

# Highlights of the year 2017/18

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## Highlights

Wheatley Foundation is Wheatley Group's charitable trust set up to tackle poverty and disadvantage in our communities across Scotland. 2017/18 was our first full year of operation – and it proved a fantastic year for us. Over the year we:

# £1.2M

raised £1.2 Million of external funding



# £3.5M

invested £3.5M in projects in our communities



# 11,000

helped 11,000 people have better lives



## The Foundation in words



**Sir Harry Burns**  
Chair of Wheatley  
Foundation



*It is a harsh reality of today's world that a significant number of people – young and older – simply do not have the confidence, ability, resilience or wherewithal to apply for, obtain and retain a job or build a career. We are seeking to address this by offering personalised, professional support to enable them to access opportunities available to them."*



Housing and Local Government  
Minister **Kevin Stewart** on launch  
of strategic partnership funding



*Our partnership with the Wheatley Foundation is firmly based on listening to communities and delivering what they feel is a priority for them."*



## The Foundation in words

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*It is vital that those on low incomes can access timely and high quality support and advice, which is why services like My Great Start are to be welcomed. We want to make sure as many people as possible have a warm, safe home and I'm pleased that organisations such as the Wheatley Group are helping people to manage their finances.”*



**Jeane Freeman** (then Minister for Social Security, now Health Secretary) on My Great Start



**Fiona Hyslop**  
Culture Secretary

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*I am pleased that the Wheatley Foundation has teamed up with the National Theatre of Scotland to create these first time theatre experiences for young people. The Scottish Government is fully committed to widening engagement with culture for all communities and individuals across Scotland. It is important that people of all ages have access to, and participate in the arts.”*



## The Foundation in numbers

6724

people benefited from our projects to tackle poverty and social inclusion

532

jobs and training places were created to support people into work

8000

people got free access to computers and training to get online

49

people received a bursary to go to college or university

1644

people got help to access sport or the arts

2000

items of furniture or free white goods were given to **482** customers through Home Comforts





# Foundation big five



Tackling poverty  
and social inclusion



Jobs and training



Digital inclusion  
– Click & Connect



Help with education  
– our bursaries



Sport and art



# Tackling poverty and social inclusion



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One of our themes is tackling poverty and social inclusion and over the year we helped 6724 people who were experiencing hardship. It included giving people money mentoring through My Money, a project funded via Big Lottery and the European Social Fund until February 2020 and supporting veterans to settle back into civilian life, thanks to funding from the UK Treasury department's LIBOR fund.

## £65k

worth of Cash for Kids vouchers distributed to 2600 children in Wheatley communities

## 1631

new tenants were supported to manage their tenancy by My Great Start

## 75

veterans were helped with accommodation, wellbeing, employability and money advice

## 617

customers received food parcels and other support through our Eat Well programme.





# Tackling poverty and social inclusion



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# 336

people were mentored and given practical help through **My Money**

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**Paul Cartwright**, Glasgow:



*The My Great Start service was brilliant. It's my first place of my own and Gemma my advisor has really helped me make a go of it. I can't thank her enough."*

**Cube tenant Alasdair MacMahon** was helped through My Money to manage debts of £60,000:



*I have someone fighting on my behalf, someone who cares about my situation. I don't have to face things on my own. I was struggling. It was a big relief – a weight off my mind."*

**Anonymous GHA tenant**, 56:



*"The food is delivered every week, things like milk, sausages, fish, cheese, yoghurt and bread. It's a worry off my mind. At least I know I have something there. Hopefully I can get back to work soon but I'm grateful for the support I've received."*





