NETWORK ANALYSIS OF UK ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITIES

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Individual and organisational networks

- Increase of connectivity, systems integration, and globalisation

- Study social structures and flows between actors in networks

- Climate discourse:
  - *Collaboration and communication*
  - *Sharing of resources and funds*
  - *Dissemination of (mis/dis)information*
  - *Efficiency of policy introduction/reinforcement*

Focus on charitable sector

- Public/private sectors dominate the mainstream conversation

- But all economic sectors work together
  - *Many pieces of the wide, complex picture*

- Capacity of charities as key actors in change
  - *More people are turning towards philanthropy*

The growth of climate change misinformation in US philanthropy: evidence from natural language processing

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INVESTIGATING THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN GREATER MANCHESTER, UK

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Data and Methods

Extract data (25/01/22)
- UK Charity Commission data download service
- Information on charities, their trustees, and their aims

Clean data
- Remove non-registered organisations
- Identify environmental charities: 'environment/conservation/heritage'
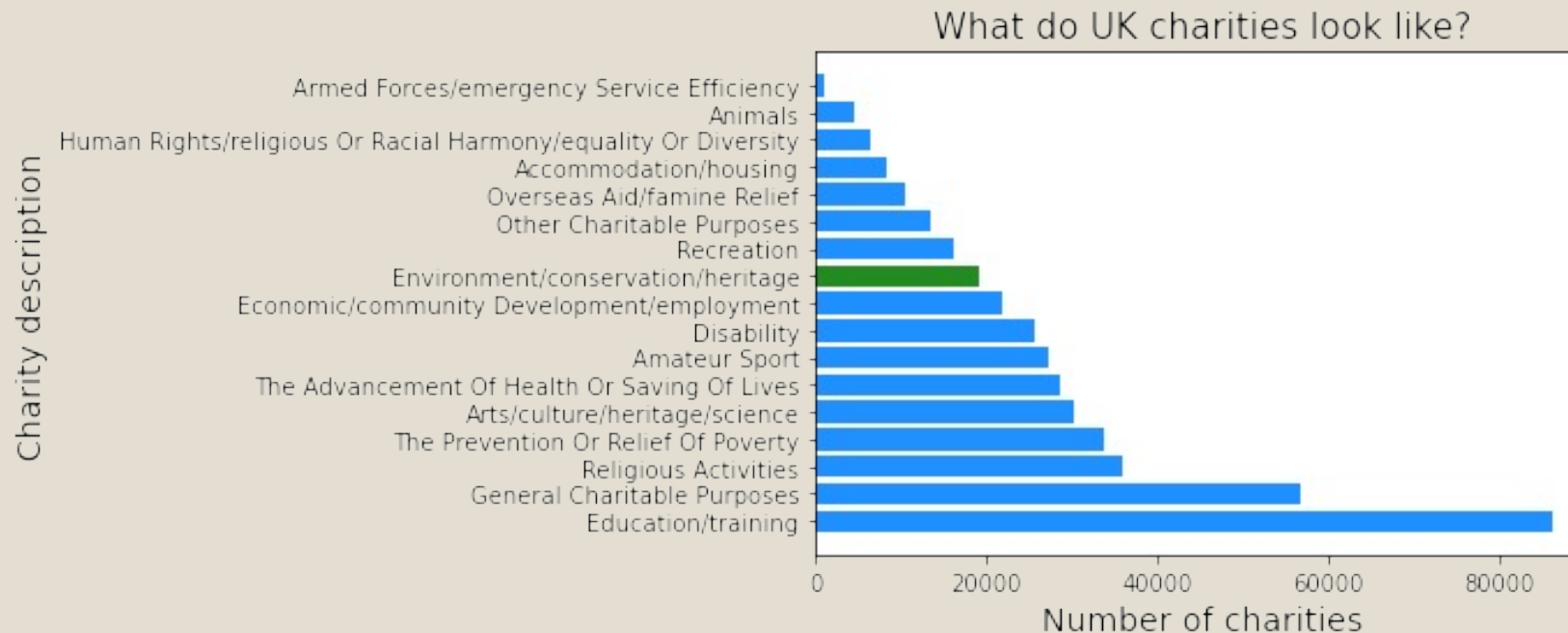- Combine information across sets based on IDs

