/volunteer/study?



What is Place-Based Working in Physical Activity?

Place-Based Working means creating physical activity approaches that fit the specific needs, strengths, and context of a local community and its people.

Designed with local people

Focuses on local needs

Builds on the strengths of a place

Aims for long-term change

Place-based working in action

“Nice idea—but how does it change the system?”



Place-based working in Action

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Place-based working = Systemic change through local action

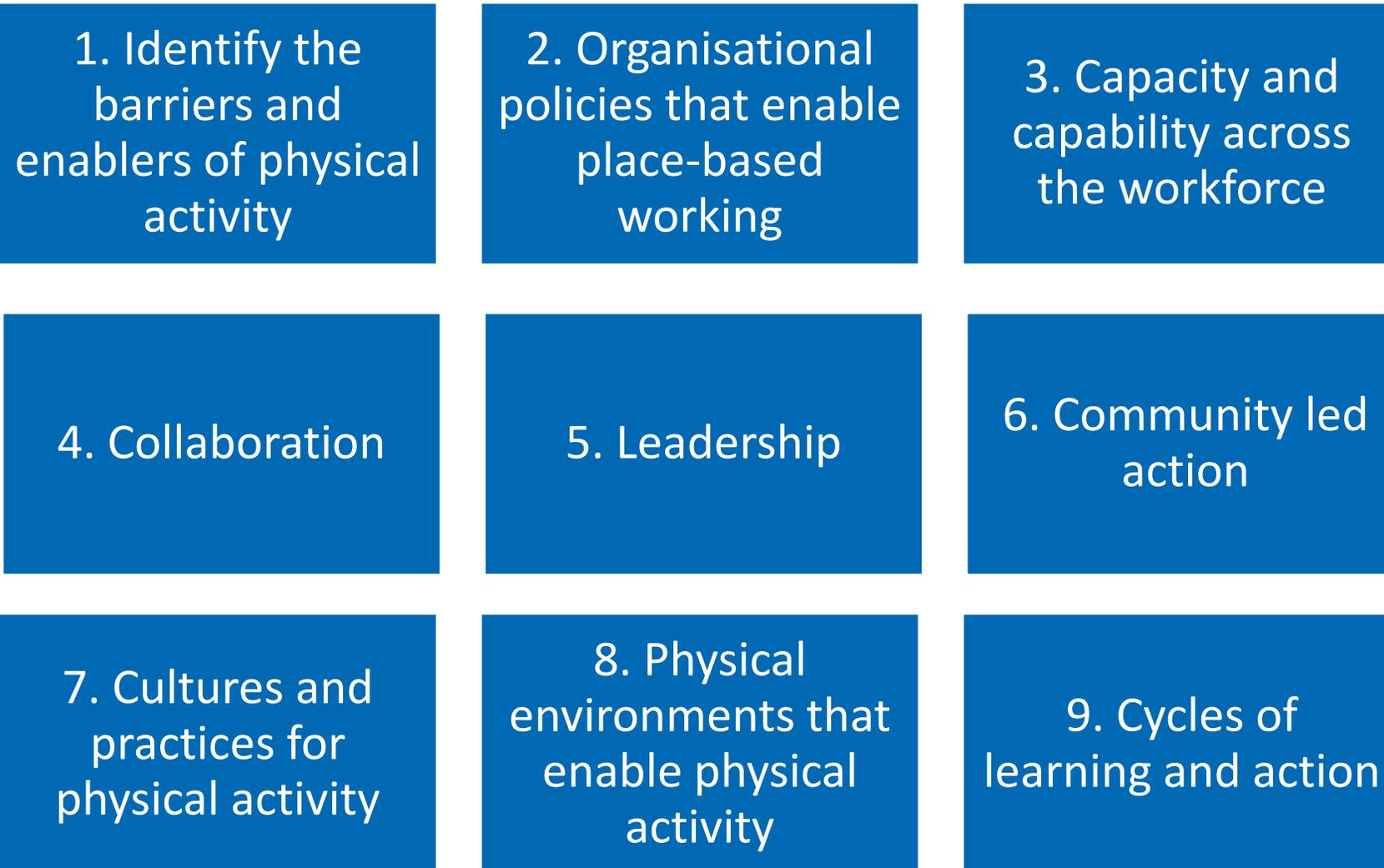


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Shared patterns across 12 national place-based approaches.