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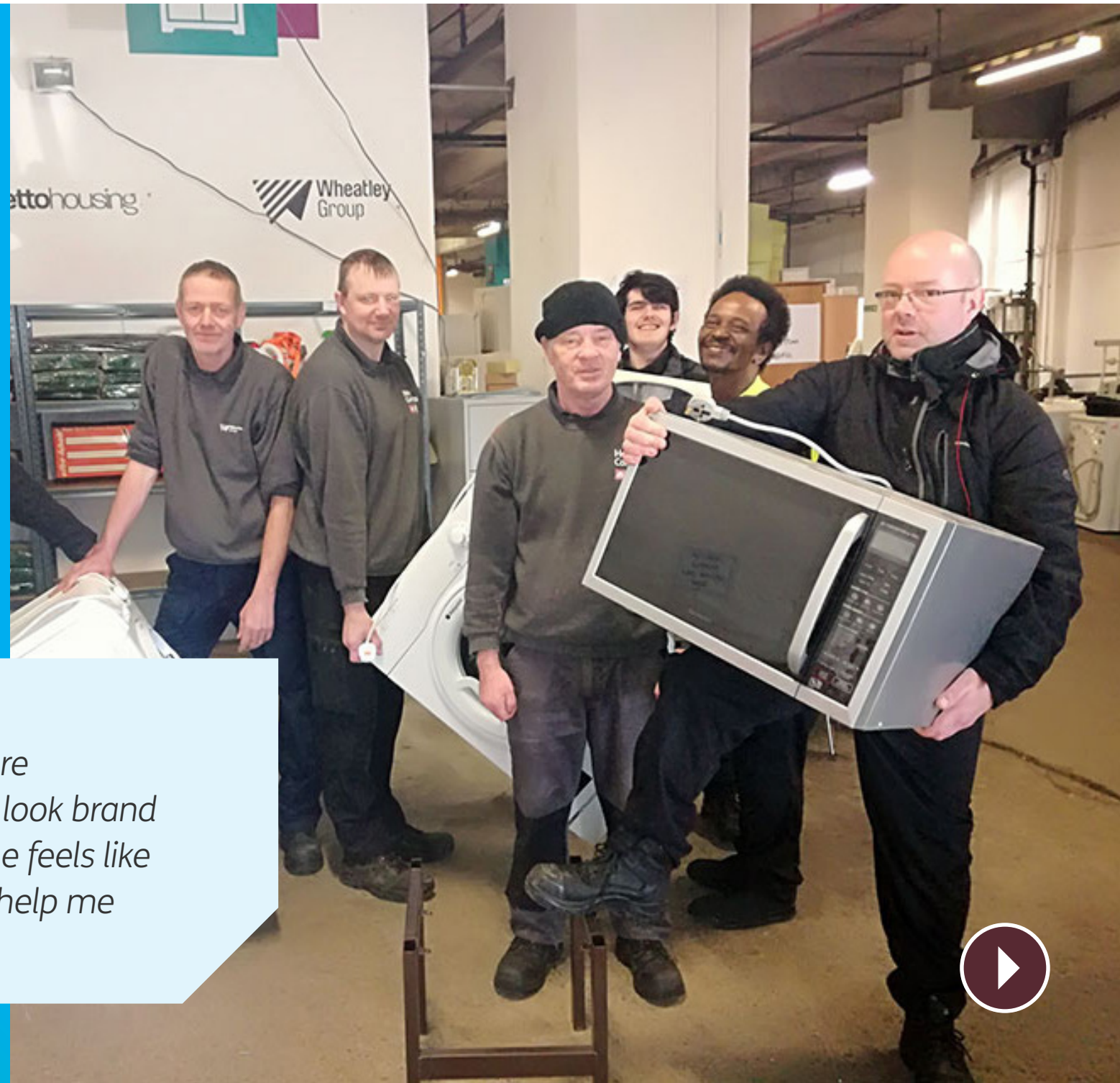
# 482

customers were provided with over 2000 items of furniture and free white goods, via **Home Comforts**

**Alan Digney, GHA customer** from Ibrox

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*I got everything I needed. All the items were immaculate – the couch and the armchair look brand new. Getting my own place for the first time feels like a new chapter and the furniture will really help me get settled”*





# Jobs and training



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# 532

**jobs, apprenticeships, and training opportunities** were created by the Foundation's projects over the year, with the majority taken up by Wheatley customers

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## Jobs and training

From April 2018, the new **Wheatley Works** programme is ensuring even more job and training opportunities are created going forward, with more people living in Wheatley's homes being given support to get to take up the opportunities.



