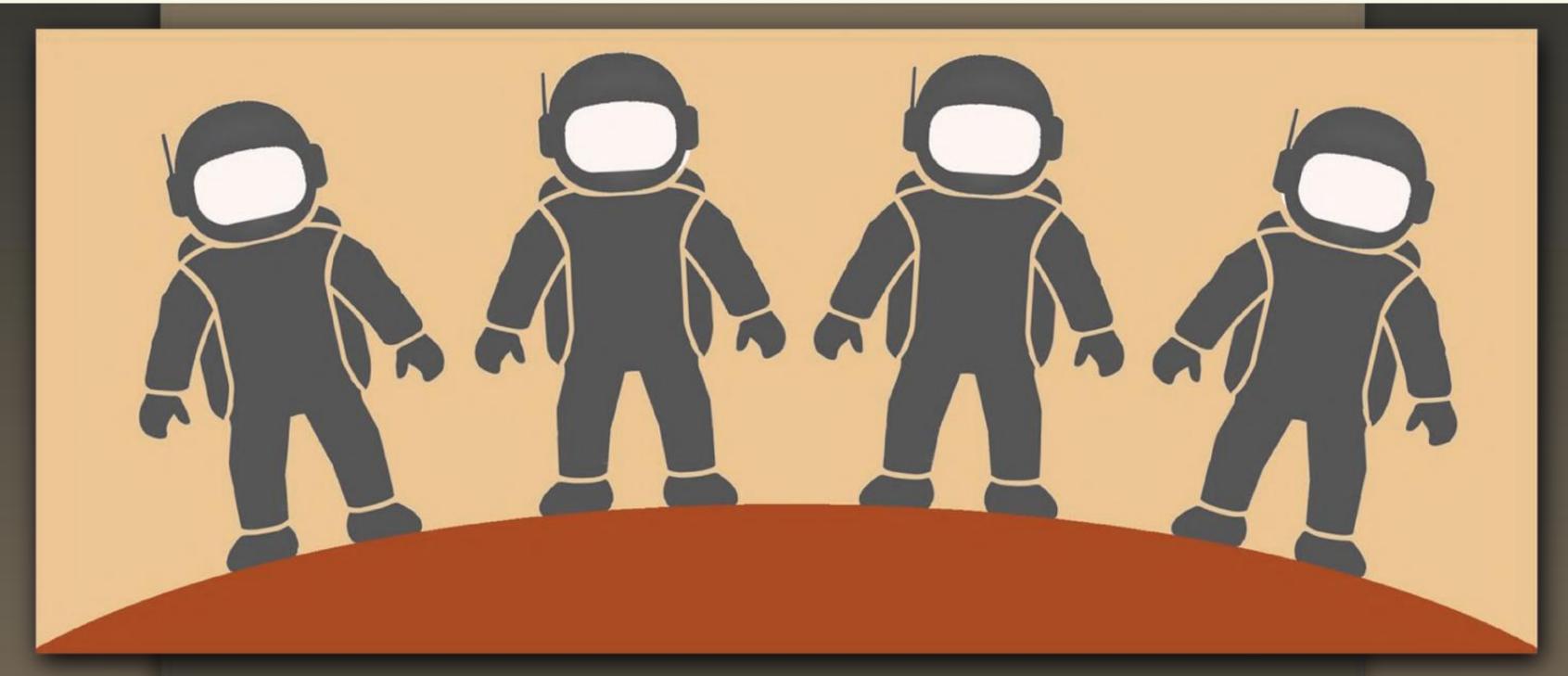
MODELMARS A PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING SPACE, SOCIETY, & SUSTAINABILITY



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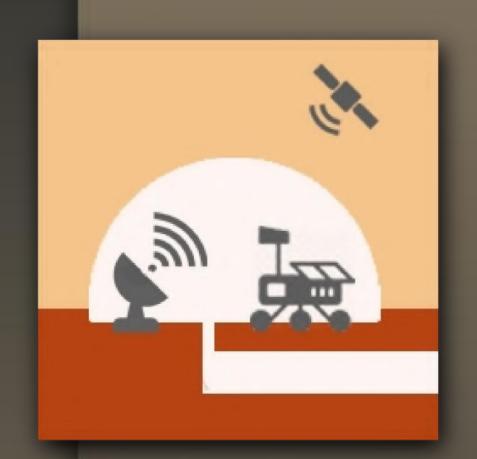
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...is a collaborative, role-playing game to examine a possible future on Mars.



Inspired by the Model United Nations, Model Mars uses imagination and teamwork, storytelling and our knowledge of Mars and Space. Imagining life on Mars in the Near Future, participants discover parallels with life on Earth today.

...addresses challenges that could arise once a human presence is established on the Red Planet.



