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DELIVERING SOCIAL CHANGE

# Before & After Review





# Social Enterprise Incubation Hubs

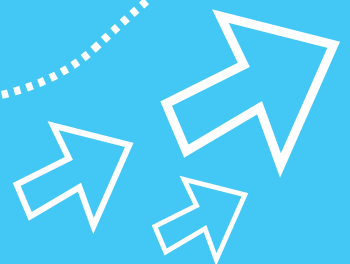
In October 2012, the NI Executive launched the Delivering Social Change framework to tackle poverty and social exclusion in Northern Ireland. Signature projects were then established to take forward each of the six central strands of the framework. One of these, Accelerating Social Change, was designed to tackle the lack of local employment by encouraging business start-up within local communities, and to help to address the issue of local commercial vacancy rates.

At the core of the Executive's objectives for this pilot project was the establishment of at least 10 Social Enterprise Incubation Hubs, with at least one hub in each of the 9 Social Investment Fund zones. The Department for Social Development was tasked with identifying and securing suitable premises for the hubs and has now established 11 hubs across Northern Ireland. In addition to the hubs established in each of the four Belfast SIF zones and the Derry~Londonderry zone, the following regional towns were chosen to host a hub, based on commercial vacancy rates and proximity to neighbourhood renewal areas:

- Western SIF Zone: Enniskillen and Strabane
- Northern SIF Zone: Ballymena
- Southern SIF Zone: Lurgan
- South Eastern SIF Zone: Downpatrick and Lisburn

Each hub contains training/conference space, together with facilities for hot desking. The hubs also offer retail space for test trading. The hubs have brought back into use a total of 26 buildings across Northern Ireland, representing over 39,627 sq ft of vacant or under-used commercial space.

This brochure shows the visual transformation of the buildings which have now been brought back into use for the purpose of assisting in the incubation of new Social Enterprises. This is in line with the overarching aim of the Social Enterprise Hub Signature Programme which was designed to enhance local derelict premises and lack of local employment by encouraging social enterprise business start up within local communities through an action learning pilot programme.



