

Social Fundraising in 2025: Current State of Play

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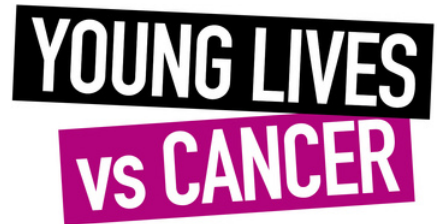


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Introducing Social AF



In Today's Session

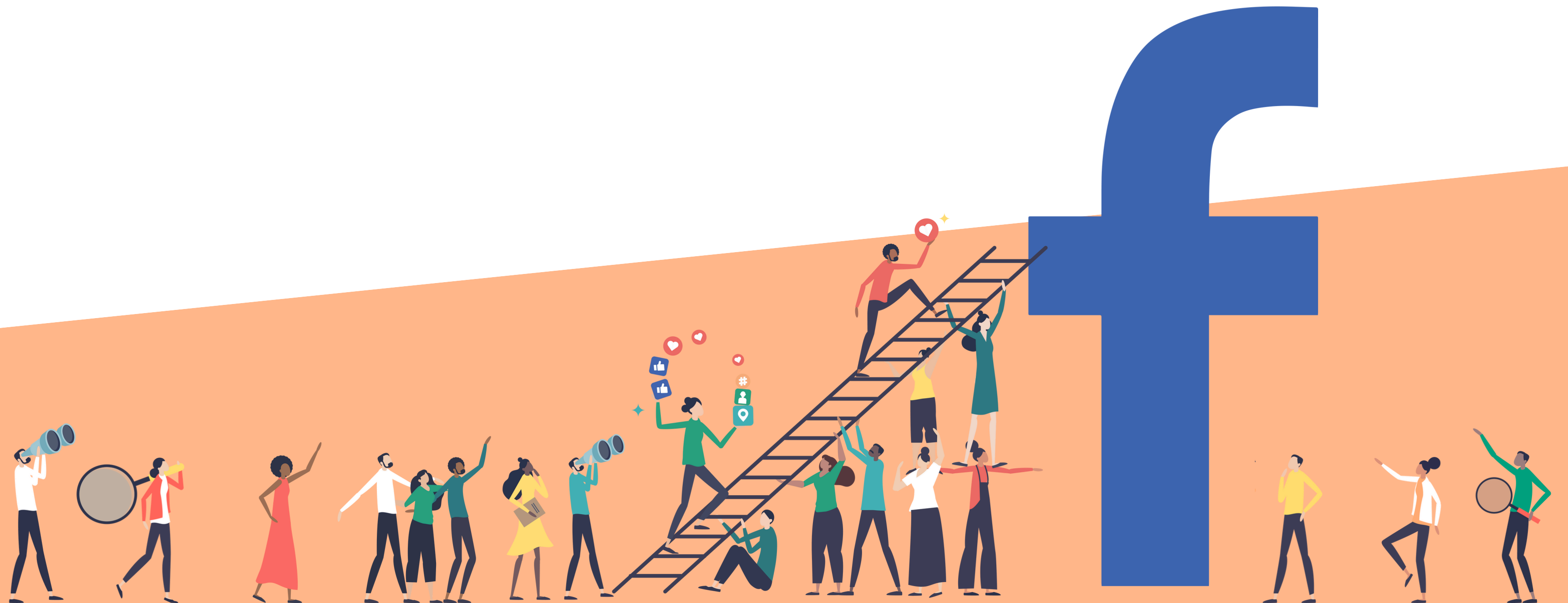
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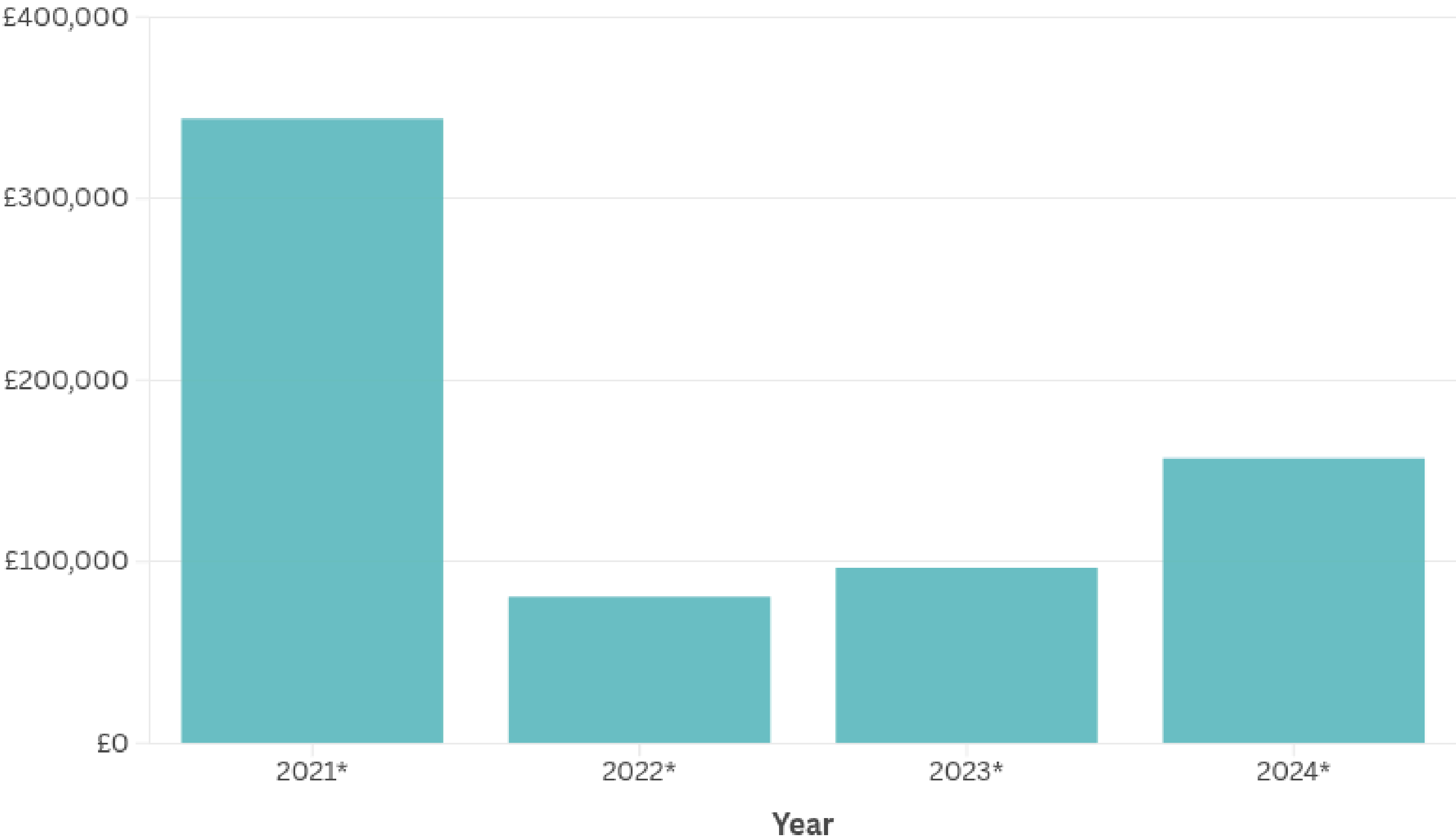


Why have Facebook Challenges
been so successful?



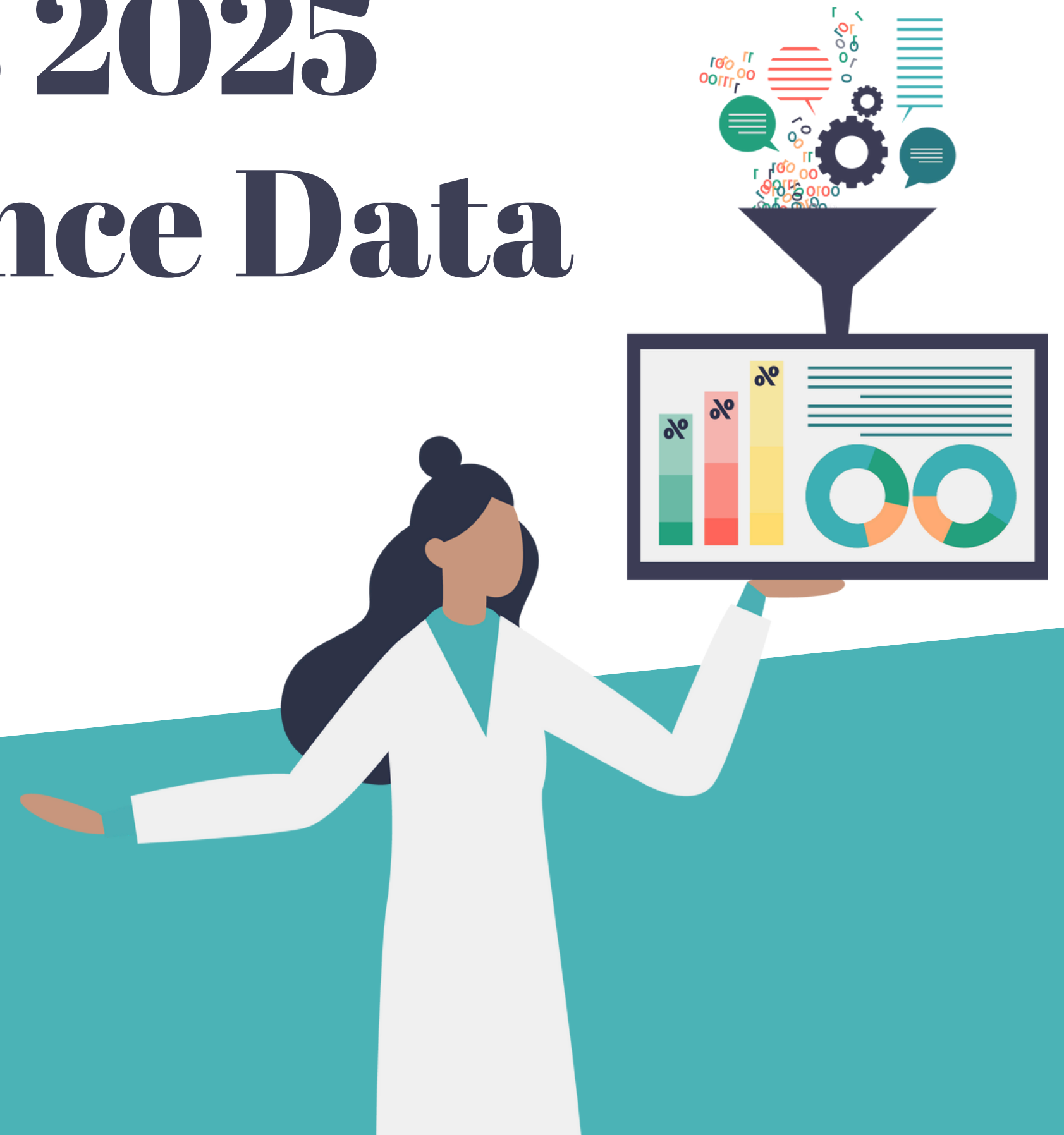
Average raised year on year

Indicative income raised



2025?