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**157** jobs were created, 106 of which went to customers (68%)

**251** new training places, 167 of which were offered to customers (67%)

**60** trainees were recruited for our Changing Lives programme which offers people facing barriers to employment a placement in our environmental services

**124** apprenticeships, 78 of which were taken up by customers (63%)

**38** young people joined our **Modern Apprenticeship programme**, 75% coming from a Wheatley home

**20** Changing Lives trainees went on to get permanent jobs and four started apprenticeships

**60** apprenticeships were created through our partner City Building (Glasgow), with 60% taken up by Wheatley households





## Jobs and training



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**Barony tenant Dyan Growden** is now working as a care assistant at Barony after completing the Routes into Care programme. She is planning a holiday with her son and can start learning to drive.



*I find my job so rewarding. My son is so pleased to see his mum working again. It feels good to be earning and working again and doing a job I enjoy”*

**GHA tenant Levi Ward** who secured a Civils apprenticeship with McTaggart through Community Benefits:



*I am a very practical person so prefer to be learning new skills by doing things. That is why my Civils apprenticeship with McTaggart is ideal for me. After the placement I was offered a full-time job and the offer of an apprenticeship. Its hard/physical work, which I enjoy and the guys I am working with are great.”*

**Lewis Munro is one of Wheatley’s Modern Apprentices.**

The 17 year-old lives in a Dunedin Canmore home in Edinburgh:



*It’s a great opportunity. You are making friends and living through new experiences, and you also get paid to learn and get a qualification at the end of it all. Working here has changed my life. I have gained lots of new skills and also new friends. I’d recommend it to anyone”*



