**Interview 1**

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So good evening, we are here to make an interview for the project called Social Innovation days for experts in team village fostering entrepreneurial change makers through ICT. So the first question is, what is your academic background?

**Interviewee 1**

I'm a student in energy engineering.

**Interviewer**

Okay. And starting with the real questions, actually, how did the presentations from external stakeholders influence your initial social innovation ideas, during brainstorming in the very first boot camp days.

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When we first came here, they were source to gain inspiration, I found a place to start looking for ideas, as well as issues that we got with different problems that we could have had. So it was useful to have a starting point or somewhere to start are ideas from coming, so that was very good. But at the end, it could have been also cool to not have stakeholders, so that our personal backgrounds could have played a bigger role and our other ideas could have taken more of the ideas that we had, because then, maybe that would have given more motivation, if it came from our own idea instead of a stakeholder, it could be, but

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They’re supposed to present challenges more than ideas but the ideas should have been from your perspective.

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Yeah. And they did. And we were able to find solutions to the problems that they caught, they found to us, and that's the project that we ended up doing, so our project is now very much related to a stakeholder, which we were basically trying to improve their idea.

**Interviewer**

And so, how do you see yourself in this role becoming a change maker and involving other team members? Do you think this is something you can pursue in the future or?

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I have already started my own social entrepreneurship in a way, outside of the classroom. I started something called Blue summon to try to get former refugees to live in student housing, worked on it for two years but it's actually kind of stopped now. But that's something that has always been important to me and that was why I signed up here, trying to find people who are like minded and other projects to engage in.

**Interviewer**

So how is it going so far? Do you think your present team members can work with you in the future, or you still want to find new ones?

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I think the project that we're working on, that itself, might not be something I'll pursue in the future, the project that we're working on, but certain members of our team, I really, really like and I admire a lot of the things, the qualities that they have. So if I were to create a new team, I think that I've gained friends that come from other backgrounds and the ones that I have before.

**Interviewer**

So you have different backgrounds in this thing?

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Yeah, so the fact that some of them come from completely different disciplines than the one I am from, would be useful if I were to start a project again, then I would have knowledge of people who have complete different backgrounds, and thereby also different skills.

**Interviewer**

That's very good. In terms of this soft skills, like communication skills, negotiation, sending emails back and forth with the stakeholders, during the boot camp days, kind of contributing to that, did you find that the challenges from before that were improved later on, by introducing this external stakeholders?

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I think we gained a lot of motivation from how engaged our stakeholder was. So the fact that she was here and talk to us and brought new ideas, and she was super proactive, was really good. I'm not sure if we've been able to meet that back to her and give that same inspiration back because we've been quite focused on the other part of the work lately, so that, I'm not sure if our project will deliver what she expected or could have gained from it. But she took a really active role in coming to us and I don't have any criticism on the way that she has worked, but that, if we had even more communication, if we maybe took initiative and came to their office, maybe even more could have developed on a project.

**Interviewer**

Do you think this initiative thing, was it like a problem from before or a challenge from before, communication wise, you had and then you sort it out later, I don't know.

**Interviewee 1**

I don't quite understand the question.

**Interviewer**

The question is more, if you have this challenge, you're saying that if you met or not expectations, then did you find that a challenge to communicate, that you kind of improve later on?

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I think the means of communication weren't the problem in themselves, because we had very open, they included us in a Slack Chat, where we could ask questions to them directly, which was very nice and the door has always been open from their side, so I saw that they put themselves at disposal.

**Interviewer**

And was this something new to you or you have used Slack before?

**Interviewee 1**

I've used slack before, so that was fine to use.

**Interviewer**

How about the other team members, what do you think?

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I think it was new to some, but some had seen it before but we haven't used it very actively, when we've needed actual resources from them, we've been able to send them a message and then get a quick reply. So that's nice.

**Interviewer**

How about the technical skills of the project? Like, what did you use, did you use things that were done from or skills that you got from a boot camp or skills that you had from previous experiences? What was the situation in the team and personal speaking?

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Yeah, and one team had very good skills in design processes. So to be able to be creative and say, hey, what if we do this and creating and throw in new ideas, which was really useful. And the fact that another person has a more progressive kind of view and pragmatic kind of view in what he's doing and has more a drive to finish things quickly created interesting group dynamics. But that both help the project and having allowing ourselves to step back and be a bit creative and have brainstorming and create new ideas, but at the same time, kind of keep the focus of okay, but we do have to deliver something at the end of it. So the fact that we came from different disciplines there, I think, was beneficial.

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How about the technical influence any skills, or?

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Yeah, because when X came in as well, she gave us some material that they've been used for designing, so we were able to build on the stuff that they brought in. So they brought in some files from Adobe XD that we could continue building on and that was really useful and also came with some materials on research that we could use.

**Interviewer**

And how about the project management? Was it kind of discussed during the boot camp or you had some insights about that or you didn’t tackle so much?

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About how to manage a project and how to run it forward?

**Interviewer**

Yeah, to run this concrete project idea that you had

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It was maybe discussed a little bit, but not something that felt substantial to the project.

**Interviewer**

And how does this funding possibilities influence your future intelligence, we are going to have the last boot camp day and of course, we will explore a bit more but opportunities for funding, does it influence a bit your mindset or becoming a change maker?

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I think is really important to be aware of the funding opportunities that we do have, because there are a lot of them, especially around the university area. So for everyone to have heard of that and to see those idea, I think is really important to foster the belief that you can get funding for your idea and grow it forward. I think it is but for our project, specifically, we have decided to focus more on selling our product to one of the stakeholders. So therefore, the funding for our project itself, will fall a little bit on the side of the table in a way because we were decided, so

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It might be a good funding opportunity to improve what we have done so far rather than to improve technical aspects.

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Yeah, and also the fact of learning the pitching method itself, it was very useful when Marie came here and told us about how to pitch in what you need to strive to sell your idea.

**Interviewer**

I think, this is more of the soft skills, I guess. And last question, if you are to become the world leading change maker in the future, what would you do with all the responsibility it comes with?

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Super scary. Yeah, to take on and start something new and anyone feels insecure doing that, I would say, specifically, in the project that I've done previously, we have now ended it, which is due to such an insecurity, like taking on a responsibility. And if your solution isn't the one, the right one, then there's also no reason to keep at it and especially in social projects, you must be aware of the effects that that you're having on your project and make sure that they are the good ones that you intended and not others that side effects that you might not have known when you started. But I don't think those things should stop you from trying because that would be even sadder if you let those restrict you so much that you cannot continue to create items.

**Interviewer**

Thank you very much for the interview. I think it was very useful. Good luck with the continuation of this.