2024 vs 2025 Performance Data



2024 vs 2025 Performance Data



- ◆ Overview
- ◆ Established challenges performance
- ◆ Average raised year on year

2024 vs 2025 (so far)- Overview



****Important note!****

£ raised per
group member
has increased by

13%

(now at over £57 PGM)

Group posts have
reduced by

1%

Group sizes have
decreased by

12%

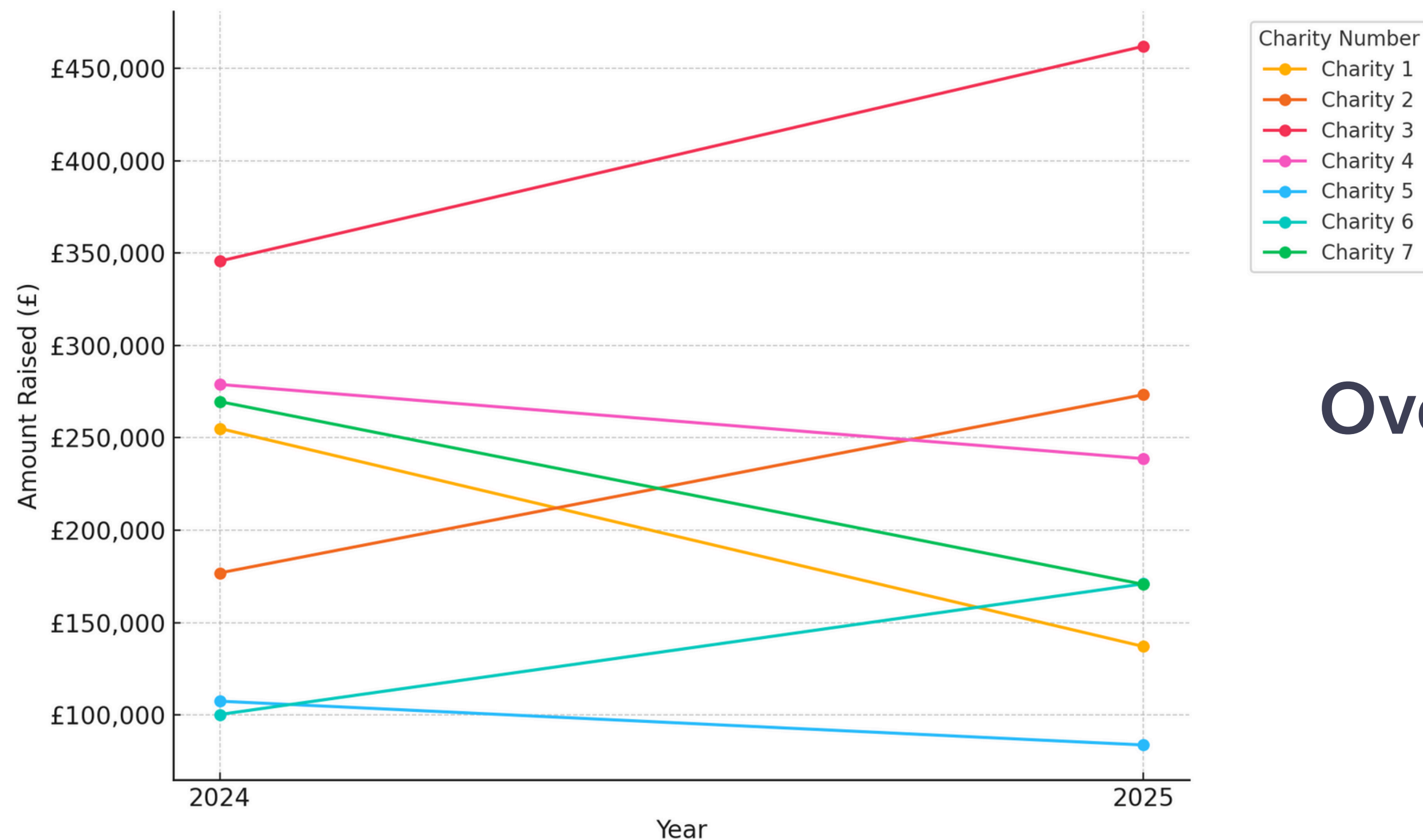
Active fundraisers
(£1+) have
increased by

