



# CASE STUDY

## MAKING MEMBERSHIP MATTER

### How Green Grass Notes Transformed Community Through Technology



Green Grass Notes is a non-profit support group for families with children with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities, as well as adults with SEN and disabilities. Run by dedicated volunteers, the community-driven organization offers music courses and social events for its members. The music courses serve to unite children with differing levels of disability and provide them with a sense of belonging. The social events provide a platform for members to meet and socialize with others facing similar challenges.

#### Event Management Issues Come to Light

Non-profit organizations like Green Grass Notes often face challenges such as fundraising, limited resources, and event management. One specific issue for Green Grass Notes is the registration process for events, which has led to errors, nonmembers signing up, and increased workload for volunteers. A hypothetical fundraising event serves as an example of such issues. The organization sends invitations to its members, stating that the event is solely for them. However, a member forwards the invitation to a nonmember friend, who then registers for the event and wins a place. The organization must then decide whether to allow the nonmember to attend or revoke the invitation, causing confusion and frustration among members and nonmembers alike, ultimately damaging the organization's reputation. "Members would sometimes forward event invitations to friends," Helen, chairman of Green Grass Notes recalled. "As a result, nonmembers could register for events and won places. We appeared disorganized."

## A Solution Emerges: The 社團 Community Platform

Green Grass Notes found a solution to their event management challenges by using 社團, a straight-forward community platform for creating their own membership mini app. With the help of William, a member and a sales rep for 社團, Helen was able to create a modern community experience without needing to hire IT staff. William provided invaluable assistance in setting up the app and helping the

organization get up and running.

Benefits of using 社團 for event management at Green Grass Notes are significant. For starters, the platform streamlined the registration process, eliminating typing errors and preventing nonmembers from registering. This saved several man-hours a month previously spent on processing registrations.



**Mr Mok**

Gig leader, Green Grass Notes



The process of registration for events is efficient. Typing errors are avoided, and nonmembers can't mistakenly register. Our volunteers save hours a month spent processing registrations.



## Immediate Benefits: Streamlined Processes and Stronger Connections

The platform also increased active participation in discussion forums, with 60% of members now engaging, a significant increase attributable to the user-friendly interface of 社團. Moreover, the platform reduced the number of unwanted instant messages received by members by 5 per day, allowing members to focus on relevant and meaningful conversations. During the provision of technical assistance, volunteers identified and offered emotional support to members in need, showcasing the platform's potential to facilitate a supportive, engaged community.

## SUCCESS STORY FACTS



5 man-hours/month are saved  
on event management



60% of members are active  
participants in discussion forums



-5 unwanted instant  
messages/day are received

### Growing Together

In the long-term, using 社團 can foster growth and engagement within the Green Grass Notes community. Efficient event registration and error prevention help build a reputation for quality management, attracting and retaining members. The time saved on event management can be used for developing new programs and initiatives benefiting the members.

In conclusion, the 社團 platform has provided immediate benefits to Green Grass Notes and has the potential to contribute to the long-term success and growth of the organization as they continue to expand their membership base and forge partnerships with other organizations.

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## CASE SUMMARY

**Customer:**

Green Grass Notes

**Headquarters:**

Hong Kong

**Industry:**

NGOs

**Number of members:**

410 (as of July 2023)

**Solution:**

社團Membership mini-app -  
Members' Gig plan

**Biggest challenges:**

Event registration

**Feature highlights:**

Discussion forums, Community  
announcements, Events calendar,  
Standard online application forms,  
Member database, Leader support,  
Google Sign-In