Project Motivation - *Jade*

1. **Describe what motivated your group to choose this particular project?**
Our website will be very useful and we feel it is a very important tool given the current environment in terms of communication. The world is in crisis and now more than ever we need to rely on the trend of technology to communicate. There are millions of people that have not been able to keep up with the rest of the world in regard to technological advances, even though they were surrounded by it with friends and family. Now with social distancing and everyone being instructed to stay at home there will be many that cannot get their help from those they know and the only help is with the use of technical functions, hence they won't actually have any assistance at all. We as a society have left people behind, and now for some, it is too late as they now are in full isolation and unable to have people to communicate with, face to face. If only we had encouraged and even pushed people to all be connected. This is why we feel motivated to have a website that can easily illustrate how to use their devices to communicate and keep them socially connected while in times like now. This shows our understanding of the current situation and that we want to make a difference to help people to connect with others virtually. We are motivated because we want the older generation to get familiar and be comfortable with using the technology that we use in our daily life.

2. **How does it relate to your individual and collective interests?** This project has inspired us to help those who are alone during our current worldwide pandemic by themself unable to communicate with their friends and family. This also relates to us as most of us (Jessani, Dylan, Anisah, Yumi and Jade.) have an interest in web development and feel that we will be able to successfully bring this prototype to life. We feel intHelps people
We all know someone who needs this website

3. **With your team, what IT skills can be enhanced in order to achieve the project idea?**
We are very fortunate enough that our project is a website and we are luckily to have had some web experience last semester in Introduction to IT and as well we all are studying web programming this semester side by side with this project. We feel that we will be able to accomplish most of our project with the skills we already have. However, we still need to improve our web programming skills to achieve all of our features within our website. In particular, we will need to learn how to for he video feature: add subtitles, forward/reverse button, how to make the video(creativing it), how to code a chat-box feature, Translating (mostly), how to add download pdf, how to change font size, how to code a search bar. So some skills we will need to require are javascript, more html, css.

If this relates to an idea you had in Introduction to IT, describe how this has now evolved/morphed into the current project and correlating this with feedback you have received.

This is an idea from what we had in Introduction to IT. And the only area of improvement from our assignment last semester was our timeframe with having a UI design and prototype more earlier on, although there were no comments on improving our project idea. We feel quite strongly that our project idea is evolved enough for us to create and feel confident in achieving, so we will not be evolving much. However, with the time and skills we have we will eliminate the translating and chatbot features and actually for pitch assessment we decided to remove the features aimed towards people with disabilities as it was too broad.