18%

Active members
have decreased by

2%

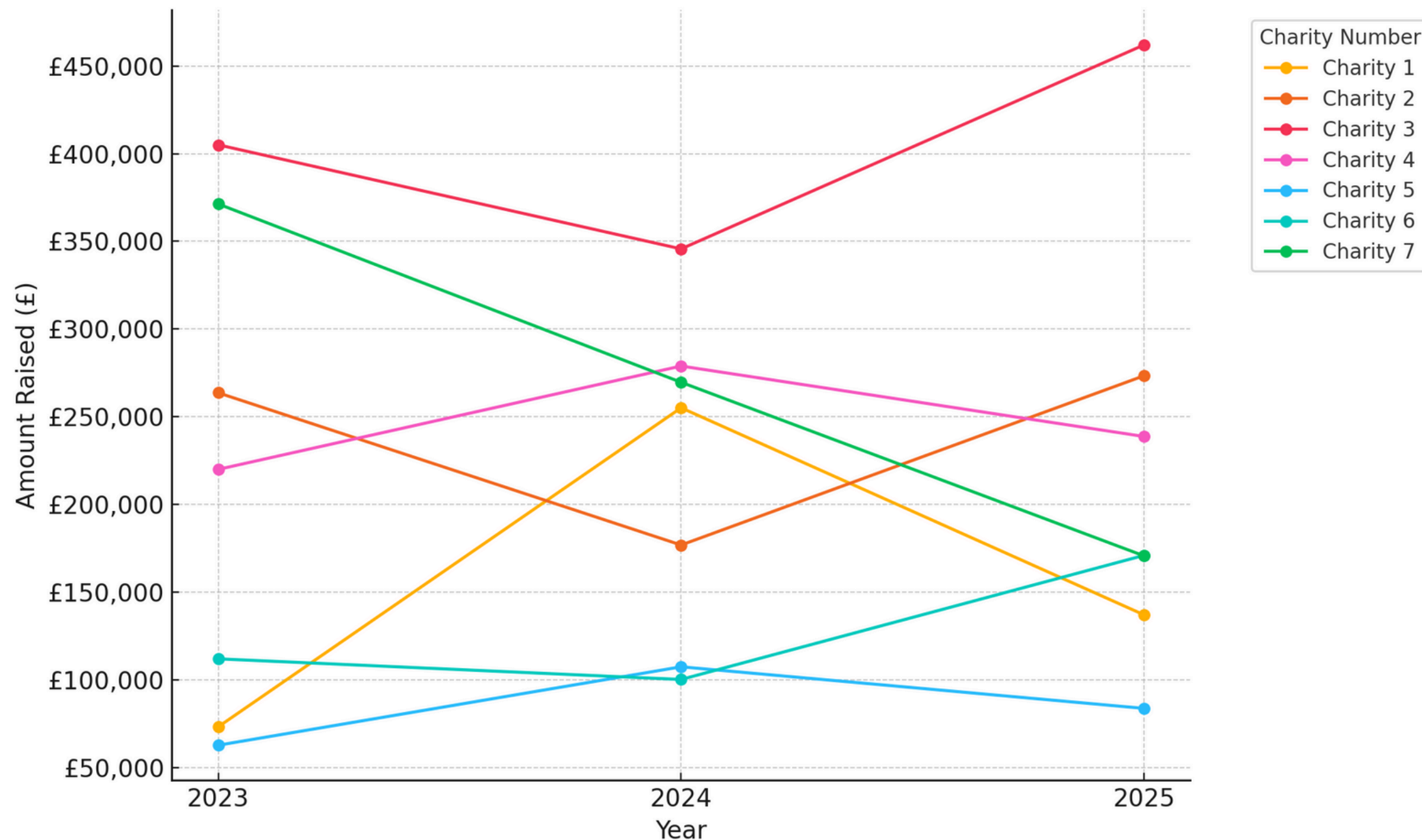
Established challenges 12 months apart



Overall growth
of 6%

The bigger picture - Established challenges

24 months apart

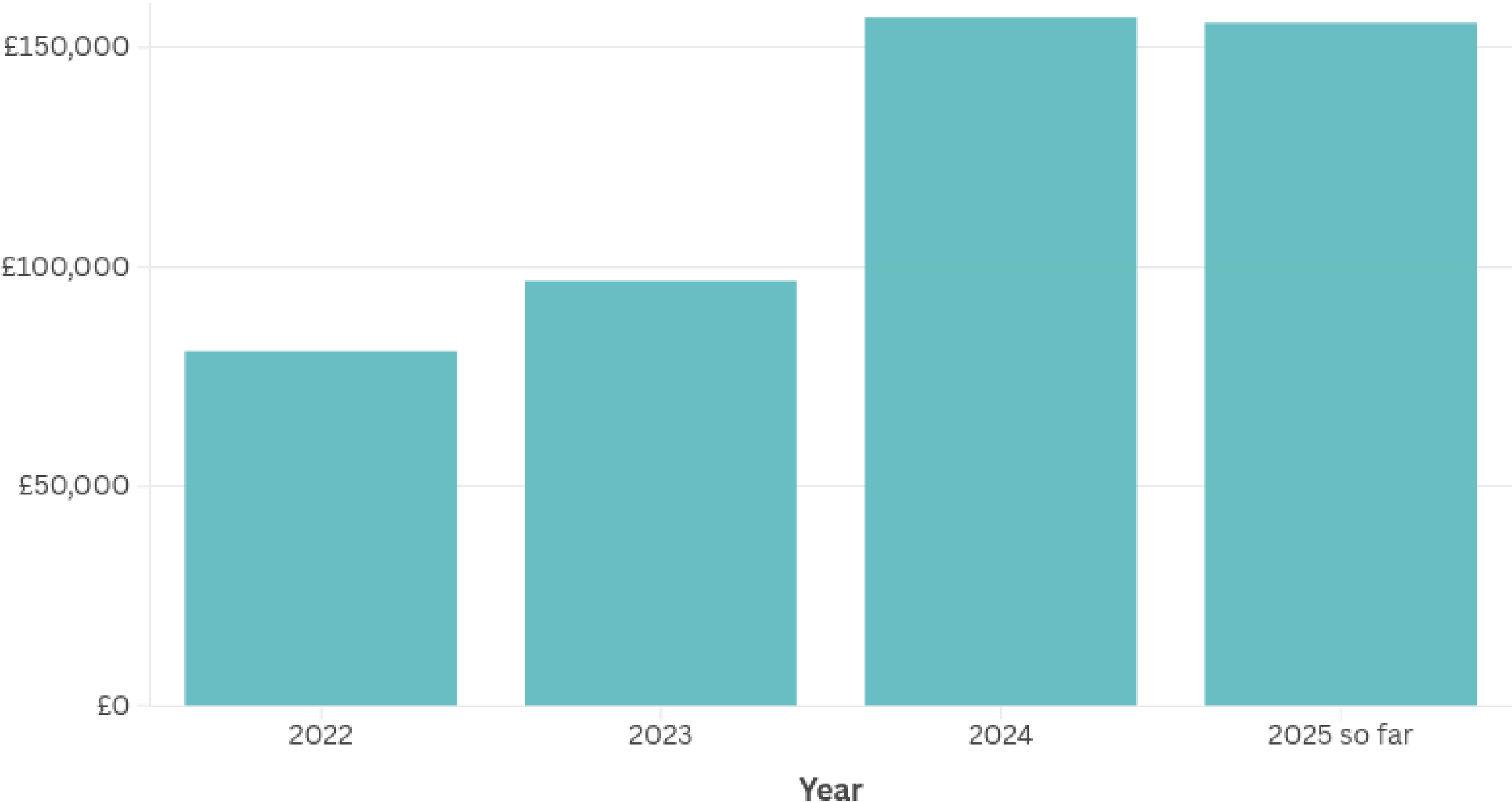


**21% average
increase from
2023 to 2025**

Average raised year on year



Indicative income raised



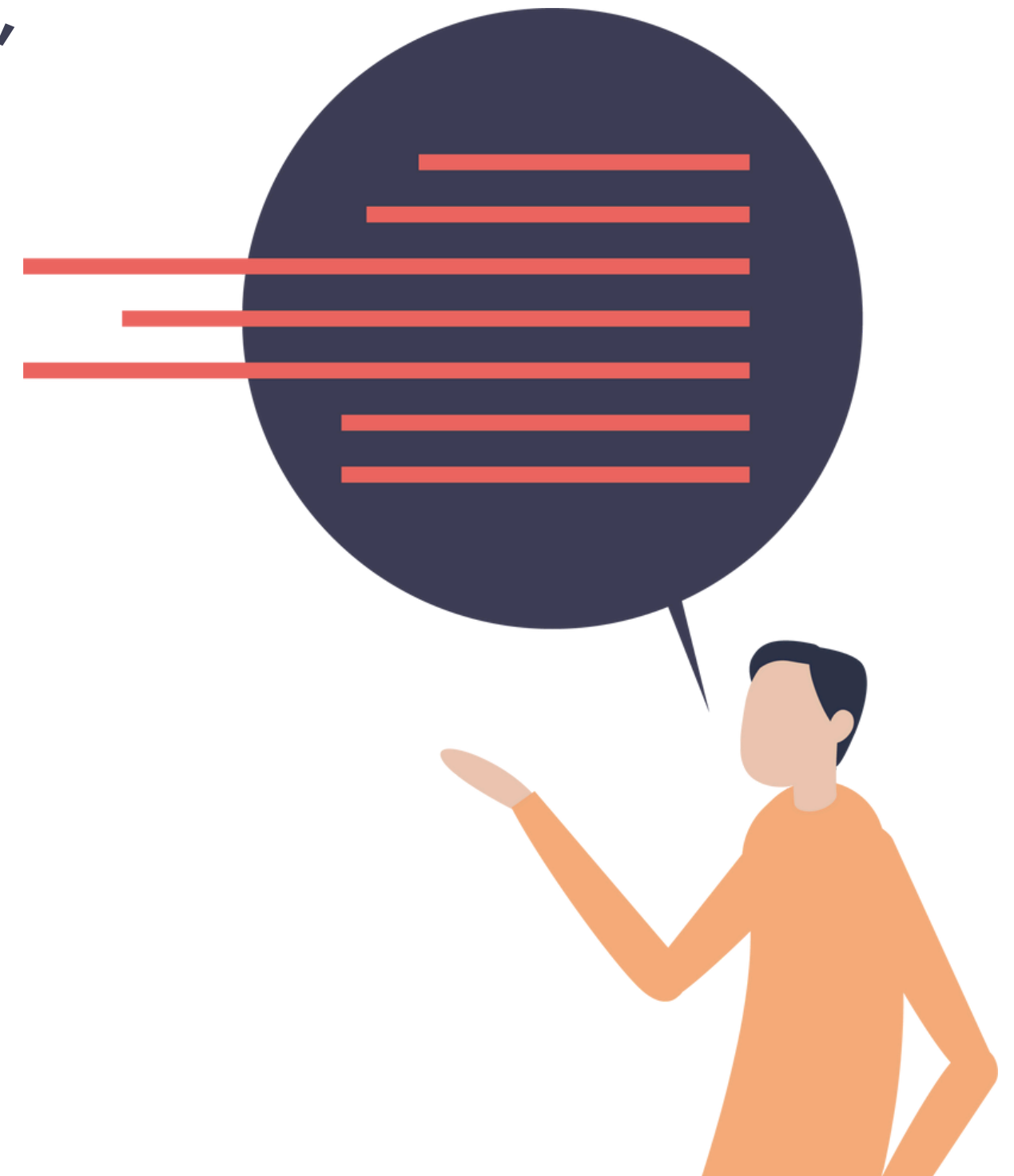
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- ◆ *“Younger people no longer use Facebook”*
- ◆ *“Usage of Facebook has decreased”*
- ◆ *“Cost per lead has increased”*
- ◆ *“Change the registration flow”*





“Younger people no longer use Facebook”



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Facebook users in United Kingdom
January 2020



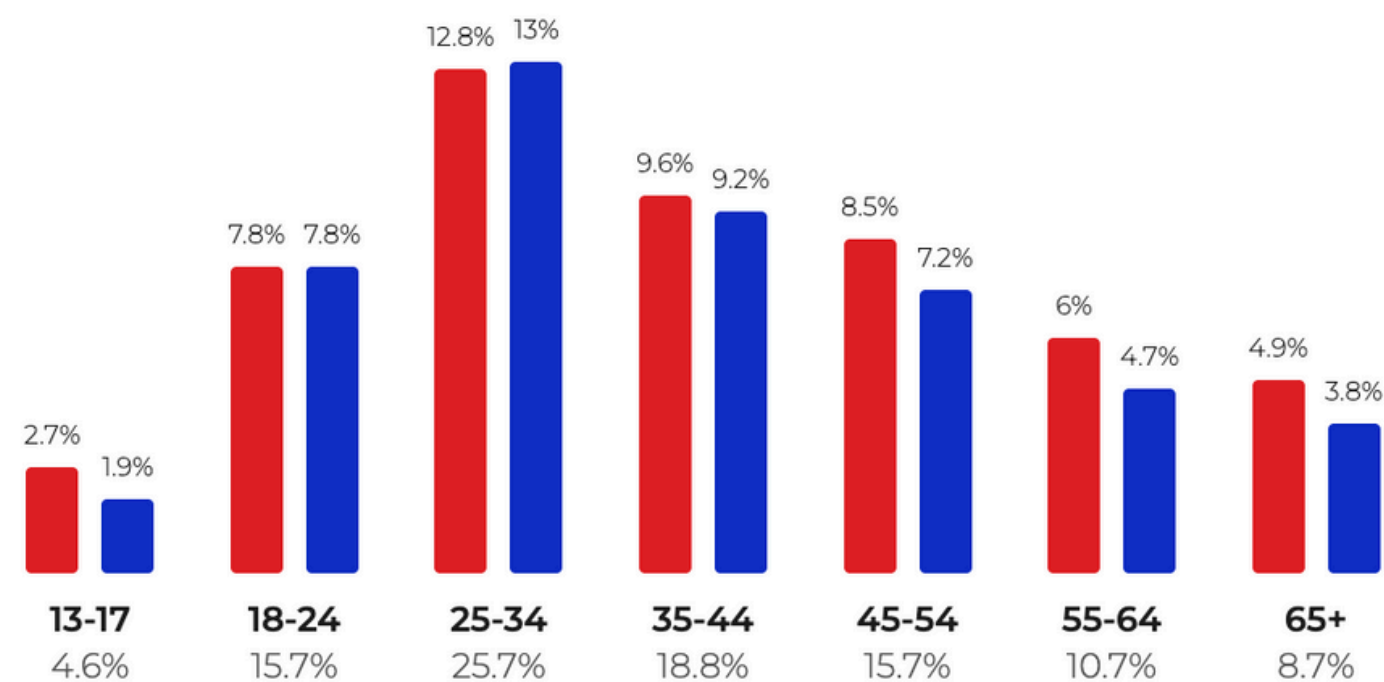
44 670 000



52.4%
women



47.6%
men



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June 2025



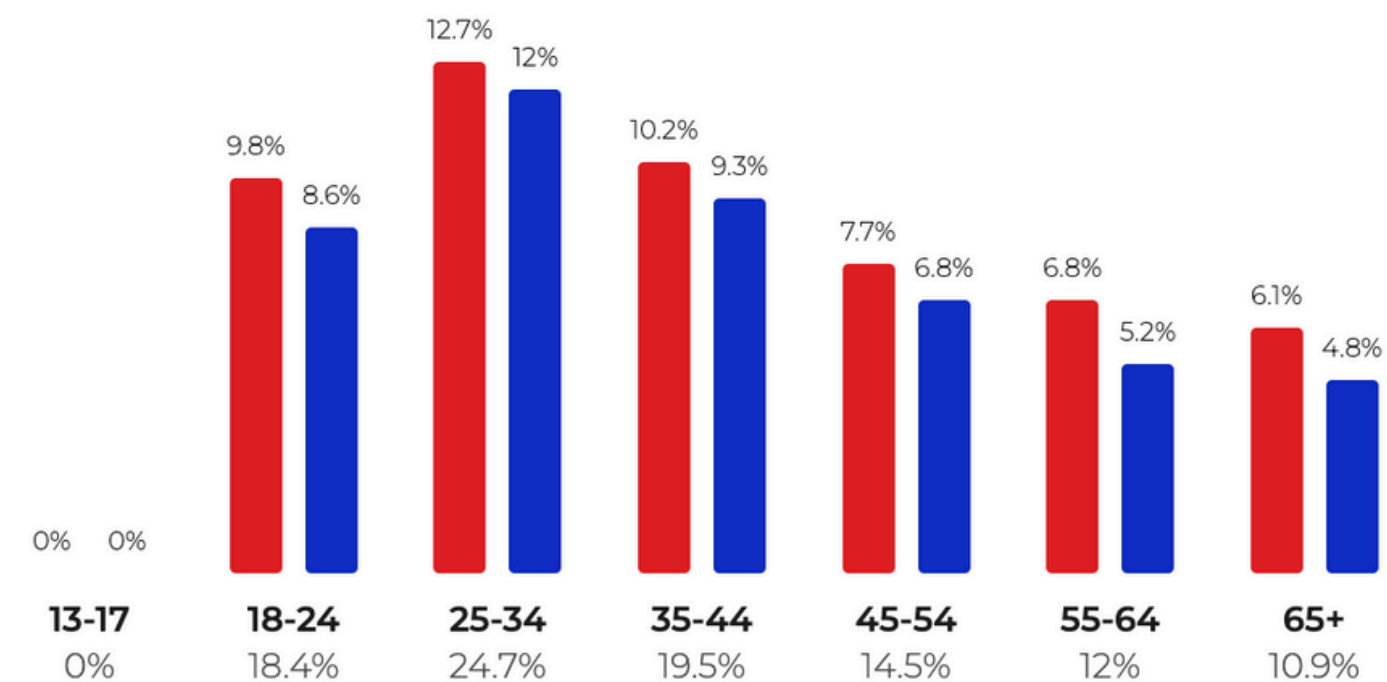
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53.3%
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46.7%
men



