

On-demand grant 2021/22

On Demand Report

Application No. OD000082021_22 From Mrs Annaliese Hewitt

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Instructions

Kia ora. The questions below are to help InternetNZ understand the triumphs and challenges you have faced to date in your mahi we have supported.

We want to celebrate your successes and understand the obstacles you have encountered so far. This will help us all to learn what we could do differently next time.

This form will be placed on our website for transparency.

Please complete and submit this form no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. Should you be unable to meet the deadline, contact us to arrange an alternative date, by emailing funding@internetnz.net.nz. You may not be eligible to apply for further grants from InternetNZ if this is not submitted. The completion of this form should be overseen by someone with an intimate knowledge of the funded mahi.

Final project report

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Project title *

Shore Junction Discord - Virtual Youth Centre

Provide a short summary of the work that was completed as part of this project / research. *

Our Discord server has continued to grow as a safe space for young people to connect. We were fortunate that the funding allowed us to employ Ashe to run the Discord space and moderate the channels. Ashe was then able to work with our Youth Engagement Group and other youth volunteers who have also been moderators of the site. There has been nothing else like this set up for young people in New Zealand.

Describe the "who, what, where and when" of your initiative.

Is your mahi for this project complete? *

Yes No

If your initiative is still in progress, pick "no"

Start Date

01/01/2022

Must be a date.

Finish Date

31/12/2022

Must be a date.

When do you anticipate that your project / research will be completed?

Must be a date.

Leave blank if this is an ongoing initiative or if finish date is unknown.

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Are there any areas where you need further support to complete this mahi?

We continue to grow our Discord server and to provide opportunities for the use accessing the space. Most recently (today) we have set up a #floodsupport section so young people can decompress and share their experiences but also set up a network to provide support to those who have been displaced by the flooding.

What are the outcomes of this project? *

The main outcome has been that it has meant improved communication and collaboration amongst Shore Junction members. Allowing for an increased sense of community and belonging.

It has provided young people with an opportunity for skill development, such as leadership and teamwork as well as access to resources, and support.

Young people have been able to create wider networks and engage safely online with their peers in a moderated environment.

Describe major achievements or outcomes of the project in terms of benefits for participants and/or others.

Who have you worked with to make this project happen?

Ashe has been the star of this project. This is Ashe's first job and he has grown from strength to strength. He is a visually impaired young man who is part of the Rainbow community and has exceeded all expectations we had of him.

We have had an amazing group of youth volunteers who have moderated the Discord channels whilst our staff may not be online.

We have worked with a number of other youth organisations. Predominantly partnering with the I.Lead team to reach more young people with disabilities. Our most recent initiative with this is to provide a discord space to create a safe place for disabled people struggling with mental health, anxiety, neurodiversity (basically people who are struggling to leave the house and their only social engagement is online).

For example, staff, volunteers, other organisations or support that has been instrumental in this mahi.

Describe any changes from the original proposal and the reason the changes were required.

There were no changes from the original proposal.

We may use this information to help inform others undertaking similar work.

What did you or your team/organisation learn as a result of doing this project? *

We learnt that Discord continues to be popular with young people, even post lockdowns. It provides a strong way to connect with young people throughout New Zealand. We will continue to grow and develop our Discord channel as needs change.

Describe some areas for improvement and/or reasons for success and/or challenges. How will the things you learnt inform future projects?

How will you share the outcomes and lessons from this mahi? *

We have a number of visitors to Shore Junction who want to learn about what we do, both locally and internationally. Discord has become a large section of Shore Junction and our service delivery to young people. We are also happy to chat with other youth organisations to share what has worked and what hasn't.

What channels/mediums were used?

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Which population group/s were affected by this project or program? *

Age groups > Children and youth (age 0-17) > Adolescents (people aged 13-17)

Age groups > Adults (people aged 18+) > People aged 18-25

Please choose only the group/s that were at the very core of this project/program.

Did you reach the audience you intended? *

Yes, we did. We currently have 415 young people accessing our online youth centre discord.

Reflect on who you set out to help, and whether this changed at all through the course of the project.

What has the feedback been to date? *

Young people have really been enjoying Discord. There have been a number of connections made and safe friendships developed outside of the internet space. Other young people have liked it as it gave them a chance to make friends outside of their normal friendship circle at school.

Consider whether you have permission before quoting any specific piece of feedback.

We'd love to see some visual and/or audio representations of your work. Please share it below.

Upload files:

No files have been uploaded

and/or

Provide web link:

<https://discord.com/invite/shorejunction>

Must be a URL

and/or

Provide additional details:

We are happy to include screenshots if required, however it contains chat with youth members.

Please include captions, if relevant

Can we use your media content in our communications? *

Yes No Please contact us first
e.g. in our annual report

Financial report

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Project income and expenditure

Please provide details of any project income (funds received) and project expenditure (funds spent) to date.

Use the 'Notes' column to provide any additional information you think we should be aware of.

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Income Description	Income type	Confirmed funding?	Income amount (\$)	Notes
Internet NZ	Philanthropic grants	Confirmed*	\$10,000.00	
MSD Wage support	Other income	Confirmed	\$9,936.00	Wage subsidy for Ashe

Expenditure description	Expenditure type	Expenditure amount (\$)	Notes
Salary Ashe	Salaries and wages	\$19,095.01	
Discord subscription to keep discord active	Administrative and infrastructure	\$840.99	

Income and Expenditure Totals

Total income amount	Total expenditure amount	Income - expenditure
\$19,936.00	\$19,936.00	\$0.00
This number/amount is calculated.	This number/amount is calculated.	This number/amount is calculated.

Have you experienced any issues with your intended project budget to date? If so, please explain reasons for any major variances or for providing incomplete information:

We had not anticipated the annual subscription cost of the Discord server in our original budget

Feedback

You are almost at the end of your final report. Before submitting, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the acquittal process:

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very Difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form?

45

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Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes)

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to this form that we might consider:

InternetNZ is a membership organisation. Would you be interested in hearing more about becoming a member?

Yes please No thanks I am already a member