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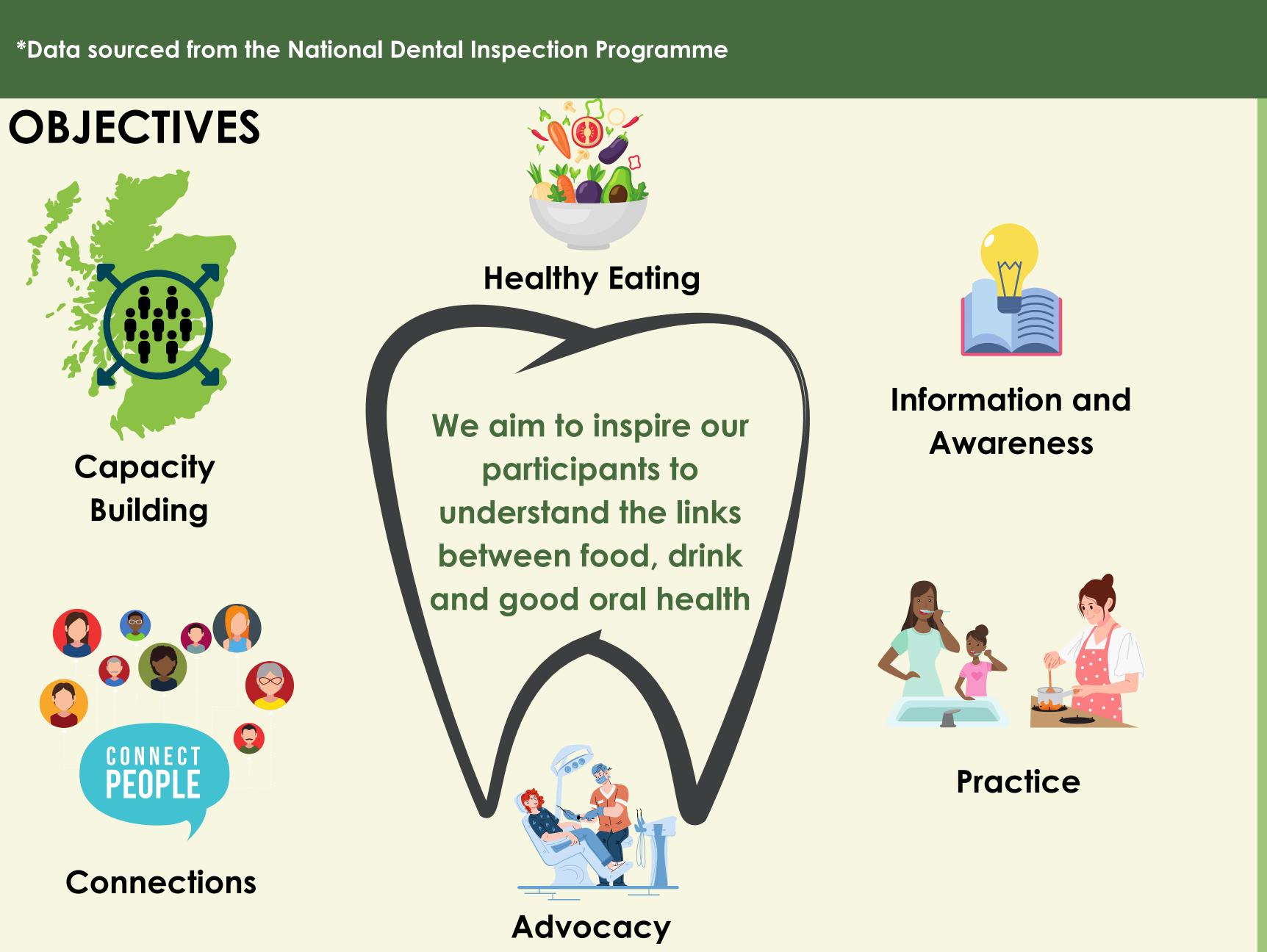
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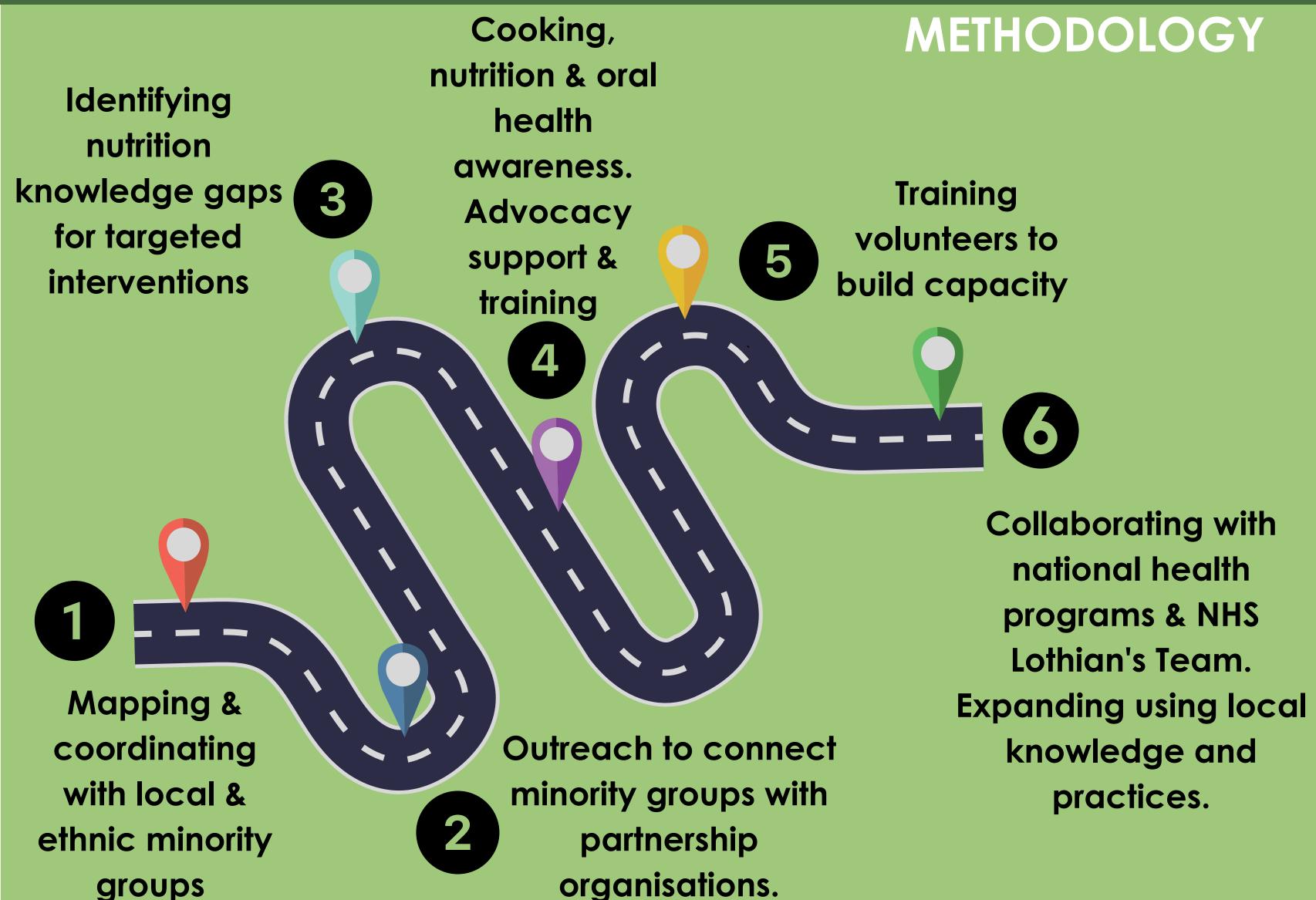
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Children from the most socio-economically deprived backgrounds have the highest levels of decay experience. 58.4% of Primary 1 children are estimated to have no obvious decay experience in the most deprived areas (SIMD 1), compared with 85.8% in the least deprived areas (SIMD 5) - a difference of 27.4%.\*

