

CORY

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1. Introduction

The CORY project vision document outlines the primary business goals, stakeholder needs, and technical system features of the CORY platform. This document is intended to provide all stakeholders with a clear understanding of the project's purpose, scope, and objectives.

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this Project Vision Document is to formalize the vision and objectives of CORY, a platform that simplifies staffing and event organization for electronic music events while providing opportunities for youth through volunteering. This document aligns all stakeholders on the project's scope, features, and strategic goals.

1.2. Scope

CORY will deliver a web-based platform for event organizers to hire specialized staff and offer volunteering opportunities for youth. The platform will include features for job posting, staff vetting, real-time feedback, and educational content on harm reduction and event success strategies.

1.2.1. In Scope

- Job posting and staff hiring for event organizers.
- Volunteer coordination for entry-level event roles.
- Educational materials on event management.
- Real-time event feedback and staff ratings.

1.2.2. Out of Scope

- Event ticketing system.
- Full-scale event management.
- Venue booking systems.

1.3. Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

| Term | Explanation |
|---------------------|--|
| CORY | Connection & Organization for Raves & Youth |
| MVP | Minimum Viable Product – the most basic version of the product that meets user needs |
| AV | Audiovisual – relating to both sound and visual components of an event |
| Harm Reduction | Strategies designed to reduce the negative consequences associated with large events |
| Event Organizer | An individual or company responsible for planning and executing music or rave events |
| Volunteer | A person who offers their services without compensation, often to gain experience |
| Freemium | A business model in which basic services are provided free, while premium features require payment |
| Takeover 6ix Events | A Toronto-based collective organizing hard techno and rave events, sponsor for CORY |
| Stakeholder | Any individual or group with an interest in the project or product |

2. Positioning

2.1. Business Opportunity

There is a growing demand for organized, high-quality music events in cities like Toronto, particularly in the electronic music scene. Event organizers struggle to find reliable staff, while young people seek volunteer opportunities to gain experience in event planning and management.

Problem Statement

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| The Problem of | Event organizers struggle with reliable staffing and lack accessible tools to optimize event safety and experience. |
| affects | Music event organizers, aficionados and the young population that enjoys live music events. |
| the impact of which is | Poor event execution, limited opportunities for youth, and a lack of scalable staffing solutions. |
| a successful solution would be | A platform that streamlines hiring, integrates volunteer programs, and provides educational resources to enhance event success. |

Table 1 Problem Statement

2.2. Product Position Statement

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| For | Music event organizers and young volunteers. |
| Who | Need a reliable staffing solution and practical experience opportunities. |
| CORY | Is a web-based staffing and event management platform. |
| That | Provides job posting, volunteer coordination, and educational resources to improve event outcomes. |

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| Unlike | Traditional event staffing tools or fragmented volunteer systems. |
| Our product | Combines staffing, education, and youth empowerment into a single solution that enhances the quality and safety of music events. |

Table 2 Product Position Statement

2.3. SWOT Analysis

| Strengths | Weaknesses |
|---|------------------------------|
| Strong Industry Knowledge | Early-Stage Development |
| Real-World Sponsor | Infrastructure Resources |
| Unique Volunteer Feature | Small Team Size |
| Technical Skills | |
| Opportunities | Threats |
| Expanding Market | Competitors |
| Meaningful Connections and Partnerships | Data Privacy and Regulations |
| Growth in/with the Event Industry | Economic Pressures |
| Technological Innovation | |

3. Stakeholder and User Descriptions

The CORY platform aims to serve the needs of various stakeholders and users within the music event industry. Each stakeholder and user group plays a critical role in ensuring the platform's success. Below is a detailed profile of these groups and the key problems they perceive to be addressed by the proposed solution.

3.1. Stakeholder Summary

< There are a number of stakeholders with an interest in the development and not all of them are end users. Describe and list the project stakeholders>

| Stakeholder Name | Represents | Role |
|---|---|--|
| Event Organizers | Individuals or companies responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing music events, particularly in the electronic music scene. | Event organizers are the primary users of the platform, relying on CORY to streamline the process of hiring specialized staff and managing volunteers. They are responsible for ensuring events run smoothly, from staffing to audiovisual setups, and need reliable, efficient tools to make this happen. |
| Takeover 6ix Events (Sponsor and Beta Tester) | A growing event collective in Toronto, known for organizing successful hard techno and rave events. They act as both sponsors and beta testers for the CORY platform. | As a sponsor, Takeover 6ix provides invaluable industry insight, feedback on the platform's usability, and technical support from their team of software engineers. They will also serve as a primary beta tester, allowing the CORY platform to be tested in real-world event settings. |
| Paid Staff (Specialized Event Professionals) | Freelance or contracted professionals who provide specialized services at music events, such as sound engineers, lighting technicians, and security personnel. | These individuals are hired through CORY to perform critical, specialized roles during events. They rely on the platform to showcase their skills and experience to potential employers, and they expect to be connected with |

| Stakeholder Name | Represents | Role |
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| | | relevant, well-paying opportunities. |
| Volunteers | Young people interested in gaining experience in the event industry, particularly in electronic music events, who are looking for volunteer opportunities. | Volunteers sign up for entry-level event roles, such as event setup, ticketing, or hospitality, to gain practical experience and build their skills. They seek structured opportunities to learn and earn recognition for their work, with the hope of transitioning into paid roles in the future. |

Table 3 Stakeholder Summary

1.2. User Summary

| User Name | Description | Responsibilities | Stakeholder |
|---------------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| Event Organizers (Takeover 6ix) | Individuals or teams responsible for managing all aspects of event planning, including hiring staff, organizing volunteers, managing logistics, and ensuring the safety and success of the event. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting job listings for both paid staff and volunteers. • Vetting and selecting qualified staff for specialized roles. • Providing feedback on staff performance and volunteer contributions. • Utilizing educational tools to improve event safety, harm reduction, and attendee experience. | Event Organizers |

| User Name | Description | Responsibilities | Stakeholder |
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| Paid Staff (Specialized Event Professionals) | Freelancers or contracted professionals offering specialized services such as sound engineering, lighting, and security. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responding to job postings for specialized event roles.• Ensuring high-quality execution of their assigned tasks.• Receiving feedback from event organizers to build their reputation on the platform. | Paid Staff |
| Volunteers | Young people or individuals seeking practical experience in the event management industry, particularly within the electronic music scene. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signing up for available volunteer roles at events.• Carrying out assigned tasks such as event setup, ticketing, and crowd assistance.• Participating in training or educational sessions offered through the platform.• Collecting feedback and earning recognition for their contributions, with the potential for future paid opportunities. | Volunteers |

Table 4 User Summary

4. System Features

| ID | Feature | Stakeholder Requirement ID |
|----|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | Job posting and staff vetting system | Event Organizers |
| 2 | Volunteer coordination and role management | Volunteers |
| 3 | Educational content on event safety, AV tips | Event Organizers, Volunteers |
| 4 | Real-time feedback and rating system | Event Organizers, Paid Staff |

Table 6 System Features

5. Assumptions

- *The platform will initially target electronic music events in Toronto.*
- *Takeover 6ix Events will provide feedback and testing support.*

6. Constraints

- *Limited resources due to a small development team.*
- *Expansion to other genres and regions is dependent on success in Toronto.*