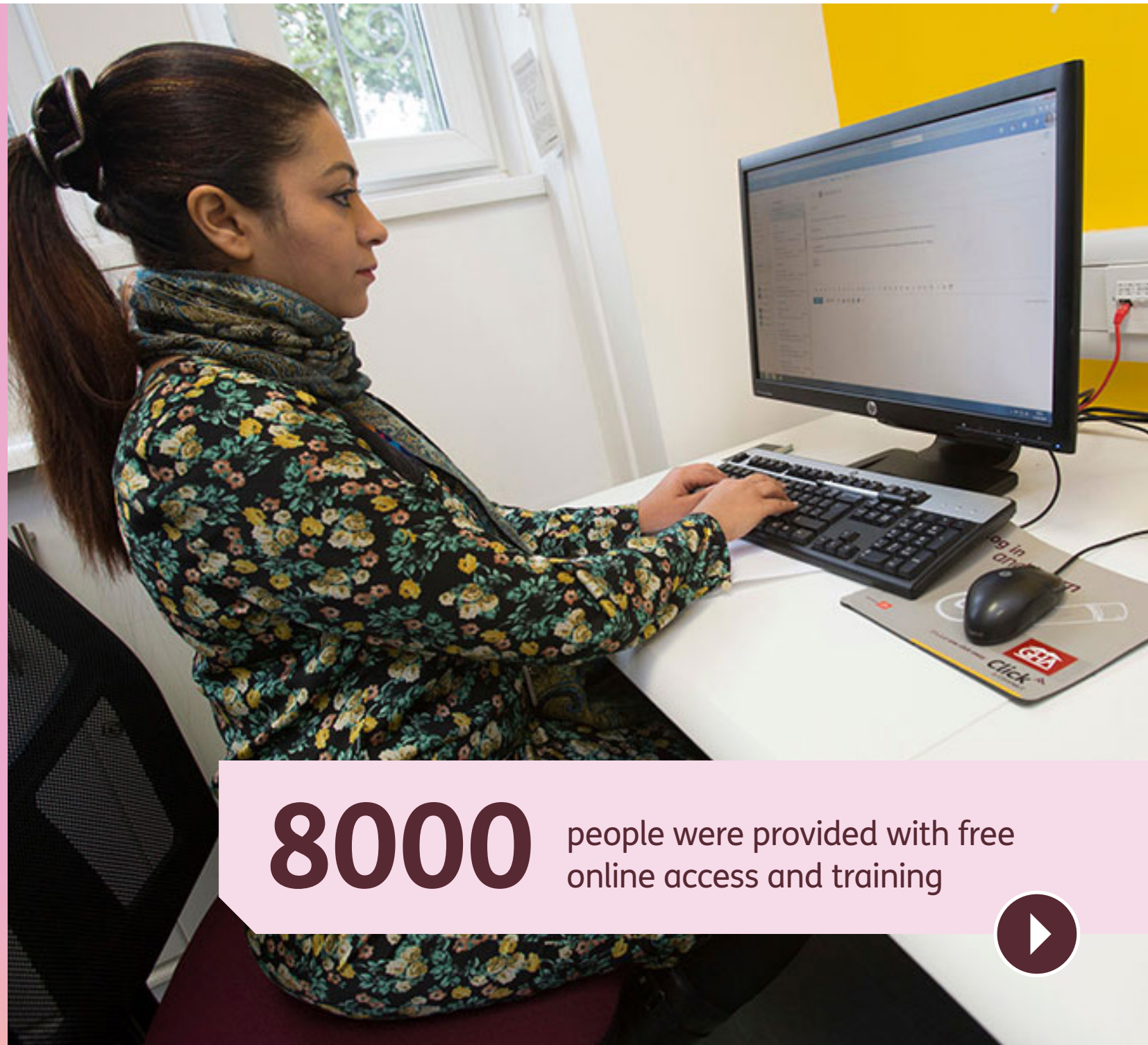


# Digital inclusion – Click & Connect

## The Foundation's 36-strong Click & Connect learning network operates in partnership with Glasgow Kelvin College.

It provided free online access and training to more than 8000 people. More than 1000 people took up the chance to improve their skills and do more online with help from tutors and volunteers based at local centres. Another 1000 more gained certificates in ICT skills, ranging from IT to Youth Access courses.

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# 8000

people were provided with free online access and training





## Digital inclusion – Click & Connect

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*I hadn't used a computer before – I'm now 73 and I've been coming to the centre for five years, getting out to a class and learning how to use the Internet.  
The tutor's great!”*

“

*I didn't know much about word processing and spreadsheets before – I feel quite pleased with myself from what I have learned”*





## Help with education – our bursaries

**To support access to further and higher education, bursary awards of up to £1500 were made to 49 customers, supporting the costs of university and college study.**

Bursaries are available for people who want to study for an HNC, HND, Undergraduate Degree or Postgraduate course and this year saw people study medicine, accounting, electrical engineering and Law LLB.

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## Help with education – our bursaries

**Leigh-Anne Finnigan, 29, a West Lothian Housing Partnership tenant**, said the financial support helped her graduate. She was awarded a bursary to train as a social worker at Dundee University – and says the opportunity kept her going after she was left struggling after her mother died. The money helped her with her childcare, travel costs and course equipment:



*It felt like a miracle. It has given me the stability I have not felt since the death of my mother”*

**GHA tenant Christophe Abouem**, 18, from the south side of Glasgow, gained a bursary to study mechanical engineering at the City of Glasgow College. Christophe is also a young carer for one of his relatives, and the financial support meant he was able to focus on his studies.



*“It has made all the difference. It has been a great help to me”.*





## Sport and art

**Under our Sports and Art themes, 1442 older people from Wheatley communities attended sports and art classes run by Glasgow Life in a wide range of community venues.**

And over 200 young people – almost half from Wheatley households – attended sessions held as part of the Foundation's First Nights partnership with the National Theatre for Scotland. As well as getting a taste of the theatre through community workshops, the youngsters also attended theatre productions and live performances and took part in several videos that captured their First Nights experience.

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## Sport and art



**Katie O'Brian, 12, from Castlemilk**, was one of the youngsters taking part:

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*I enjoyed seeing the costumes and finding out about how they spend time on them, how to sew, and seeing how the costumes turn out really good. It has been good to be here and find out about more about how theatres work.”*





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