Eat Well for Oral Health is a community-based food skills and nutrition project aiming to drive oral health improvements for all living in vulnerable circumstances and affected by socio-economic and race inequalities across Edinburgh and the Lothians. It is designed to reduce oral health inequalities by sharing diet and nutrition knowledge and enhancing cooking skills and confidence using a community-based approach.





## **RESULTS** No of households supported 250 200 of participants voted the course between 4-5 stars 150 100 REHIS Eding Well for Older People REHIS FOOD OND HEOLING COURSES Professionals Fussy Editing Professionals Pr Ordl Hedith Awdreness Cooking & Nutrition "I have learned so much. I don't drink as many fizzy drinks and I add more vegetables to my cooking now. I've never been to the dentist for a long time. I've now managed to get an appointment at the dentist for my son and I. Thank you for your support" - Josefa





# Neutral "I have a better understanding 9.5% of the link between food/drink and good oral health" Strongly agree 47.6% Agree 42.9%

## **FUTURE EXPECTATIONS**

groups

For sustainability, and scale and spread across Scotland, we will develop:

- a 'Train the Trainer' package to support community group staff and volunteers with skills and knowledge to lead and manage groups.
- a digital NHS Open Badge: a bite-size learning programme.
- a Staff Toolkit for NHS staff, community practitioners and volunteers.



Our project has demonstrable & sustained impact on the families & communities we support and we look forward to working with partners across the sector in Scotland to implement this approach.