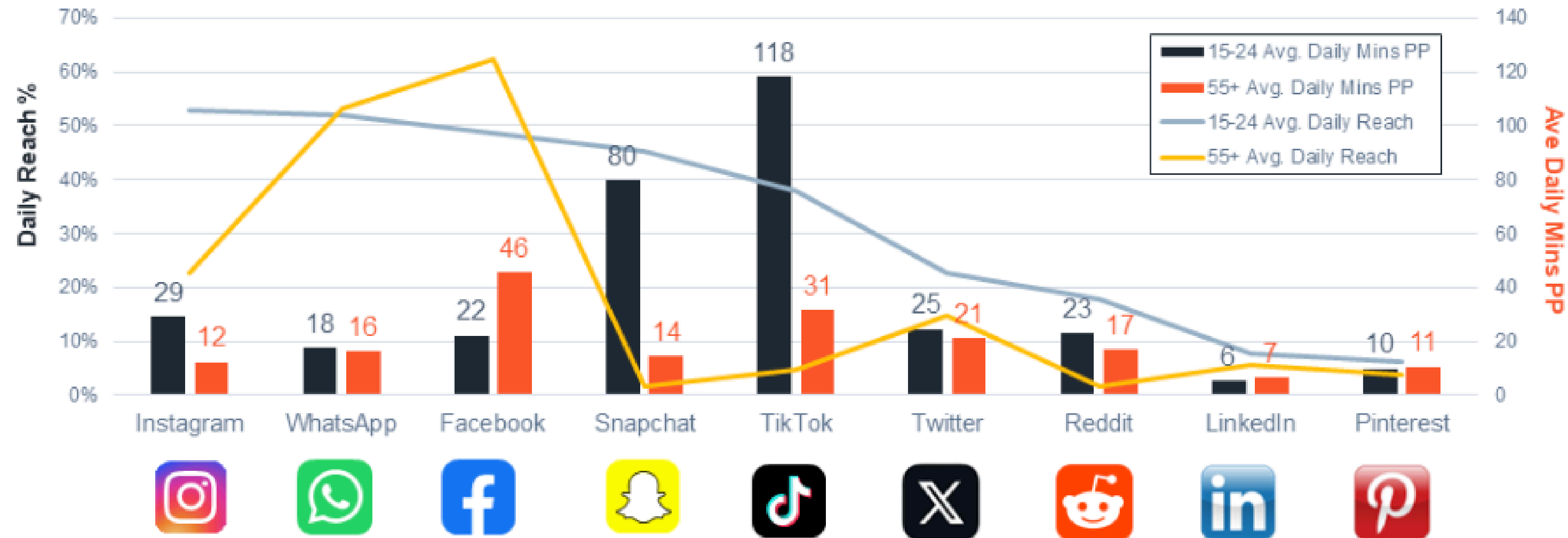
“Younger people no longer use Facebook”



Social media reach & time spent: 15-24s v 55+



More 15-24s use Instagram and WhatsApp but they spend MOST time on TikTok. Facebook is still the dominant platform for those aged 55+



Source: UKOM Ipsos iris Online Audience Measurement Service, August 2023

Social Media selected are at the Brand Group (BG) level from Ipsos iris. Facebook includes both Facebook and Messenger.

“Younger people no longer use Facebook”



Average age of UK
challenge
participants
44*

Our most popular
group age
demographic
35-44

*Massive Participation Pulse Report

“Younger people no longer use Facebook”



**Do we agree
with this
statement?**

“Younger people no longer use Facebook”



YES!!

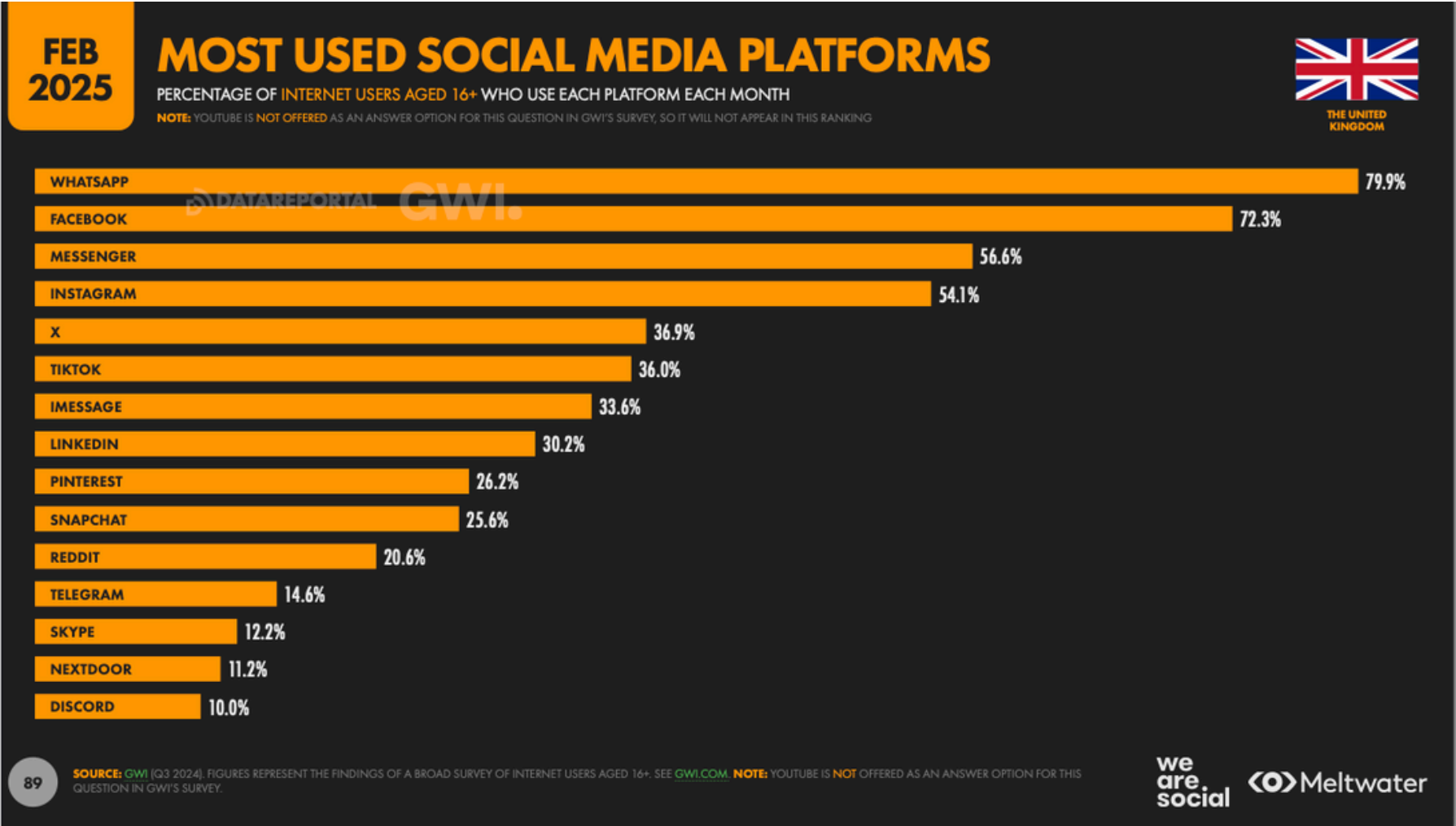
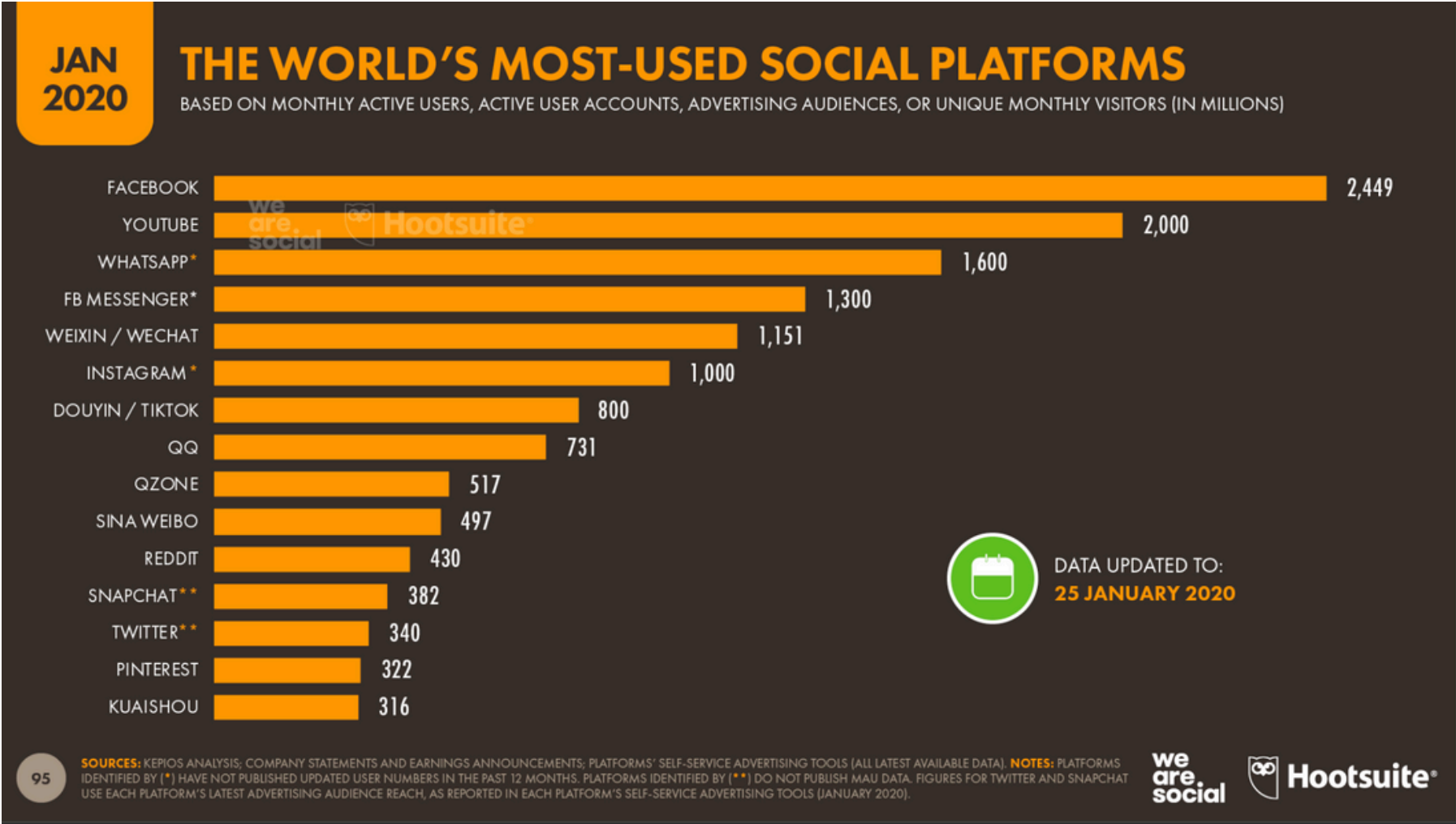