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2. Organisational policies that enable place-based working

3. Capacity and capability across the workforce

4. Collaboration

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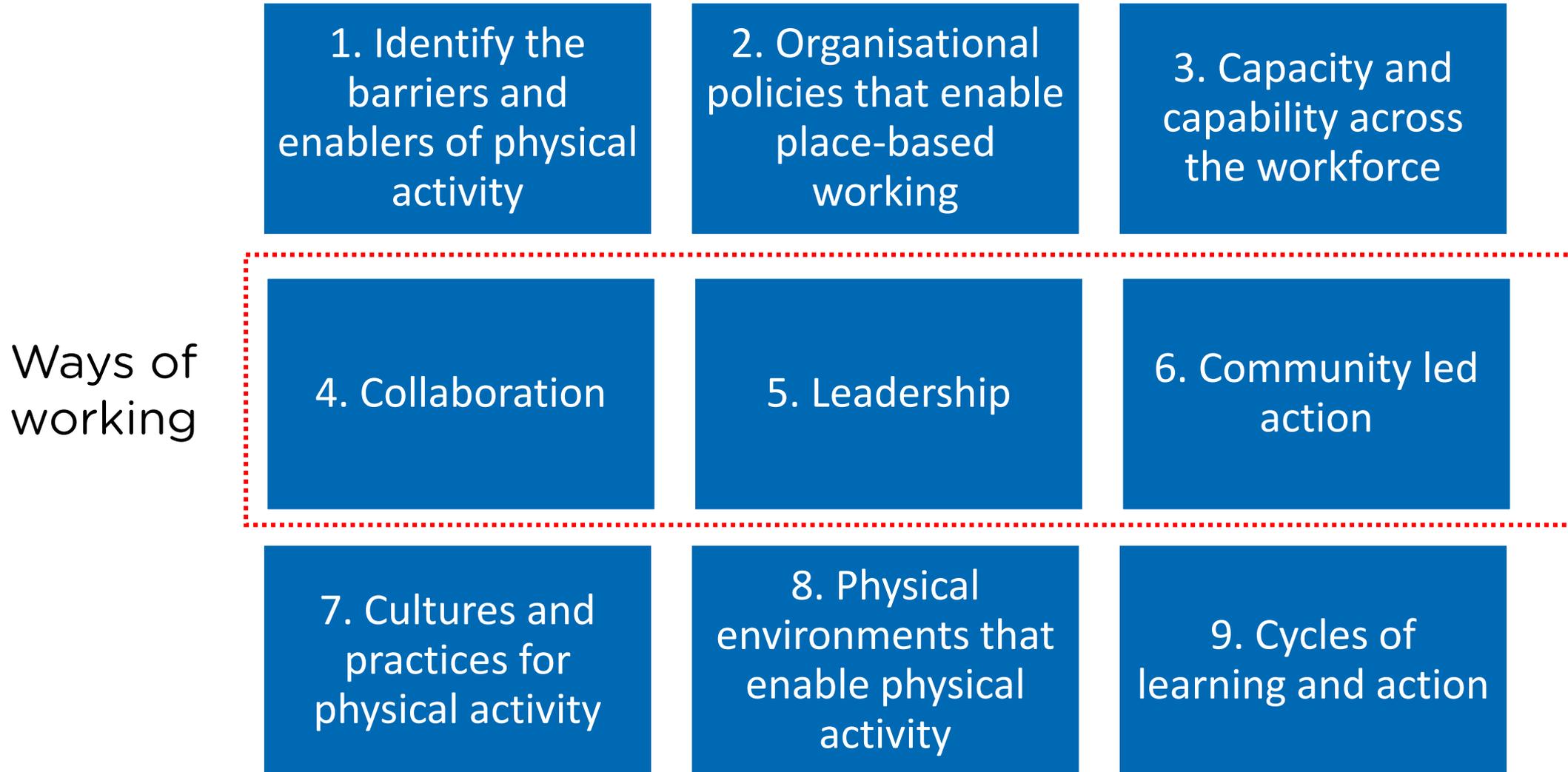
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Embedded Learning

Activity: Explore the 9 conditions

Activity: Gallery walk

What You'll Do:

- Walk around and explore each of the 9 conditions displayed around the room
- Reflect: Which ones are strongest in your work? Which need attention?

Goal: Start a conversation and connect the conditions to your local context.



Activity: Applying the Conditions

Each group will:

- Work from this shared scenario.
- Focus on one assigned condition from the Nine Conditions of Change.

Discuss:

- How this condition helps you understand and respond to the problem.
- What specific actions you could take using this lens.
- What success might look like from this perspective.
- How your approach complements or challenges other conditions.

You'll have 15 minutes to explore and prepare a short summary to share.

Activity: The Brief

- You're part a local partnership exploring how to transform a grassroots sports club into a community-focused asset.
- The surrounding community has high levels of health inequalities and inactivity.

Current situation:

- Excellent facilities but underused during weekdays.
- Strong performance identity attracts athletes but deters wider community use.
- Unintentionally exclusive culture limits access for inactive or non-sporty residents.
- Weak local connections; no role in addressing health or social challenges.

Your Task:

Using your assigned Condition for Change, propose early steps toward a more inclusive, community-responsive vision for the club.



From Performance to Participation: Reimagining the Role of a Local Sports Club

Each group will briefly share:

- The condition they explored.
- A key idea or proposed action.
- One potential challenge and a way to overcome it.



Activity: One Thing I Will...

What Will You Do Differently?

Real change starts with individual shifts. Take a moment to reflect and write your own pledge.

- One conversation I'll start...
- One change I'll champion...
- One place I'll apply this learning...

Thank you!

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