



selfdriven MAV100 Intersect Education Grant

Reflection Document

Societal Empowerment in Governance Action

<https://docs.selfdriven.foundation/intersect-education-kit>

Project Objectives

Educate Young People: The primary goal is to educate young people about decentralised governance through interactive multimedia content that engages them in Cardano's governance structure.

Facilitate Community Engagement: By guiding students in understanding decentralised technologies and governance, the project seeks to enable their active participation as governance representatives within the Cardano ecosystem.

Project Scope

Target Audience: Primarily aimed at young students involved with MAV100 and the selfdriven community, focusing on fostering a deeper understanding of blockchain governance.

Content Creation and Learning Kits: The project involves the creation of educational materials, specifically a Learning Kit that includes detailed interview guides, tasks, learning objects, and quizzes tailored for engaging young learners.

Milestones

The project is structured around several key milestones:

Project Plan and Design:

Development of the Project Management Plan, including task assignments and team roles.
Publish Learning Design Documents to guide the creation of the educational content.

Creation:

Produce learning templates and associated content, including a minimum of 10 videos and additional resources available on platforms like skillzeb.io and GitHub.

Materials will be designed in accordance with educational best practices and frameworks.

Organise and Publish:

Distribute the created content on various learning platforms to ensure accessibility.

Content will be open-source, allowing for further use and dissemination within the community.

Engagement:

Conduct online workshops aimed at training participants on how to utilise the educational materials effectively. At least two workshops are to be published.

Reflection and Feedback:

Analyse the project outcomes, processes, and impacts to incrementally enhance the educational materials based on community feedback.

Deliverables

Educational Materials: The primary deliverables will include:

- A Project Management Plan detailing team roles and responsibilities.
- A Learning Kit that explicates the governance process, complemented by supporting materials like task lists and quizzes.
- Published content on GitHub and skillzeb.io as CC0 (public domain).

Challenges and Solutions

Educational Approach

Challenge: The complexity of teaching decentralisation and governance to young people required a different approach than traditional blockchain education.

Solution: Shifted focus to emphasise the social layer (community decision-making) over technical aspects, creating a more accessible entry point for understanding blockchain concepts.

Learning: The importance of thorough education around decentralisation and governance became paramount, with technology serving as a supporting element rather than the primary focus.

Institutional Engagement

Challenge: Difficulty in organising and recording with schools due to sensitivity around terms like "crypto" and blockchain in educational settings.

Solution:

- Developed an openly accessible learning kit
- Approached topics from a social layer perspective first
- Created explicit guidelines for teachers and schools

- Provided comprehensive safety regulations and parental consent procedures for recordings

Safety and Digital Literacy

Challenge: Ensuring appropriate and safe engagement of young people with new technologies.

Solution:

- Implemented step-by-step approach to technology and use-cases
- Developed detailed explainers for teachers on discussion facilitation
- Established clear safety protocols and parental consent procedures

Collaborative Framework

Challenge: Managing diverse aspects of educational content development and delivery.

Solution: Leveraged partnerships where each collaborator contributed their specific expertise and community connections.

Learning: The success of wide-ranging educational projects heavily depends on effective collaboration between partners.

Key Learnings and Best Practices

Content Approach

- Focus on social aspects before technical details
- Build understanding through gradual, step-by-step progression
- Avoid potentially confusing terminology (like "crypto")

Educational Strategy

- Prioritise safety and digital literacy
- Create flexible, openly accessible materials
- Develop comprehensive teacher support resources

Stakeholder Management

- Establish clear communication channels with schools
- Provide detailed guidelines for all participants
- Ensure proper documentation and consent procedures

Project Implementation

- Leverage partner expertise effectively
- Maintain focus on social impact and community engagement
- Create sustainable and adaptable learning resources

Recommendations for Future Projects

Content Development

- Continue developing materials that prioritise social layer understanding
- Maintain focus on practical governance applications

- Create more interactive and engaging learning resources

Educational Partnerships

- Strengthen relationships with educational institutions
- Develop more comprehensive teacher training programs
- Expand collaboration with diverse community partners

Safety and Accessibility

- Further develop safety protocols for young learners
- Create more accessible content formats
- Maintain open-source approach to materials

Outcomes

Enhanced Governance Understanding: The project aims to result in a notable increase in understanding of decentralised governance among young participants.

Community Engagement: By creating open-access resources, the initiative supports broader participation in governance processes within the Cardano community, fostering a culture of inclusiveness and knowledge sharing.

Sustainability of Learning Resources: The content produced will be adaptable and globally accessible, intended for continual use in educational programs related to governance and decentralisation.