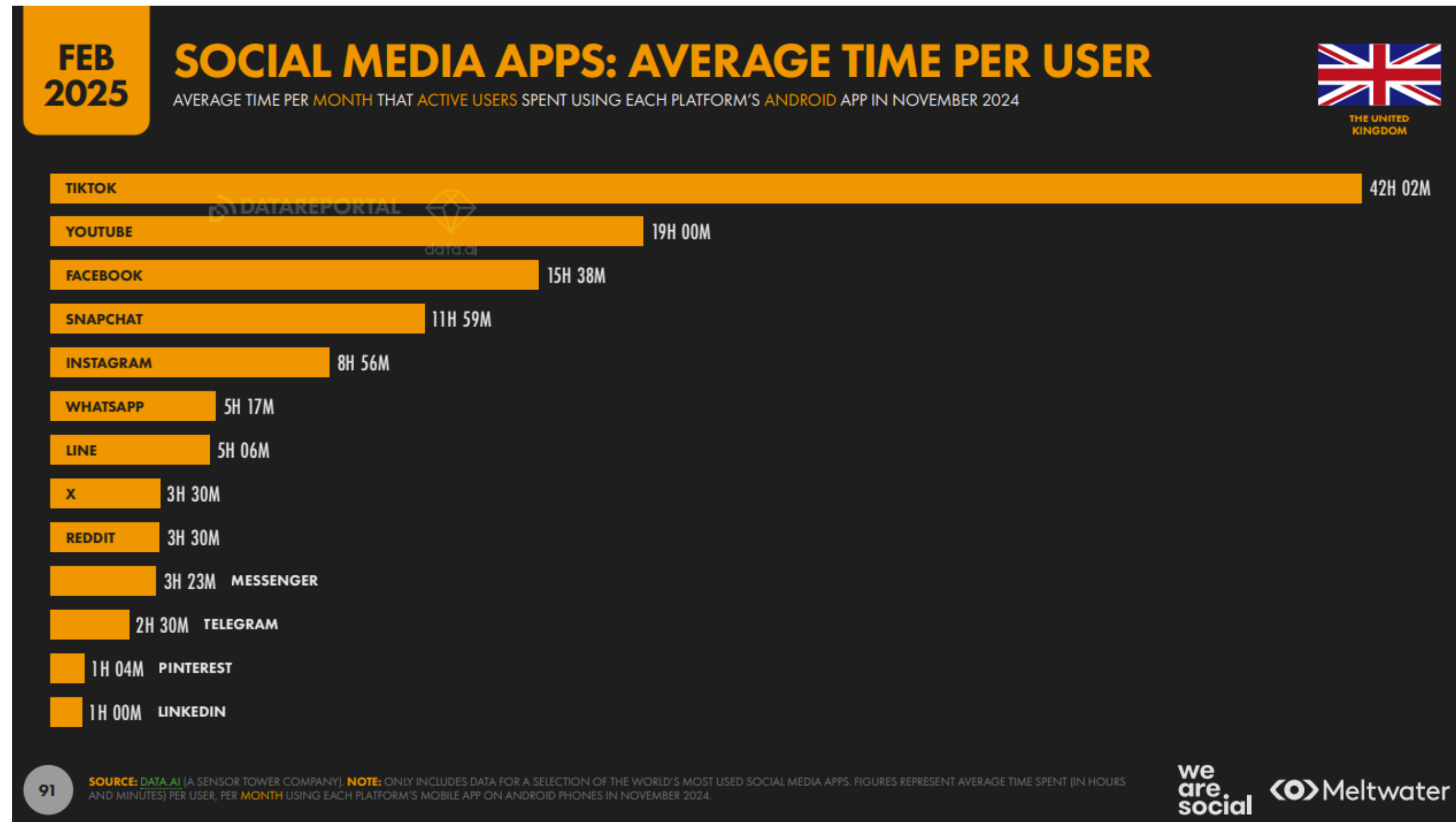
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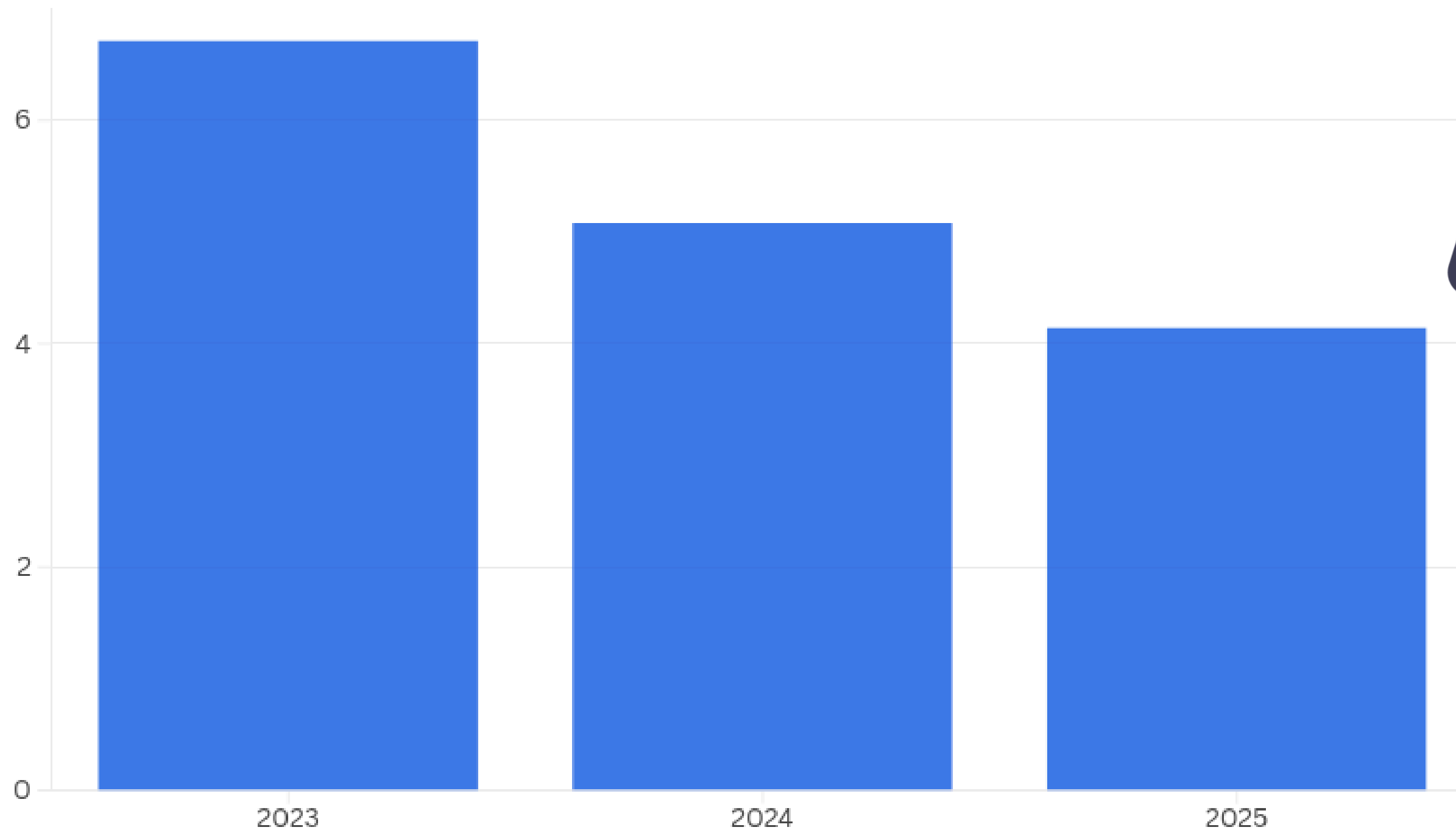
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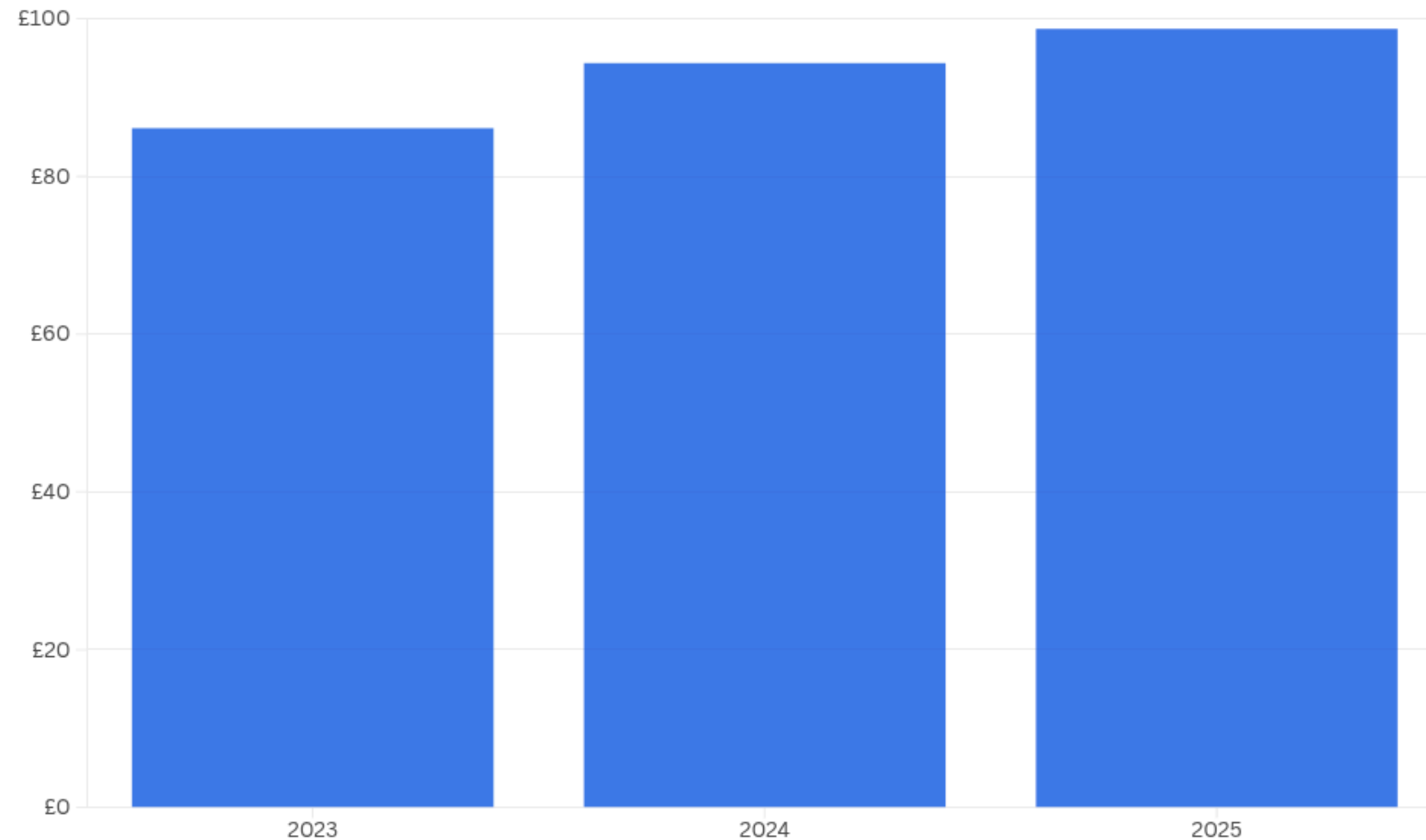
Comments PGM



