

Sprint 1: Cultural Exchanging Platform

Group name (Website name): **Cultural Connections**

Members:

- Lucie King (A00011608) (Project Manager)
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Project Description

The project we have chosen is named Cultural Connections, and it is a web application that is designed to give people a platform to share their cultures. This will include things like cultural heritage, traditions, recipes, languages and customs across the globe. Users will be able to make profiles, share posts about their culture, exchange recipes, join and create discussion threads, and connect with others who are either sharing their cultures or individuals who want to learn about them. The platform emphasises exchanging and community-building through non-financial exchange, which aligns with the theme of this project.

Code of Conduct

All team members have agreed to:

- Communicate respectfully and promptly on agreed channels (WhatsApp).
- Attend weekly meetings and code reviews.
- Contribute code and documentation, and proof-read others work.
- Use GitHub for project management.
- Resolve conflicts constructively and internally, and escalate unresolved issues to the lecturer if needed.
- Avoid plagiarism.

Personas

Persona 1: Miwa, 41 – Cultural enthusiast

- **Background:** Japanese, Teaches English, loves to travel and cook.
- **Goals:** Wants to learn authentic recipes and to share her families traditions.
- **Needs:** Easy to understand recipes, community validation, and authenticity of cultures.

Persona 2: Carlos, 35 – Language learner

- **Background:** Marketing, Learning Japanese for an upcoming trip.
- **Goals:** Find language exchange partners and cultural tips.
- **Needs:** Private DM's feature, categorised culture guides, and user rating system.

Ethical Issues

- **Cultural sensitivity:** Making sure content is respectful.
- **Data Privacy:** Protecting users' personal and cultural information according to the law.
- **Inclusivity:** Designed for users from diverse backgrounds.
- **Moderation:** Prevent harmful or offensive content through reporting systems.

Meetings Record

Date: Feb 3rd 2026

Attendees: Lucie King, Bahar Gencyigit, Aderinola Animashaun

Agenda: Project ideation, role allocation, tool setup.

Outcomes: GitHub Repo made, docker setup, Backlog initialised.

We had a meeting in class today discussing allocation of workload. I have made sure everyone is clear on what they need to do to keep up with the workload. Work has been allocated fairly so one single person doesn't feel overburdened. We keep in contact over the weeks with WhatsApp.