HobIT Student Interview Transcript

Q refers to the interviewer
A refers to the interviewee

Q: *Hi! Do you consent to this interview being recorded?*
A: Yes, I consent.
Q: *You are a student, yes?*
A: International student, yes.
Q: *How old are you?*
A: I am 19 years old.
Q: *So you're not from the Netherlands then?*
A: Correct.
Q: *Ok, so did you find any difficulty adjusting here socially?*
A: In what way? This is a very open question.
Q: *Like, how was it here meeting new people? I would imagine coming from a different country-*
A: Do you mean in the Netherlands in general? Or here at Fontys?
Q: *Both, in general.*
A: I didn't find it difficult to adjust, no.
Q: *Ok, was it hard finding people with common interests?*
A: Yes.
Q: *How would you usually get around that?*
A: Like, how would I meet people?
Q: *With common interests, yes.*
A: Dating apps.
Q: *Dating apps... are those the only platforms you know of that allow you to do that?*
A: Yes.
Q: *Which dating apps have you used?*
A: Hinge, bumble... only those two, I don't really like Tinder.
Q: *Would you be interested in a platform that allowed you this that **wasn't** a dating app?*
A: Yes.
Q: *How come?*
A: I feel like with a dating app, it lets you meet people but tensions are different if I just want to be friends with them.
Q: *Ah yeah, because then you have that expectation of dating?*
A: Mhm.
Q: *Okay, what kind of features would you like to see on a interest/hobby based social media platform?*
A: Um, I'd like to see some filters, to filter out certain people.
Q: *Mhm, based on what?*

A: Age, maybe language, interests, people within a certain radius of me, maybe links to other social media platforms so I know they aren't a catfish... Maybe a verification feature.

Q: *What are some verification methods you would suggest?*

A: I know dating apps use facial recognition to verify, so like you can still use it without verification but you can get a verified profile from taking a photo of your face.

Q: *Okay, do you think verifying with a school email would also be a good idea?*

A: Depends, does it have anything to do with school?

Q: *Currently yes.*

A: Then yes. Maybe you can also verify with other social media platforms as well.

Q: *Okay then. That's the end of the interview, thank you.*