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Questionnaire

Tell us about yourselves (Charity Name, Donation Amount and Date of Donation)

Venture Scotland, a charity (SC013901) working in the outdoors with some of Scotland's most vulnerable young people (YP) who are struggling with their mental health. We received £8,000 from the Nineveh Trust on 6 August 2020.

Tell us about the Funds

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

Yes – the project has been completed. We received funding to support the salary costs of an Outdoor Youth Worker (OYW) - total costs £28,000. The rest of the costs were fully match funded by other funders (see more detail below).

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

n/a

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

Yes – the funds were spent in full as per our application.

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

n/a

Tell us about the project

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

By supporting the costs of our OYW in our Glasgow base, we have supported 21 vulnerable YP from the Greater Glasgow areas, through the Covid-19 lockdown, of whom 12 completed our Challenge Programme and 7 completed our Discover Programme.

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We asked our YP to report on their experiences and our work. The results were as follows:

- 91% felt less isolated since engaging with Venture Scotland.
- 64% felt that they had gained new friendships/contacts I can call on.
- 73% felt that their opinion mattered.
- 73% felt that they were more comfortable using greenspace and local parks.
- 100% felt valued.
- 100% felt they gained confidence.
- 100% felt their mental/emotional health was better.

“Always knowing that there is someone to talk to you if needed, which I did! In lockdown Venture Scotland provided needed structure for me. It was something to look forward to every week. It felt like I still had connection to people.” Jim (pseudonym), 2020



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

We were satisfied with this outcome as we had to make some fundamental changes to our delivery due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place during this time. We adapted our Challenge Programme to be delivered and completed entirely online and managed to meet our YP at locations (in a Covid-safe way) in order to deliver our Discover Programme to groups of YP in the outdoors

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

Yes. We received funding from the following sources:

£10,000 – Robert McAlpine Foundation

£1,000 – Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust

£7,000 – Hugh Fraser Foundation

£2,000 – Cashback for Communities Youth Work Fund

Feedback about us

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

I found the application process really simple. The Nineveh Trust website gave very specific information which was easy to understand and follow.

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

I always feel its important to feedback to funders on the project that they have supported. I presumed that I would do this at the end of the funding period but if you prefer more regular updates, I would definitely do this for you.

- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

Yes, absolutely. We would welcome a visit from your trustees. We are beginning to get back to our normal outdoor-based programme delivery with YP beginning to experience bothy residentials very soon.

- Have you any other comments?

The funding of £8,000 from the Nineveh Trust has been a massive help to our operation in Glasgow where we do not receive local authority funding and are struggling to maintain the service here.

Thank you so much from everyone at Venture Scotland.

- 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.

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