“Usage of Facebook has decreased”



£ Raised Per Group Member



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“Cost per lead has increased”



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According to Bluestep - cost per lead for Facebook Marketing has increased by an average of 30% (24 vs 25)

Despite this,
group sizes have
decreased by just

13%

£ raised per
group member
has increased by

15%

Registration
conversions are
up by

8%

Active
fundraisers have
increased by

18%

“Cost per lead has increased”



**Do we agree
with this
statement?**



“Cost per lead has increased”



YES!!





“Change the registration flow”



“Change the registration flow”



Traditional

Lead form → FB group → Registration & Fundraiser

Alternative

Lead form → Registration & Fundraiser →
FB group/alternative community



“Change the registration flow”



2024

traditional reg flow - 3,206 registrations

2025

alternative reg flow - 2,737 registrations

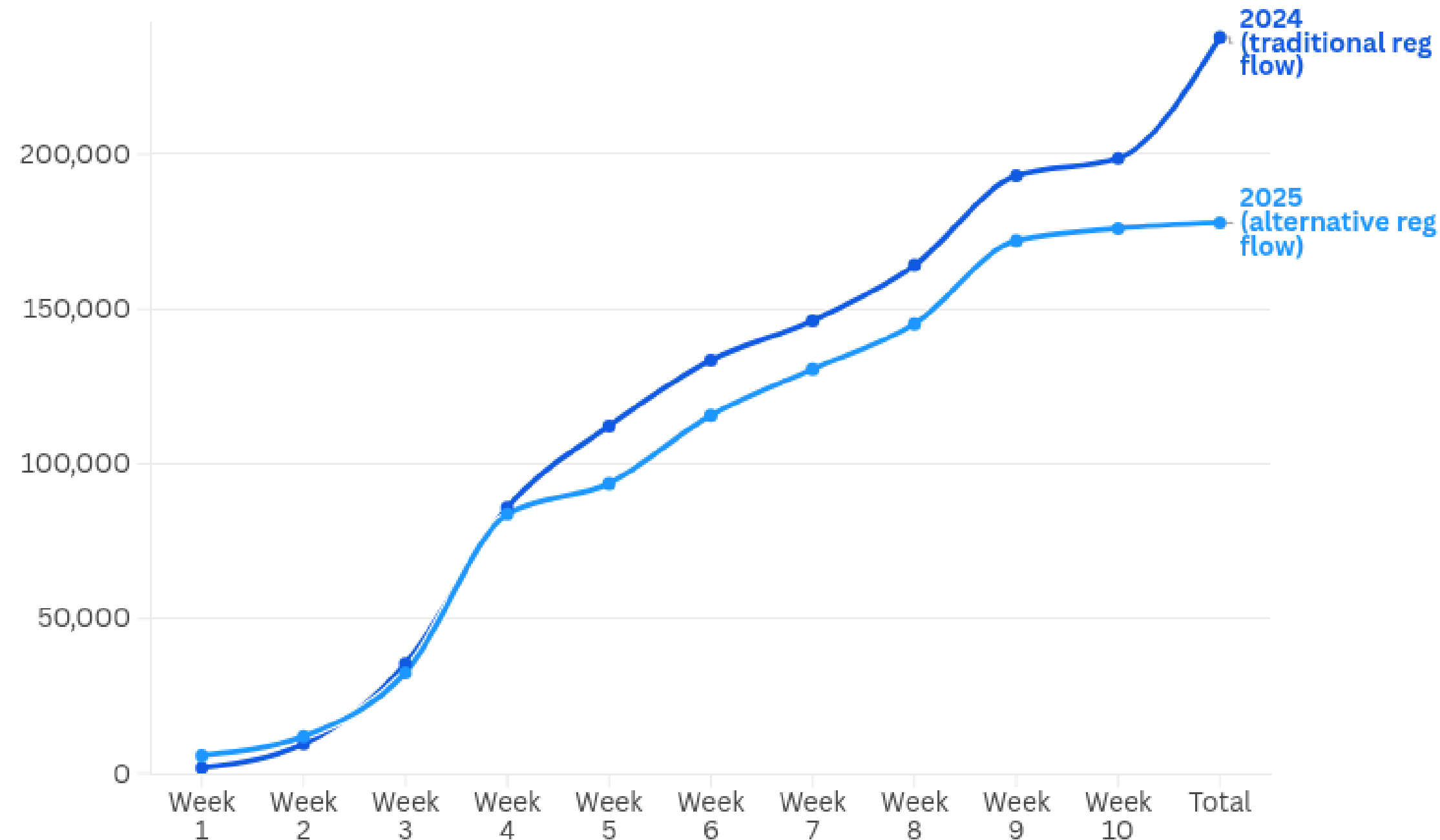
What about the income?



“Change the registration flow”



Traditional vs Alternative



**34% decrease
in income**

**Significantly
smaller group**

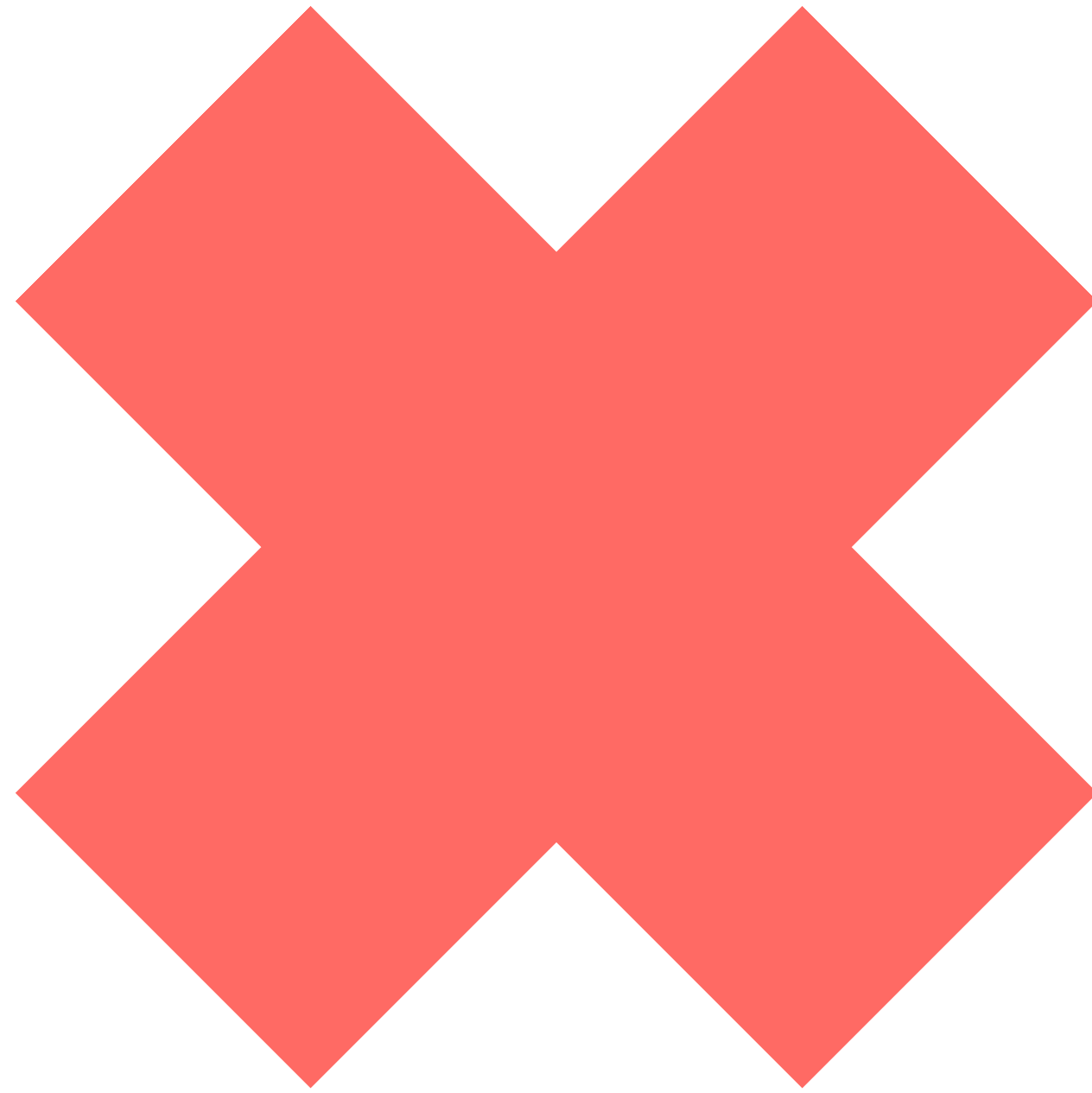
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What the future holds