# Ballymena

**Northern Hub:**

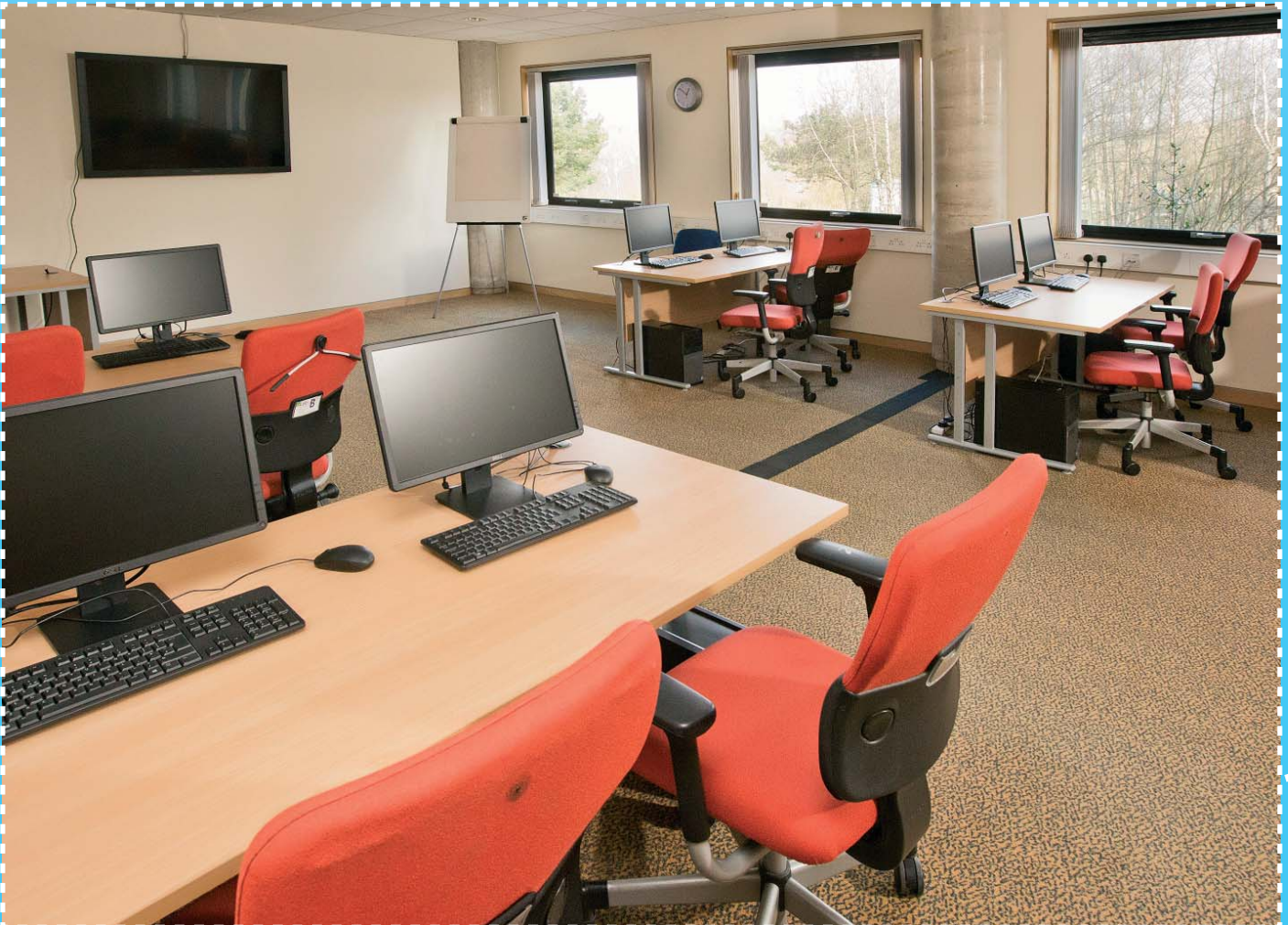
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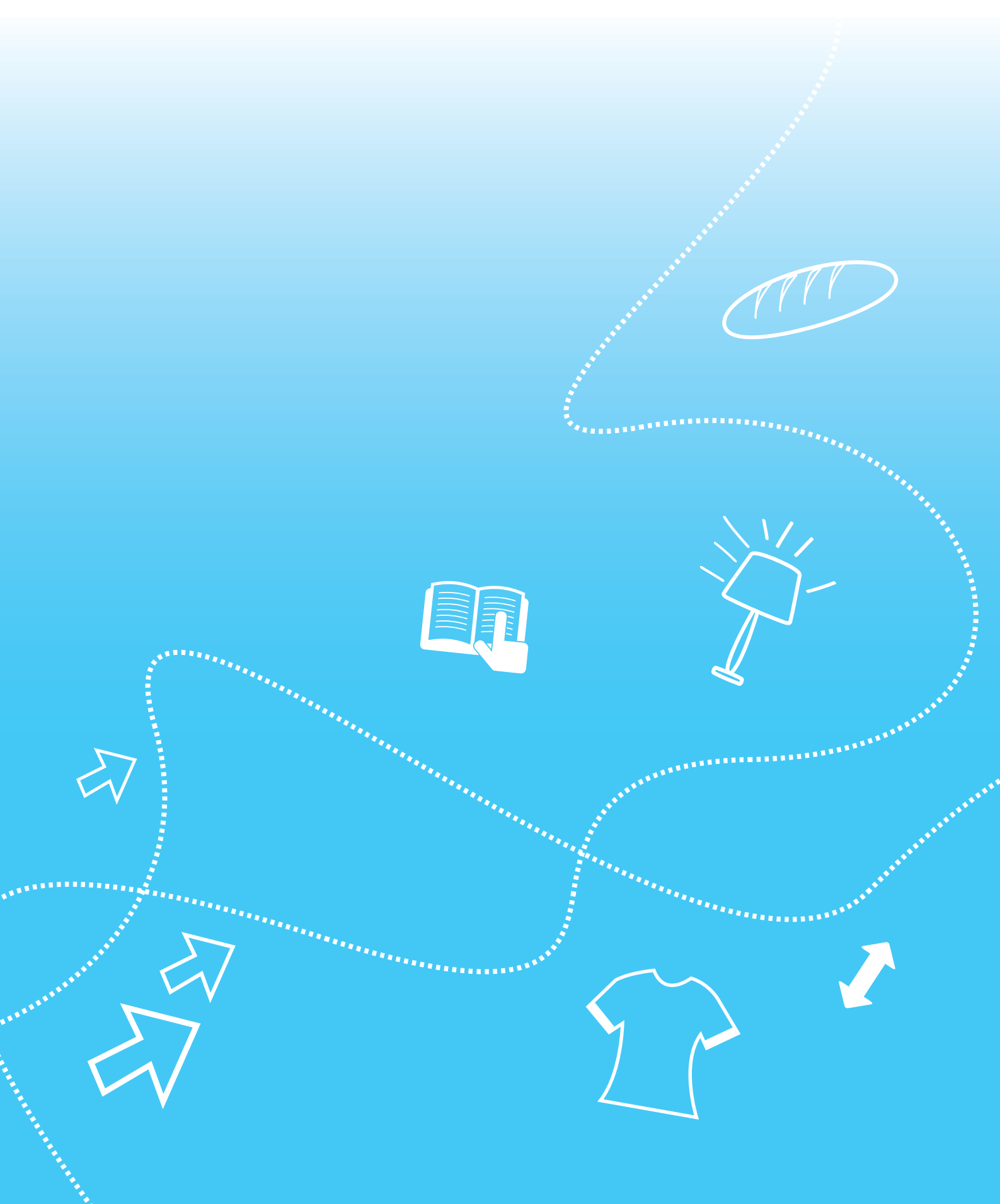
