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Dear Mr Lewis,

Nineveh Charitable Trust - Thank You

We're thankful...

On behalf of everyone at Project Trust, I would like to thank the Nineveh Charitable Trust for generously supporting our Volunteers during our 2015/16 financial year.

"Throughout the experience I grew immensely in confidence and learned to be more self-reliant and independent as I overcame each new challenge."
- Johnny Singleton, Swaziland, 2015/16

The support you have provided to Project Trust allows us to continue to offer unique, challenging overseas volunteering placements for young people across the UK. We continue to learn, grow and develop as an organisation, and it brings me great pleasure to be able to update you on the fantastic progress we have made in the past year, with regards to the following strategic aim:

- Ensure the Project Trust volunteering experience is open to and supportive of all young people with the desire, motivation and aptitudes, required to succeed.

We're inclusive...

Project Trust is determined that young people from all different backgrounds and walks of life have the opportunity to experience a long term volunteering placement overseas. We have identified a number of barriers faced by young people who wish to participate in the Project Trust volunteering experience. They range from financial constraints and a lack of funds to attend a Selection Course, to a lack of family support and social capital to encourage, guide and provide practical help.

I am delighted to be able to inform you of the following initiatives, introduced within the past twelve months, to aid our work on Volunteer diversity and support. These include:

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- **Selection Bursary:** The first step in every young person's journey with Project Trust is to attend a four day residential Selection Course on the Isle of Coll. It costs £180 to book a place on Selection, and travel expenses can amount to over £100. A Selection Bursary is now available to cover both the booking and travel costs.
- **Access Fund:** We have formalised the financial assistance available to young people offered an overseas placement, whose personal circumstances would make it difficult to reach the fundraising target. This means-tested support is awarded in the form of a grant of up to 50% of the fundraising target, depending on the circumstances of each applicant.
- **Mentoring Scheme:** Young people may lack the 'social capital' required to successfully complete their fundraising and prepare for going overseas. We are currently completing a pilot mentoring scheme in Scotland, involving 20 Returned Volunteers being matched to newly selected Volunteers who will depart in 2017. We have retained 100% of Volunteers being mentored and they are on course to head overseas, compared to this year's average retention figure of 79%.

We're an educational charity...

As we develop partnerships with organisations and communities overseas, we recognise the need to work together with partners in the UK who share our vision of an empowered generation of confident and effective young people, acting as responsible global citizens.

We strongly believe in the importance of our Returned Volunteers participating as active global citizens within their own communities in the UK. Through working and living in challenging environments within overseas communities our Volunteers develop a deeper understanding of the world and of a wide variety of global issues.

On their return to the UK, Project Trust's Global Citizenship Programme gives Volunteers the chance to share the knowledge they have gained whilst overseas. Returned Volunteers go into local schools to deliver workshops, lessons and assemblies on topics they have become passionate about whilst volunteering, such as HIV/AIDS awareness and women's rights. In this way, Project Trust's educational impact goes well beyond the young people we send overseas to reach thousands of people across the UK.

Your support is valued...

Project Trust greatly appreciates having the opportunity to build upon our relationship with the Nineveh Charitable Trust and thank your Trustees in person. We look forward to meeting with you in September and updating you further on our progress.

Please find a copy of our latest Annual Report enclosed and a report from one of our Volunteers currently overseas.

Yours sincerely,



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