Establish connections
- Common purposes
- Shared trustees
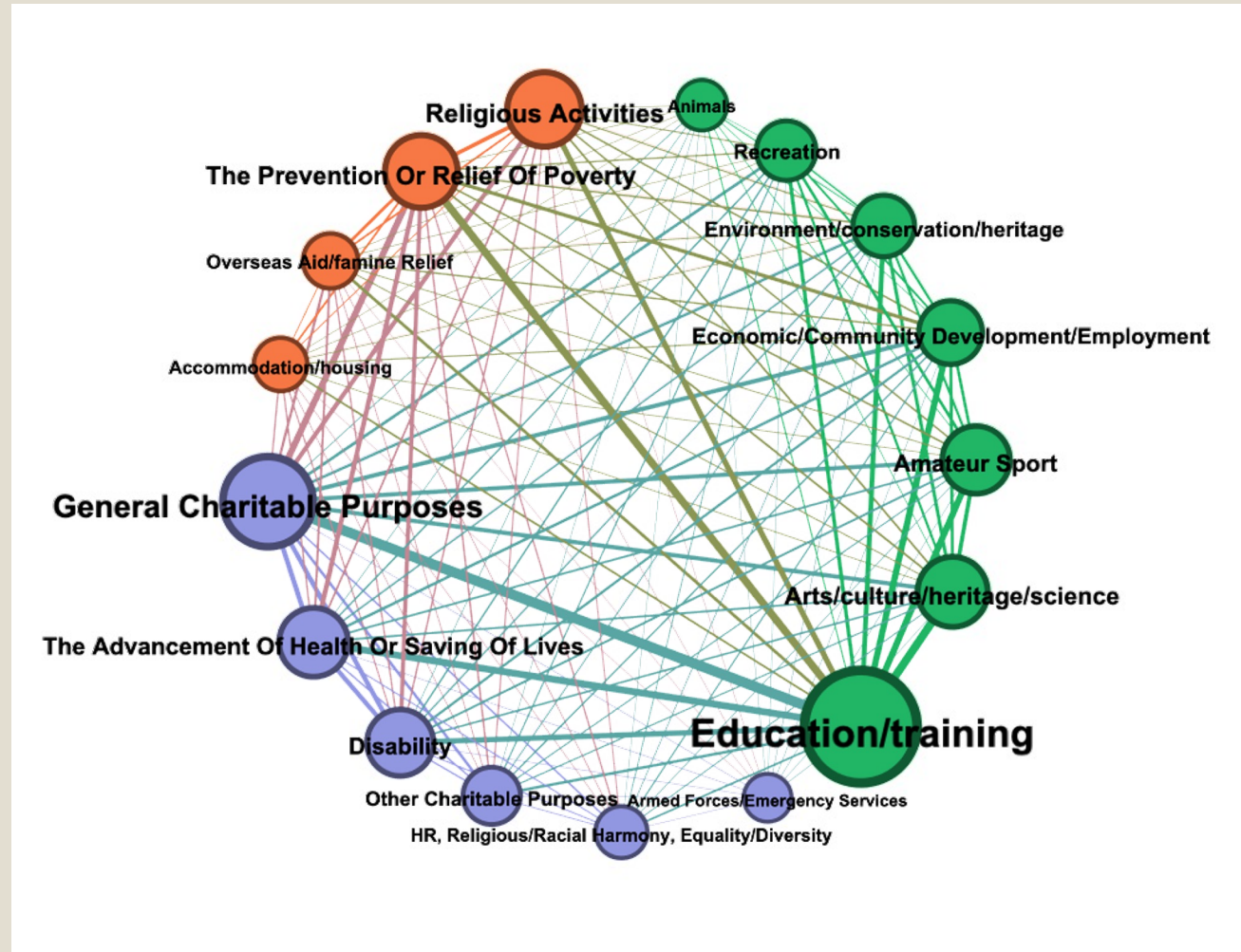- Shared charities

Network construction
- Calculate metrics of connectivity and importance
- Detection of communities and social/regional structures

