**Interview 2**

**Interviewer**

Okay, so, good evening. We are here for the interview regarding the Social Innovation days for experts in team village, fostering entrepreneurial change makers through ICT. I'd like to hear a bit about your background in this village and also the participation regarding the boot camp days we have had so far the first few big companies. So what is your academic background?

**Interviewee 1**

My academic background, I currently study European Studies. And before that, I studied international relations, focusing on international security languages.

**Interviewer**

What do you think regarding the boot camp process? What do you think about the presentation held from the state external stakeholders influence through social innovation ideas in general?

**Interviewee 1**

Yes, so the presentations, I liked that they were different, there was nothing that was the same. We had some language, learning and some about a country in Africa, they're just very different than the Trondheim Guna. So I think it helped inspire us to kind of think outside the box and different from what we're normally seem to come up with a new idea.

**Interviewer**

We'll come back to that. But how would you feel in the role of change maker, like in the future, if you want to develop similar social innovation ideas or even with your current teammates or with different teams in the future, did you think this boot camp days helped you understand how to proceed, how to build a relevant project for a social innovation problem, etc?

**Interviewee 1**

Yes, I do. And especially from the capiche, because I think Marie, especially since you went to the entrepreneur school here, she really helped bring out the entrepreneurial side of the project and what we're supposed to do in that aspects.

**Interviewer**

What is capiche?

**Interviewee 1**

Capiche is a language learning.

**Interviewer**

Okay. And they weren't a startup or a company.

**Interviewee 1**

Startup, I think it started with sounds good and then they merged with the company.

**Interviewer**

So would you have the other team members also get involved in these kinds of change making initiatives or startup initiatives?

**Interviewee 1**

Would I have or did you have

**Interviewer**

Would you have in the future?

**Interviewee 1**

Do you mean if I joined another team, or if I create another?

**Interviewer**

Yeah, if you create another team, or if you continue working with the same team based on the idea that you have developed so far?

**Interviewee 1**

And what would I do with the team?

**Interviewer**

To create a startup or make a change making solution or innovative solution?

**Interviewee 1**

For me, it’s all different because of my background. I’m definitely not the type of person who wants to be an entrepreneur. I prefer working for a big organization. But I think it’s really inspiring to contribute to social change. That's why I like this village the most because of the social change and that's what I liked about it.

**Interviewer**

And how many different backgrounds you have in your team? Are you all the same profile or is it

**Interviewee 1**

No, we all study completely different things. The only thing is, we have three people from the same country who are friends and so I feel like that kind of affected the team because all the other teams, they're from completely different backgrounds, but our team, half of them have the same background, like country.

**Interviewer**

Yeah, but I'm talking about academic background,

**Interviewee 1**

Academic wise, everyone had different backgrounds.

**Interviewer**

Regarding the, we maybe discuss this, but from the perspective of stakeholders being exposed to their challenges, did it help you foster new ideas or was it something that narrowed down the ideas, what was the perception?

**Interviewee 1**

I think it helped us realize that the troubles that companies and new startups may be facing, especially again, with the X, their troubles but I felt like the X commune, we didn't really understand, they were very open with you can choose whatever you want to work with and they didn't really state the issues that they had. So maybe stakeholders that have specific issues that they need help fixing.

**Interviewer**

In terms of soft skills, and when I say soft skills, I mean communication skills, teamwork skills, sending emails sometimes or doing negotiation with different stakeholders that we're participating in the boot camp, do you think this boot camp days helped you with that, from previous experiences that you had before or?

**Interviewee 1**

Yes, I definitely think they helped us because it gave us the chance to meet face to face again with our stakeholders and sometimes things are better said in person, instead of over email. But we also really worked on sending the right email and getting the team together to make sure that's what we wanted to say.

**Interviewer**

Can you mention some challenges regarding that? Did you encounter any challenges in terms of the soft skills?

**Interviewee 1**

Yes, so, it was difficult because not everyone in our team is have skills with emailing businesses or that type, so we had to designate specific person to do the emailing and reaching out. And so, sometimes, information can be lost with what you're trying to say but I think, I’m not really sure.

**Interviewer**

Let’s say, did the confidence level increase or decrease after doing this whole process because we are sort of at the end, so did you feel like you feel more confident or less confident to communicate with external?

**Interviewee 1**

Well, for me, personally, I would say, no, it’s the same because I had a job previously, where I was just reaching out to companies and contacting them and so I'm very used to that. And yeah, that's just my personnel but for people who don't have that experience, and maybe have never lived in Western culture.

**Interviewer**

And how about technical skills, I know maybe, based on your background, you are not addressing a lot of technical aspects in the project but still, if you feel that there were technical things that you have put as a contribution, do you think they were like, kind of with this boot camp days and the stakeholders participating, did they influence how you bet your project? Or maybe you already had a stronger background and you didn't need anything, besides the idea or the challenge you had to tackle?

**Interviewee 1**

No, I definitely think we relied on our technical team members to help guide us and then whenever we had the boot camp, and the stakeholder came in, and we presented to her and we showed her ideas, she was able to guide us in the direction and if she thought it was a good idea, or with the app, that's our technical background, what she thought about.

**Interviewer**

How about project management?

**Interviewee 1**

We’ve been doing that, through all of those days, I don't necessarily see project management coming up in the boot camp days. But I feel like there's so many other things that we're doing during the boot camp and I think project management was expected of us from the beginning.

**Interviewer**

So the stakeholders maybe didn't bring this up a lot.

**Interviewee 1**

No, that wasn't the case.

**Interviewer**

It was based on your previous experiences as well. And how about these external funding possibilities, do they influence your mindset of becoming the change maker or continuing perhaps, pursuing this initiative?

**Interviewee 1**

Yes, knowing that there's external factors out there in Norway specifically, but also, it was really helpful to have our stakeholders come back during the boot camp because she gave us tips on how we could get funding and what direction to go in.

**Interviewer**

We have still one more we can do about this, we still will have to explore options. And last question, if you are to be the next world leading change maker, how would you properly handle the power and the responsibility that you could get out of that? If you, let's say, you have a very nice social innovation idea? Yeah, it makes a big impact. So then afterwards, what do you think, how can you manage all this responsibility?

**Interviewee 1**

I would definitely start with going to start NTNU or some of the entrepreneurs who will have helped building a business and I think it was helpful to have people come in and talk to us about that and like the starting foundations of what you need to build a real company, so it was definitely helpful.

**Interviewer**

And they showed, perhaps, you got an idea on how you could develop

**Interviewee 1**

Yeah and they just showed what is out there because I came in knowing about entrepreneurship, so

**Interviewer**

Thank you so much for the interview. It was very nice