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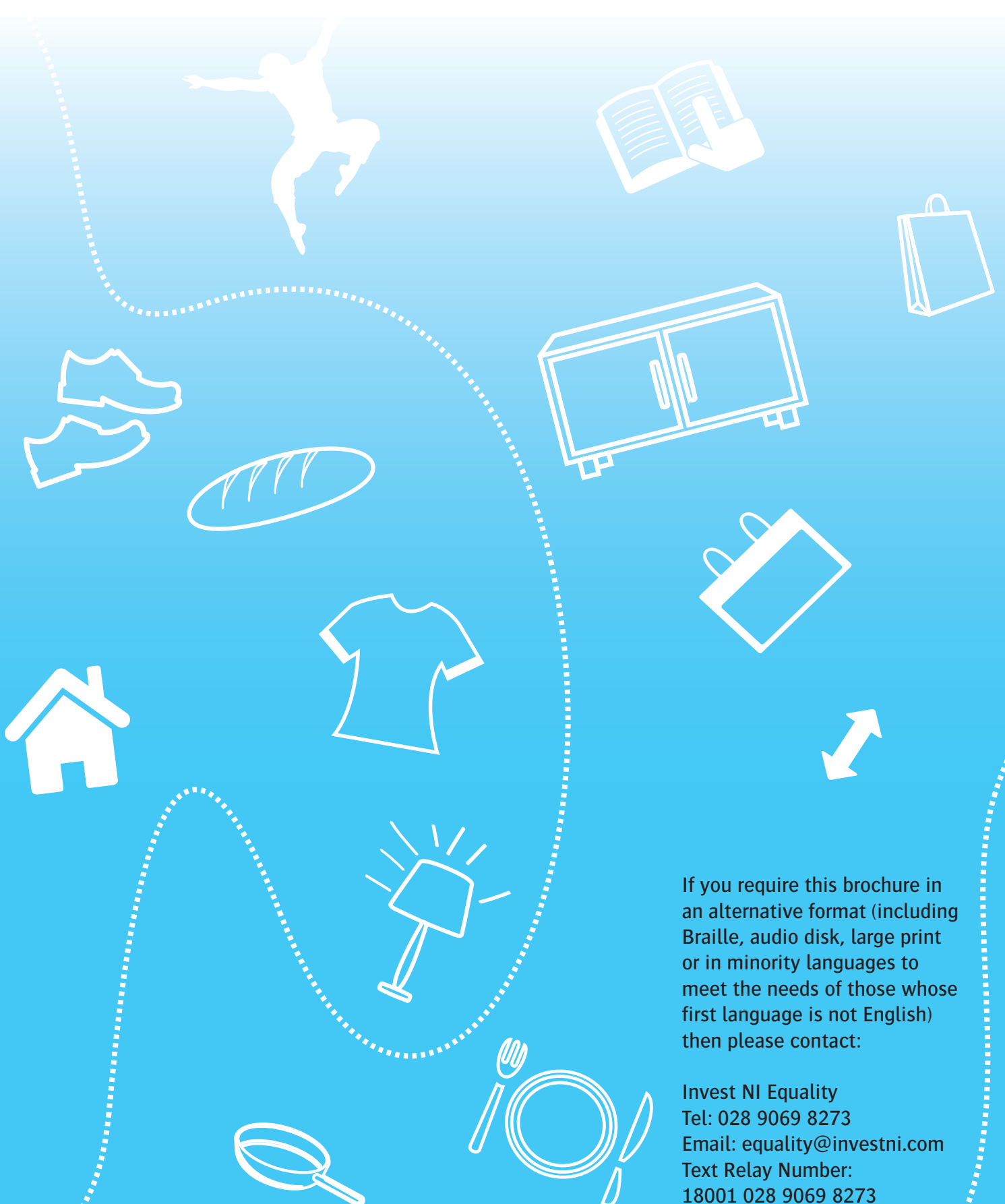
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