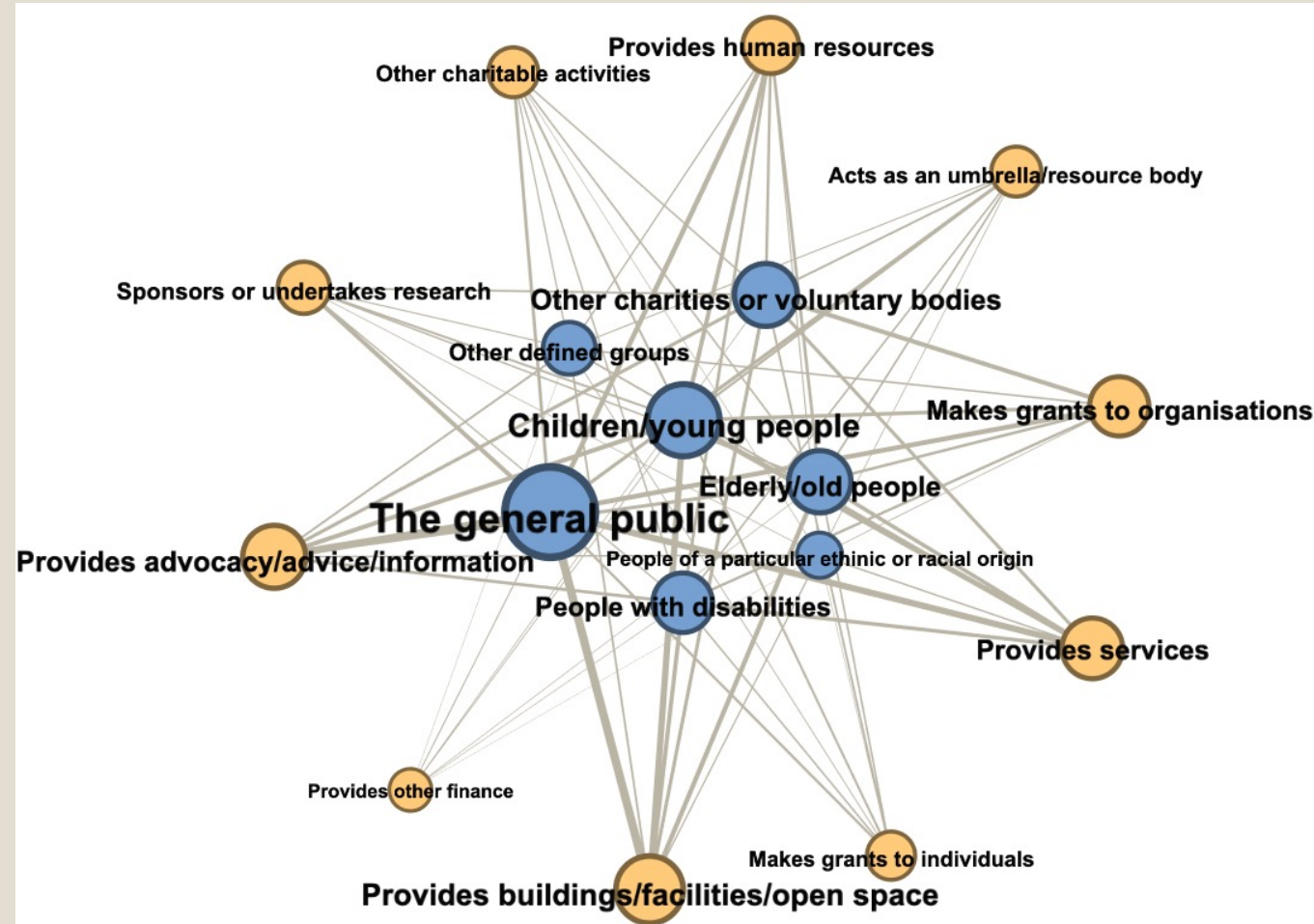# What does the charitable sector look like?

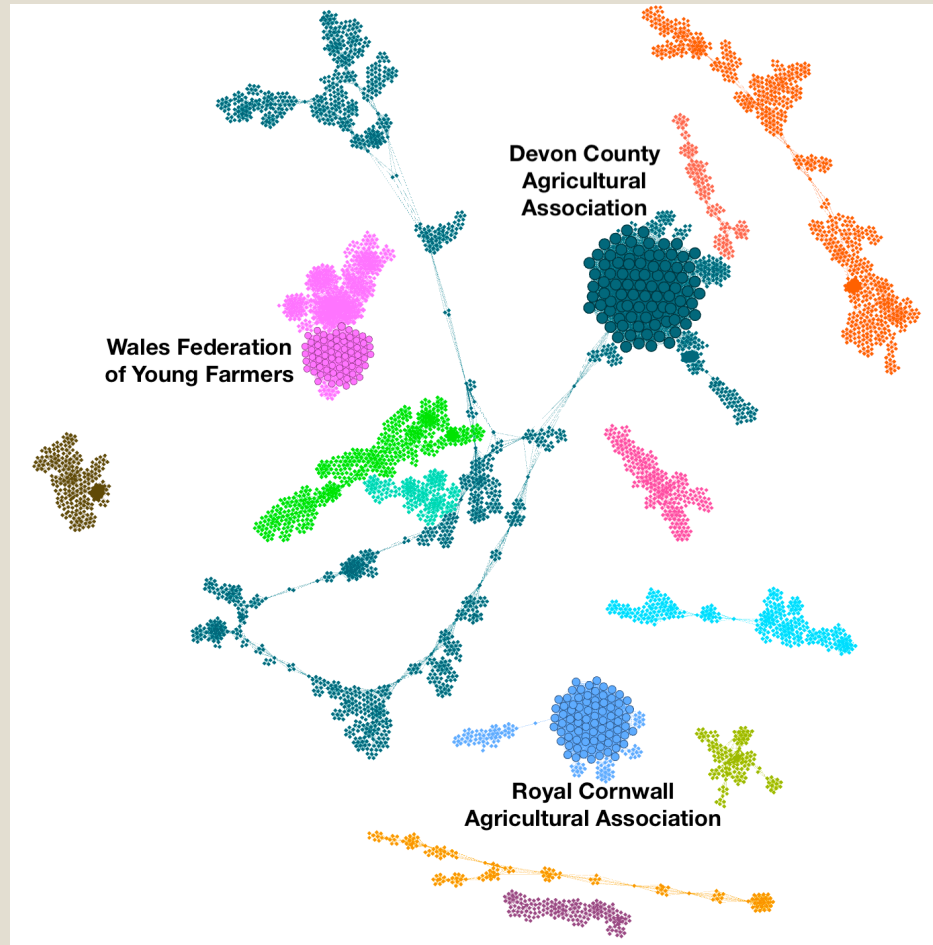# What does the charitable sector look like?

