Research Report: Irene Vera Foundation & Funding Opportunities

Executive Summary

The **Irene Vera Foundation** is a registered UK charity (No. 1212611) focusing on education for disadvantaged and neurodiverse youth in Zimbabwe and the UK. Your current project appears to be titled **"Levelling the Playing Field in Computer Science Education using Generative Pre-trained AI"**.

You have a draft application for the **Oxford Institute for Ethics in AI Accelerator Fellowship**, but the deadline for the current cycle likely passed on **January 10, 2026**. However, a new cycle is expected to open in **May 2026**.

Immediate opportunities exist with **Lovable.dev** (Nonprofit Partnership) and **Google.org** (Generative AI Accelerator), which aligns perfectly with your specific project title.

1. Current Progress & Local Assets

Found Assets

- **Organization**: Irene Vera Foundation (UK Charity 1212611).

- **Key Document**: `Accelerator Fellowship Programme Application Form9.pdf` (Version 9 implies a mature draft).

- **Project Title**: "Levelling the Playing Field in Computer Science Education using Generative Pre-trained AI".

- **Related Assets**:

- `Tab Summary - IRENE VERA FOUNDATION — Fundraiso.pdf` (Financials/Fundraising data).
- `2025-12-30_lovable-vibes-lines_of_code.png` (Indicates engagement with Lovable platform).

Status Assessment

- **Oxford Fellowship**: The application form is likely for the 2025/2026 cycle which closed Jan 10, 2026. You are well-positioned for the next round.
- **Microsoft Nonprofits**: You have `Microsoft Nonprofits_ Eligibility Made Easy...pdf`, indicating you have started investigating eligibility.

2. Identified Opportunities & Next Steps

A. Oxford Accelerator Fellowship (Priority)

- **Status**: Deadline for current cohort passed (Jan 10, 2026).
- **Next Opportunity**: The 2026/2027 cycle is expected to open **May 16, 2026** (Deadline ~June 13, 2026).
- **Action**: Refine your "Application Form9" draft. The topic of "Generative AI in Education" is highly relevant to their "AI Regulation & Ethics" track.

B. Lovable (Lovable.dev)

- **Relevance**: You are already exploring this tool.
- **Opportunity**: **Lovable Non Profit Partners Program**.
- **Benefit**: Free or deeply discounted access to their AI app-building platform.
- **Action**: Email `support@lovable.dev` with your charity registration (1212611) and a brief description of your project.

C. Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation (OWCF)

- **Status**: Does **not** accept unsolicited applications.
- **Alternative**: Focus on specific partner programs or the **Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy** if you have students in Zimbabwe who might be eligible for specific scholarships, though this is less direct.
- **Recommendation**: Shift focus to **Google.org** (below) which is a more viable funding source for your specific AI project.

D. New High-Fit Opportunities

1. Google.org Generative AI Accelerator

- **Fit**: **Perfect**. Your project title explicitly mentions "Generative Pre-trained AI". Google has a $30M fund specifically for nonprofits using GenAI for social impact.
- **Action**: Search for "Google.org Generative AI Accelerator application" immediately.

2. Microsoft for Nonprofits

- **Fit**: Confirmed eligibility for UK Charities.
- **Benefit**: Up to $2,000 (formerly $3,500) in **Azure credits** per year, which is crucial for hosting your AI models/agents.
- **Action**: Complete registration at the [Microsoft Nonprofit Hub](https://nonprofit.microsoft.com/).

3. AI for Science / Economics in Africa (Course/Grant)

- **Fit**: "Economics of AI in Africa" short course.
- **Deadline**: **February 9, 2026**.
- **Action**: Apply if you or a team member needs training/credentialing.

3. Action Plan (Next 7 Days)

Priority	Task	Target	Status
High	**Verify Oxford Timeline**	Check `afp.oxford-aiethics.ox.ac.uk` to confirm if a "late" or "rolling" submission is possible, otherwise calendar **May 16**.	■ Pending
High	**Apply to Lovable**	Email `support@lovable.dev` with your Charity No. 1212611.	■ Pending
Medium	**Microsoft Registration**	Complete the eligibility form on `nonprofit.microsoft.com` to unlock Azure credits.	■ Pending
Medium	**Google.org Check**	Investigate the "Google.org Generative AI" open call requirements.	■ Pending

4. Unused Potential

- **"Fundraiso"**: The `Tab Summary` file suggests you have a fundraising strategy. Ensure this is integrated into your **Lovable** landing page if you build one (Lovable has specific "Nonprofit Fundraising Page" templates).