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Dear Trustees

**Re: Discovery Planet C.I.C. End of grant report**

We are writing to thank you very much for the funding you awarded us in July last year, and to update you as to how we have spent it. The core funding your contribution provided has helped us to continue delivering a programme of enrichment learning activities for the benefit of our disadvantaged coastal community. Specifically, we have:

- Collaborated with an increased number of local businesses to devise workshops which showcase their activities. For example, in September we ran workshops on solar power in partnership with a business specialising in green energy solutions. More recently we formed an exciting partnership with a small business called VenomTech which harvests spider venom from which to develop bio-pesticides. This has enabled local people to understand the practical applications of science, see the potential employment opportunities on their doorstep, and, most importantly, understand how to access them.
- Collaborated with academics from other disciplines to broaden our educational offering. For example, we partnered with the English Literature department at Canterbury Christ Church University to deliver Zine-making and poetry workshops as part of the National Festival of Humanities. We worked with researchers from the University of Kent's Centre for Health Services Studies to enable older participants to express how they use their local area, so that this can be fed into policy making.



- Strengthened our relationship with local schools, in particular S.E.N. schools which lack access to STEM enrichment activities. In September, a head teacher of special school, Small Haven, sent us the following feedback from his staff: *“I am SO grateful for these sessions as they give students a real chance to experiment with hands-on science! My class is always enthusiastic to attend and they look forward to the visits. When we attend, staff are friendly, helpful and cater for specific individual needs.”* We were able to develop our approach by co-designing a robotics workshop with neurodivergent pupils who experienced great pride when they saw it being rolled out to all the other schools across Thanet.



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- Spent time on organisational development, which has enabled us to work towards becoming less grant dependent. We are actively marketing our venue to other local organisations, whose work is synergistic with our own, in order to generate revenue from space hire and make sure we offer a vibrant, full programme which appeals to everyone within the community.

Overall, during the period to which your grant relates, we have welcomed 1,600+ participants to high-quality enrichment activities of a type they otherwise experience multiple barriers to accessing, and provided volunteering opportunities to 17 volunteers of all ages, enabling them to develop confidence, skills, and experience for CVs and education or employment applications.

By way of further information, we have enclosed our 2022 -23 Impact report which provides a round-up of our achievements over the whole year. We are extremely grateful to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for your support, especially at a time when there are so many demands on grant givers. Not only has your funding helped us financially, but the endorsement it represents is a great source of pride and motivation for our entire team.



Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can provide you with any further information.

Kind regards

**Xanthe Pitt, on behalf of the Discovery Planet Management Team**