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Winning Climate Change Projects Announced from Capsule Hack, a Global Hackathon & Conference

(AUSTIN, TX – July 9, 2020) Experimental Civics, alongside TechTogether and The Earth Hacks Foundation, organized “Capsule Hack” (Capsule), a two-day hackathon and conference, which drew a crowd of 400 participants representing 31 countries to build solutions to combat the effects of climate change on June 20 and June 21. Projects have already been selected by the Capsule Hack team to apply and contribute to the UN SDSN Youth Innovators Award, H&M Global Change Award, TechStars Sustainability Accelerator, and others.

Three winners were announced this past week and received prizes from Capsule Hack’s in-kind sponsors like Balsamiq, GoSun, Nespresso, and F-Secure.

1st Place: Conservation Portal

The “Conservation Portal” is a digital initiative that will aggregate wildlife conservation organization data into a single platform to provide searchable data dashboards to the network, funding agencies, and the public.

[Scott Trageser](#), Project Lead

[Mani O'Brien](#), Project Member

[Jaclyn Hawtin](#), Project Member

Chris Wagner, Project Member

[Kaleb Nyquist](#), Project Member

[Angie Murphy](#), Project Member

[Jacob Bobb](#), Project Member

[Karunashree Saproo](#), Project Member

Scott Trageser shared, “Capsule Hack supported Conservation Portal by providing a platform for recruiting the minds and talent needed to take my idea from a mere thought to a useful tool. The team recruited during Capsule Hack continues to generously support the project and I have no doubt that we will see this project through to completion.”

2nd Place: μSense

μSense (pronounced micro-sense) will be a low-cost, opensource, open-data, and open-hardware device that will utilize the capabilities of a Lora enabled microcontroller device coupled with an atmospheric sensor to monitor the environmental conditions in a micro-climate.

[Jeaime Powell](#), Project Lead

3rd Place: Data City

Data City is an investigation/validation platform for different datasets pertaining between the people and the government.

[Suliman Sharif](#), Project Lead, Bioinformatics Scientist and Software Developer at Lab7 Systems

[Marvin Corro](#), Front-End Developer

[Chris Burke](#), DevOps

[Elena Chow](#), Graphics Designer

Capsule Hack Founder, Sarah Sharif shared, “innovation is more than just novelty and ideas, it is about designing the future for the long term and leading with empathy in how we build business pipelines. I’m confident in the community we activated at Capsule Hack to focus their efforts into building new businesses, products, and services to ensure a crisis is averted before 2030.”

To learn more and get involved, see capsulehack.io

To see all projects hacked, please visit capsulehack.io/capsule-dashboard

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About Experimental Civics, LLC

Experimental Civics, an innovation institute and consultancy, was founded by Sarah Sharif after years of extracting profitable business ideas and solutions from organizations for the human bottom line.

Experimental Civics propels organizations forward as modern innovators through think tanks, internal innovation committees, hackathons, and forward-thinking strategies.

Through Experimental Civics' repeated success, they have consulted for billion-dollar brands including Red Bull, Google, Mozilla, and have partnered with over 65 organizations including Walmart, H&M, WWF, Techstars Sustainability, World Resources Institute, and Oxford AI Society. Sharif has contributed to HuffPost and been featured on Thrive Global, Inc.com, Grit Daily, Fox 7 News, BOLD TV, and KXAN.