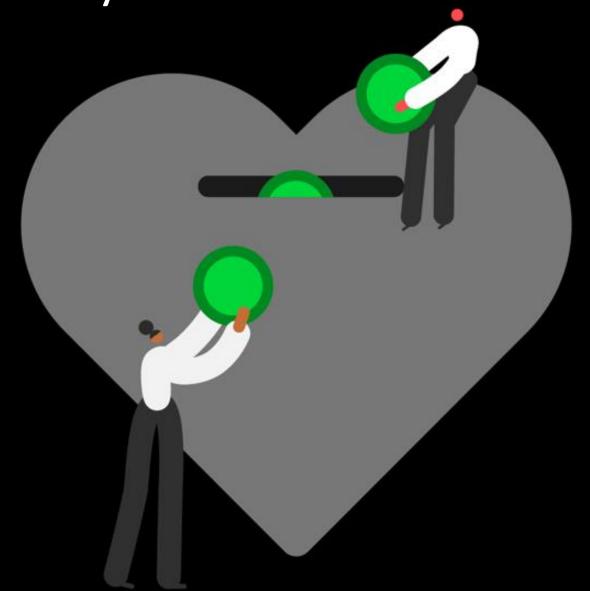
Selecting a finance system for your charity's needs

Digital technology to support your mission

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### Selecting a finance system for a charity

- Customer Story: Joelie Chisholm British Mountaineering Council.
- Selecting a Finance System Typical path.
- What AI suggests charities consider and what us humans have to say about it.
- Most frequent asks from NFPs
- What AI suggests about tender processes and our human view.
- Questions & Guidance

#### **Free Resources:**

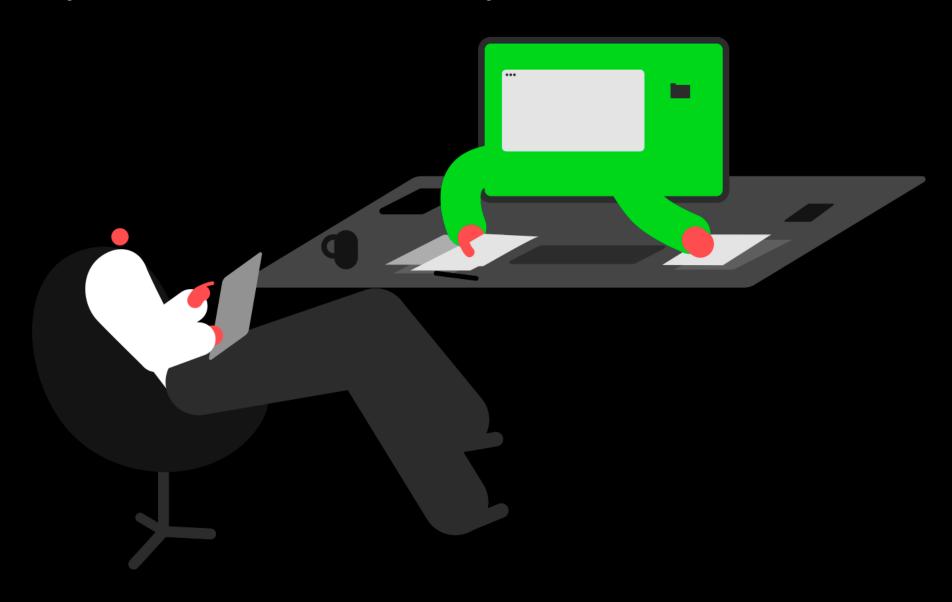
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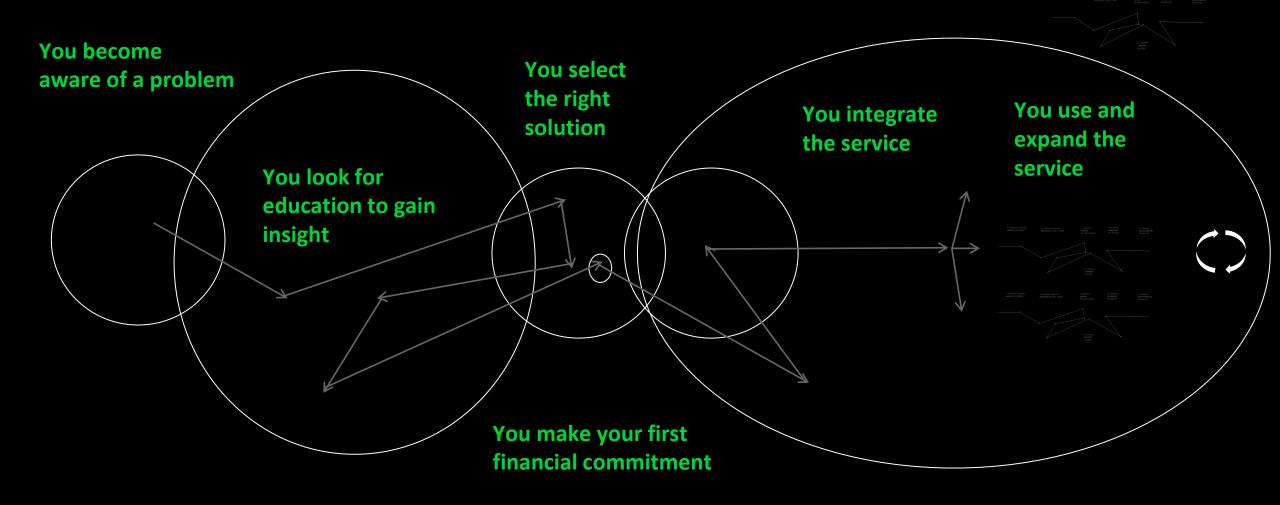




# Case Study – A Customer's Experience



## Selecting a Finance System





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## ChatGPT – Suggested to consider



### **Scalability**

"Your charity may be small now, but you want to make sure that the finance system you choose is able to grow with you as your organization expands. This means that the system should be able to handle an increasing number of transactions, users, and data."



#### **Automation**

"Automation can help increase efficiency and productivity within your charity. Look for a finance system that allows for automated processes such as deferred revenue, purchasing workflows, and batch processing."



### **Reporting and analytics**

"Having access to accurate and up-todate financial data is crucial for making informed decisions. Look for a finance system that offers robust reporting and analytics capabilities, so that you can easily track your charity's financial performance and identify areas for improvement."

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### Most Common Charity Requirements

Reporting Multi-dimensional Workflow Approvals

Multi-Entity Live bank reconciliation

Cloud System required Integrations

Eliminate excessive use of Excel

VAT and partial reclaims

Restricted Funds / Grant tracking

**Budgeting and Forecasting** 

**On-Going Service** 



### ChatGPT – Consideration of Obstacles



#### Time Constraints / evaluation

"Charities often have limited resources and staff, and a full tender process can be a significant drain on these resources. The process of preparing a tender document, evaluating responses, and negotiating contracts can take several months to complete, which can divert staff away from other important tasks."



#### **Limited Supplier Options**

"Charities may find that the number of suppliers who are able to meet their specific requirements is limited. This can restrict the charity's ability to find the best solution for their needs, and may lead to compromises on the quality of the system."



### ChatGPT – Considerations of Obstacles



### Risk of supplier failure

"Charities may be at risk of supplier failure, which can result in the loss of data and disruption to the charity's operations. This can be particularly problematic if the charity relies heavily on the system for its operations."



#### Lack of user engagement

"Charities may find that the process of selecting a new financial management system does not engage the users of the system. This can lead to a lack of buy-in from users, which can negatively impact the implementation and adoption of the new system."



### Free Resources & More Questions



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