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Edges: Common charities
Node sizes: Number of charities

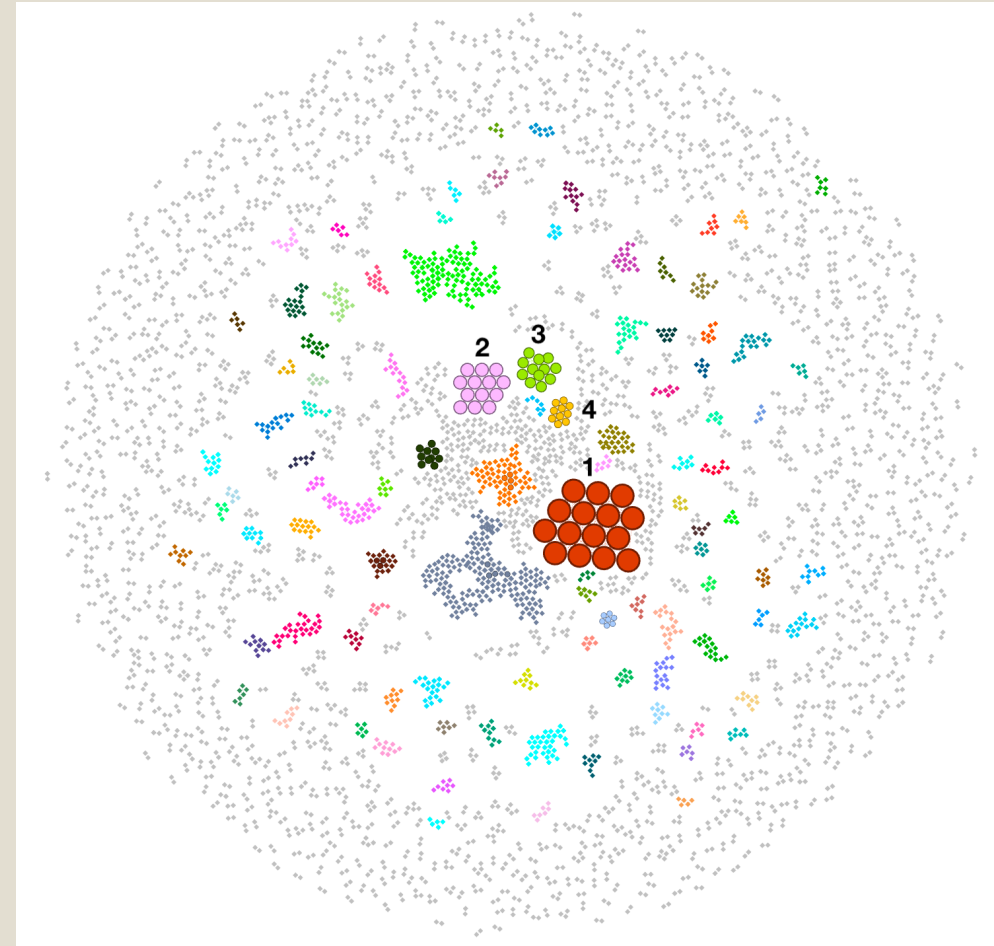# Who and how are environmental charities helping?

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Edges: Common charities
Node sizes: Size of those aims

Are there any structures?

Nodes: Environmental trustees
Edges: Common charities
Node sizes: Eigenvector centrality

Nodes: Environment/conservation/heritage charities
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Nodes: Environmental (green) and first-order non-environmental charities (pink)
Edges: Common trustees
Node sizes: Betweenness centrality

Future work

- Include all charities, and public/private sectors

- Refine classification of environmental charities
  - *Governing documents – NLP*

- Strengthen identification of social/regional structures

Questions?