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- ◆ Alternative platforms
- ◆ Communities
- ◆ Key considerations

Alternative Platforms



CASE STUDY



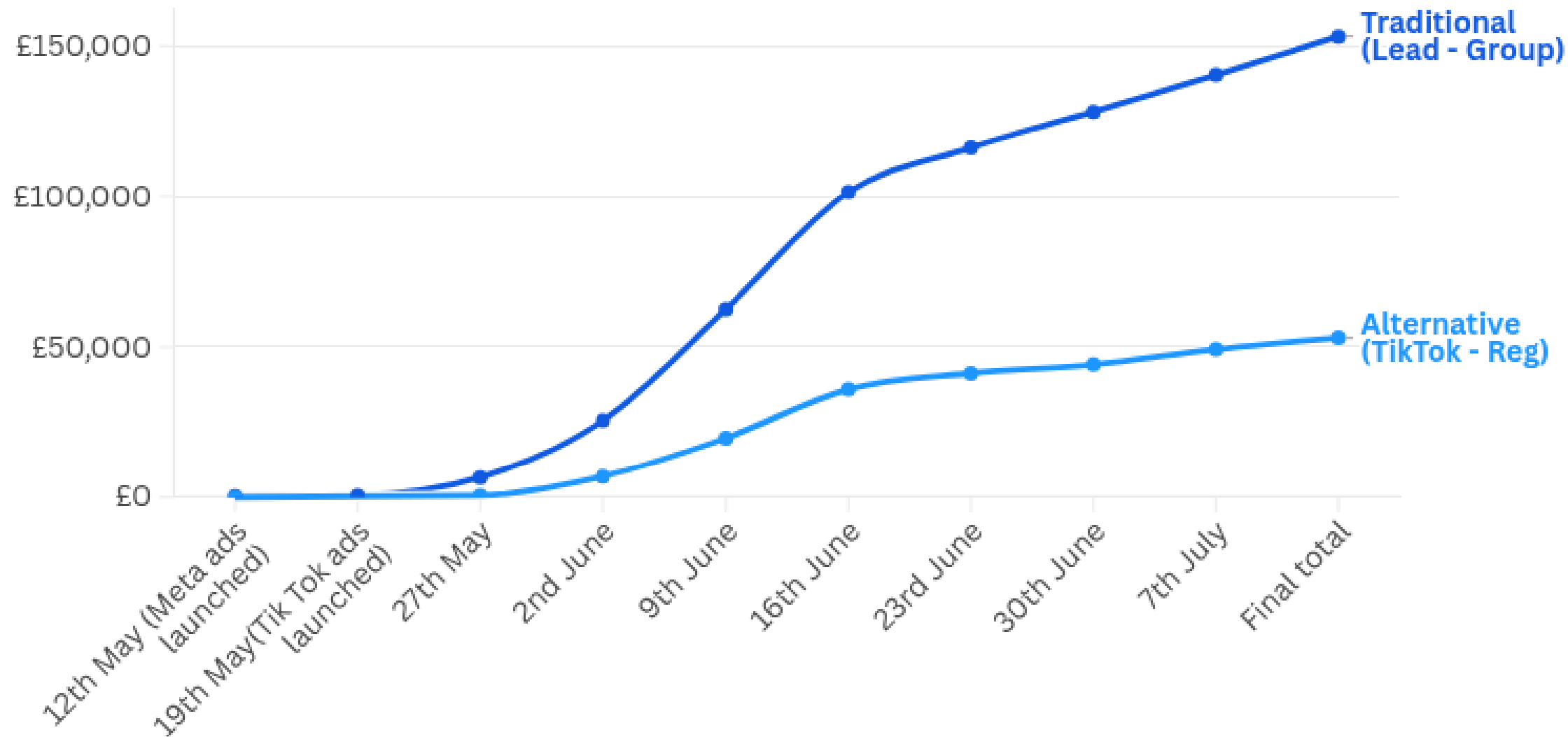
- 3,000 Push Ups in June
- Trialled a hybrid approach using both traditional and alternative reg flows
- Marketing on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok

Alternative Platforms



Teenage Cancer Trust - Hybrid Approach

Total income



Week by Week

£206,156 raised
(up from £134k last year!)

ROAS

Traditional - 1:5.10
Alternative - 1:3.80





Communities



Communities



→ **Strava**

→ **WhatsApp**

→ **Facebook**

→ **No community**

**Why do
communities
work?**



Communities - Strava

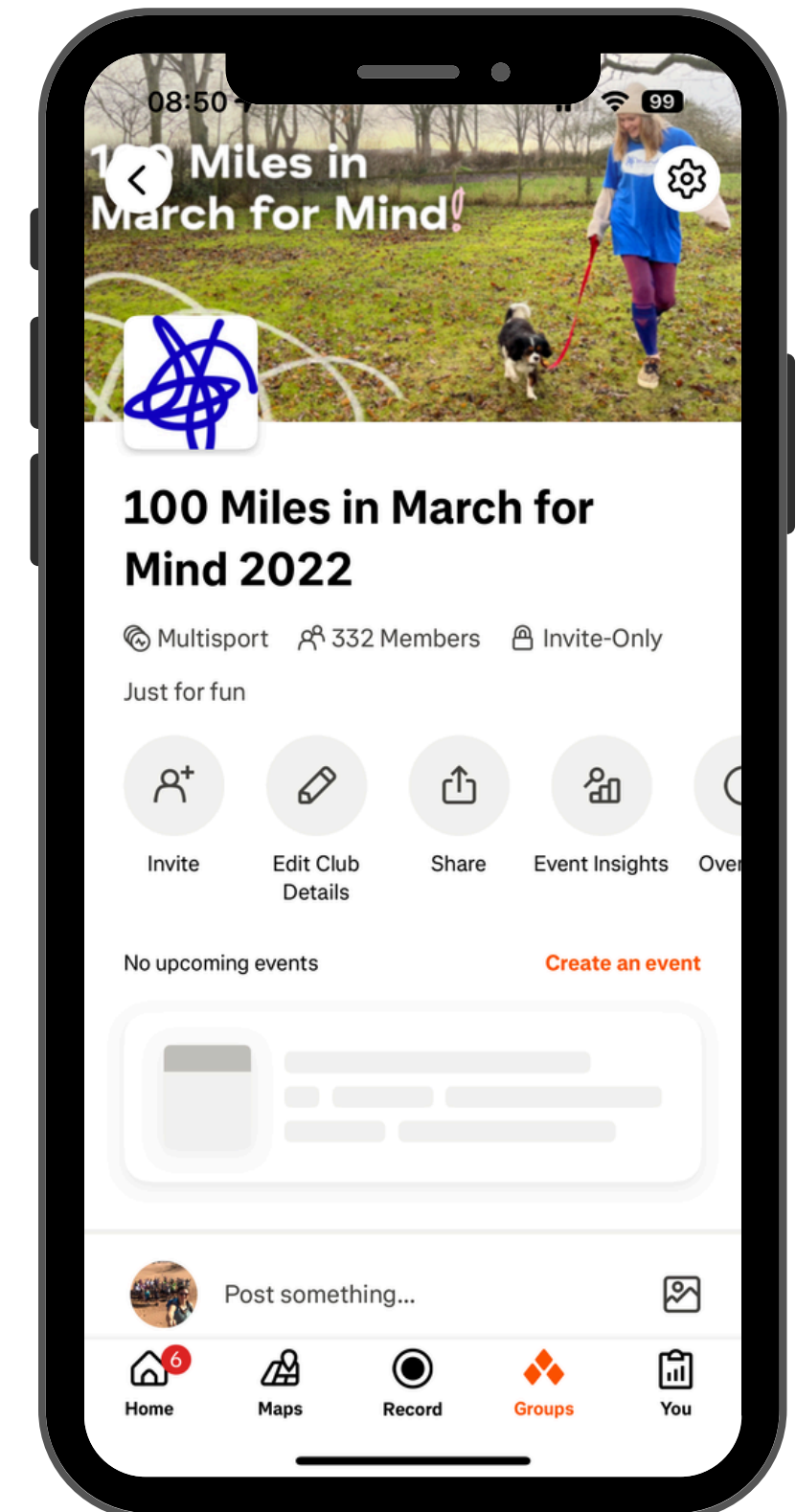


Pros

- Activity automatically uploaded*
- Charity could add content to 'posts' section
- Can comment on activity, users can also share their own posts

Cons

- Limited admin tools
- No happy medium for accepting new members
- No logical way to follow traditional reg flow



