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**Questionnaire**

**Tell us about yourselves**

Technquest is an educational charity based in South Wales. Through our interactive science centre and digital and in-person outreach projects, we inspire a love of science and a knowledge of its practical applications in people of all ages. We believe STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) education can benefit everyone and we aim to especially support people facing harder lives than most.

**Tell us about the Funds**

- Has the project we helped to fund been completed? If so, how is it maintained?

We have erected the Living Wall, which is healthy and settled in, and we have installed our new environmental science exhibits. The whole Science Capital expansion is looking amazing with 51 new interactive exhibits covering a wide range of STEM topics ready to entertain and inform visitors. Sadly, Covid-19 has kept our doors closed for all but three weeks since 23 March 2020, so we are unable to report on the public perception of our project yet. We look forward to this once we can reopen.

- If not completed yet, why not? Are plans in place to finalise the project?

We had to pause all projects in March, when our building closed, reducing our main source of income (ticket sales) to zero. We have plans in place to take us through this difficult time and hope to reopen this Spring/Summer, allowing visitors to benefit from our project.

- Did the funds provided by us prove adequate, or was there an over- or under-spend?

Your generous gift of £5,000 went towards the cost of our new Living Wall exhibit, contributing a real focal point to our Environmental Science section. Our project came in on budget at £12,000.

- How were any surplus funds used, or was further funding made available?

Technquest covered the additional £7,000 to make up the full cost of the Living Wall through our Science Capital building fund.

**Tell us about the project**

- Has the project been successful and well received by the beneficiaries?

The project has successfully come to completion, however as we have remained closed, we are unable to measure the impact on beneficiaries yet. We look forward to inviting visitors in to benefit from our expanded offer this year. As an ongoing, physical resource, the benefits of our project will last for many years.

- Are you satisfied with the outcome, or, with hindsight, would some modifications have been appropriate?

We are satisfied that the finished product looks fantastic and will provide an engaging, educational resource to encourage visitors to consider our shared environment and ecology. We look forward to visitor feedback once we reopen to inform any future modifications, if appropriate.

- Was funding for this project made available from any other sources?

The remainder of our project was funded through Technquest's restricted Science Capital fund. This in turn was made up of donations from Welsh Government, Wellcome, UK Research and Innovation, Garfield Weston Foundation and Moondance Foundation, alongside Technquest's own reserves, saved over previous years. The Science Capital fund covered our building expansion and many of our new exhibits.

## Feedback about us

- How did you find our own process of selection and payment?

Overall, the process was excellent. Your website provided all necessary details and the application process was straight forward. It would have been beneficial to receive feedback on why we were not awarded the full amount requested. We appreciate that it is impossible to fund all of the many good causes who apply for your support, however it would have been helpful to hear the Trustees' thoughts, and whether there was a particular element of the project that appealed to them.

- Have you considered providing us with an update on the activities for which our Trust provided the funding?

Usually, we would have got in touch sooner, but with 85% of our staff furloughed through the Government's scheme for the majority of 2020, we have been unable to maintain relationships with our supporters as well as we would like. Thank you for your patience.

- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

We would be very happy for you to visit our science centre once restrictions in England and Wales allow. It would be an excellent opportunity for you to see the difference our new space and exhibits make. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact [mike.harrison@techniquet.org](mailto:mike.harrison@techniquet.org)

- Have you any other comments?

Thank you again for your generous donation. It has been a challenging year for people around the world and the support of charities like yours in a lifeline for many.

Techniquet was at a pivotal moment even before the pandemic, with our annual Welsh Government grant coming to an end in 2021, having reduced from £1.3m in 2015. With our building forced to close in March 2020, we lost both our main source of income and the space in which we deliver our charitable work. Out of necessity, we have since developed a new digital outreach programme to support schools across Wales, but we are looking forward to reopening our centre and resuming in-person outreach once restrictions allow.

I have included a few photos of our Living Wall and new environmental exhibits:



Living Wall and Fish Tank.



Interactive panels provide detailed information.



Enclosed Ecosystems with small animals and plants living happily isolated from the world.



Topics include greenhouse gases, solar energy, local food, sustainable practices and plastic waste.

This questionnaire is part of our due diligence, obtaining feedback to help us, and we are grateful for your input – please return the questionnaire as soon as possible.