Communities - WhatsApp

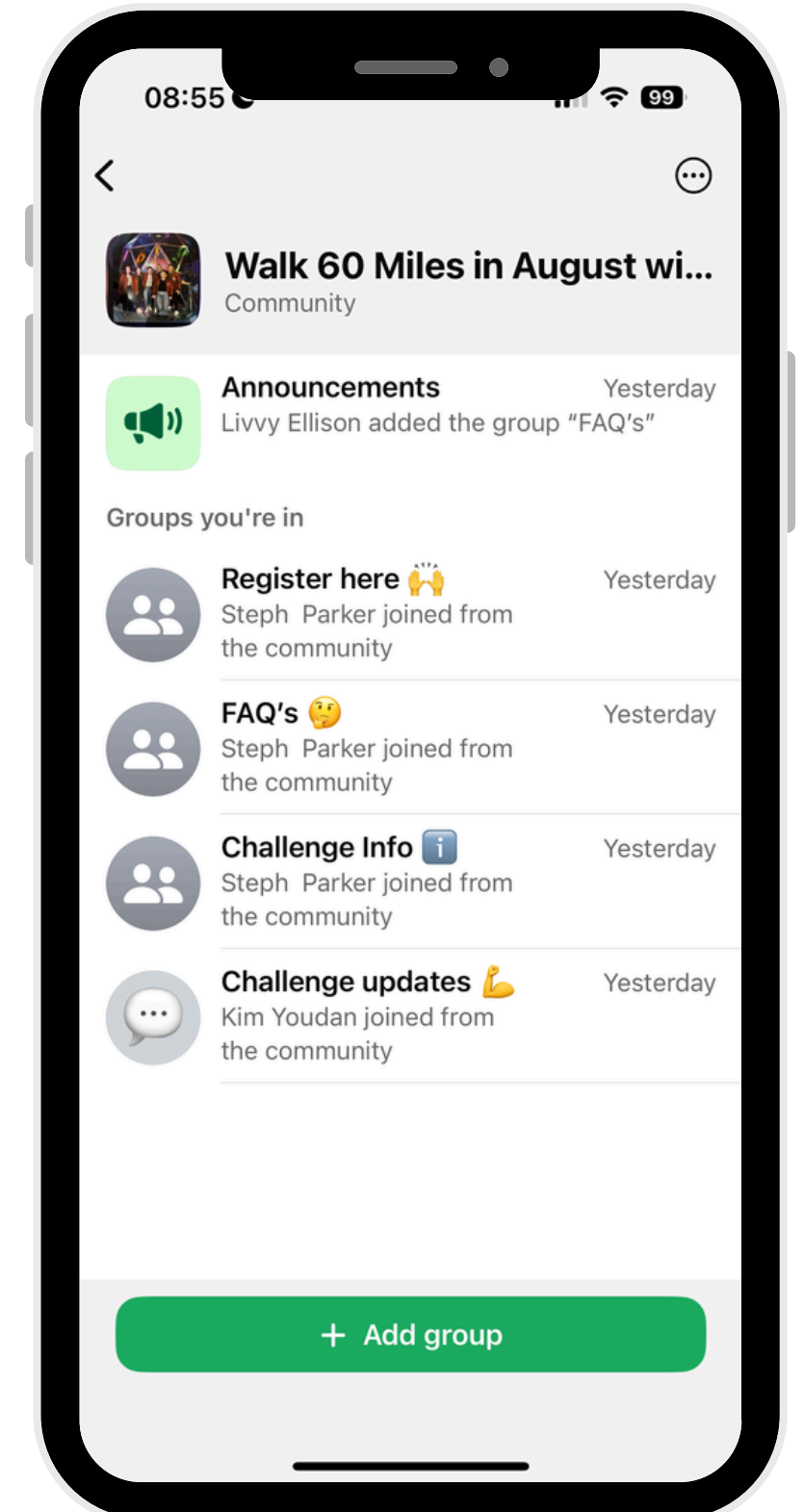


Pros

- Most popular social platform
- Really tidy look and feel - easy to follow
- Participation per channel is more elective - is this a good thing?
- Potential for logical way to follow traditional reg flow?

Cons

- Everyone gets all notifications by default (limited control over this)
- Participation and interactions very public - would have to amend moderation style
- Limited admin tools
- **Huge GDPR issue**



Facebook

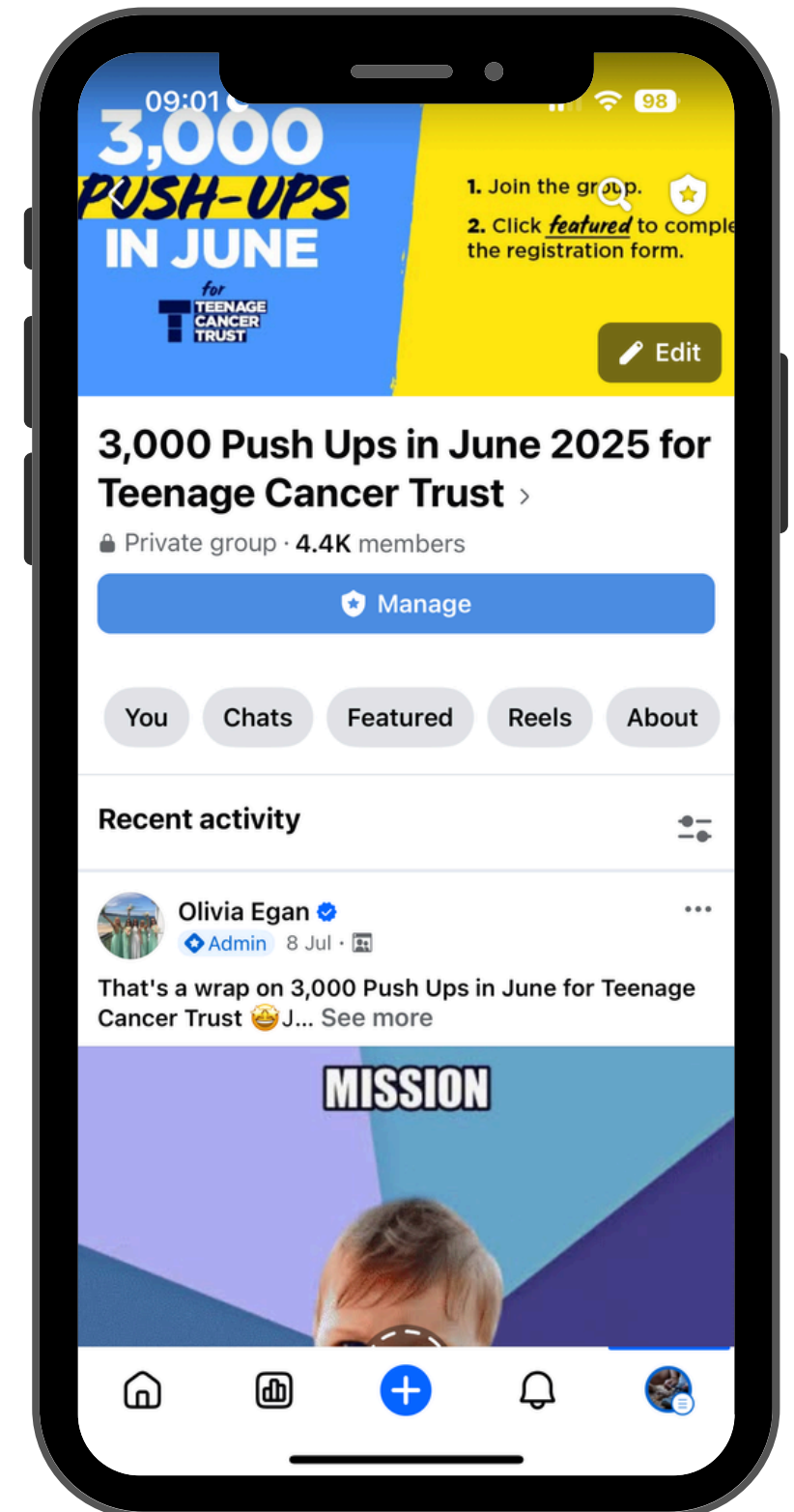


Pros

- Tried and tested method
- Comprehensive admin tools
- All activity goes into main feed
- Has a social element as well as challenge
- Logical to use for traditional registration flow

Cons

- Reduced visibility of featured section
- Some features not as effective as they used to be
- Reduction in engagement may have impact in longer term



No community

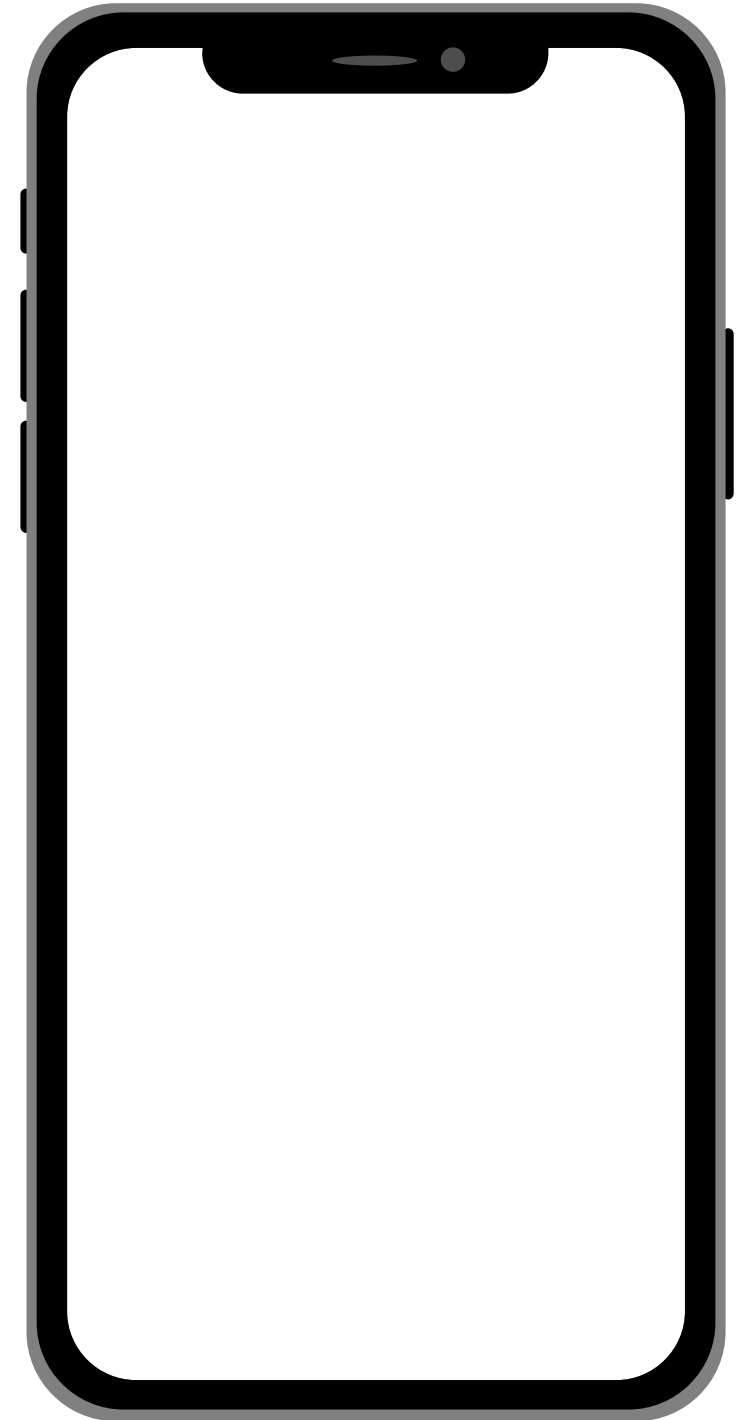


Pros

- No time/financial commitment

Cons

- Challenges revert to being solo rather than mass participation
- Limited/no supporter contact
- Poor supporter experience





Key considerations for the future



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- Longevity of Fb marketing only
- Innovation
- Supporter experience is key
- Embrace learnings quickly



Key takeaways



Cost per lead has increased but so has the quality of participant

Cater to your supporter demographic

Traditional reg flow is still strong - community element is key

Any Questions?



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Experts in Social Media Moderation



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