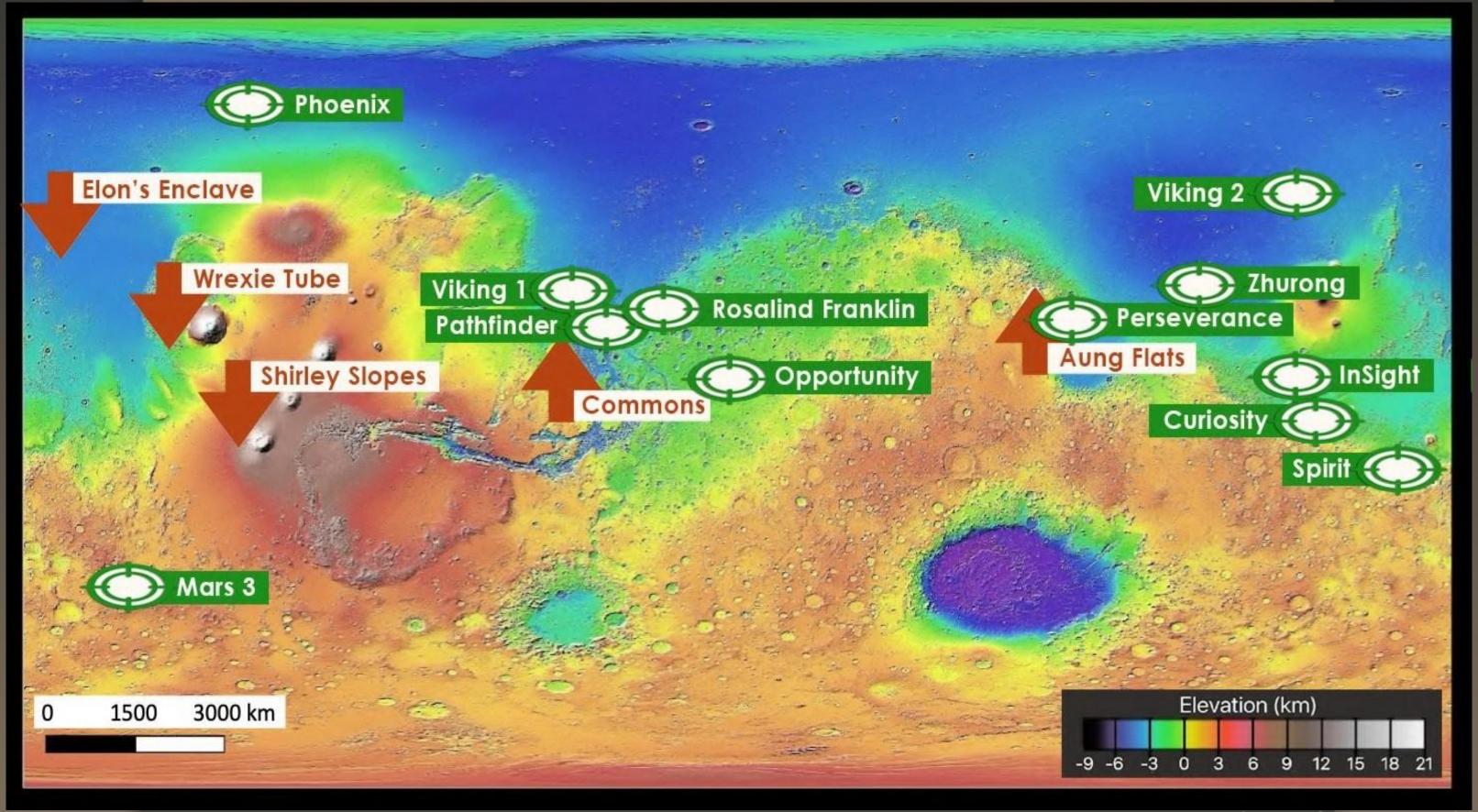
It's 2075 on Mars.

A few scattered settlements have taken hold. Those living and working in them have established reliable infrastructures and have built comfortable and functional habitats.

With less time required for day-to-day survival, settlers can spend more time considering ways to augment and improve their Martian lives and communities.

How do they do this?

We created fictional SETTLEMENTS and a MARSPORT (Commons).



Mars Mean Orbital Laser Altimeter Map (after Smith 2001)

Our first cohort journey was an abbreviated, 2-month program.



"Using teamwork to end up with an artifact is a lot cooler than you thought something could be before you did Model Mars."

Youth Participant

MODELMARS The co-founders checked in regularly with Envoys and Teams.



Jennifer Breslin



Rakhi Rajani



"Mission Control", in The Commons



Jen Blank



Jan Millsapps

MODELMARS Our PROTOTYPE TEAMS had diverse geography, resources, ages, and backgrounds.





- 4 Teams
- 5 Countries
- In person & Virtual meetings
- Adult "ENVOYS"

MODELMARS Teams traced their journey elements to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.















"If we are on Mars in the future, it is because things on Earth have largely been fixed." Youth Participant

Teams created physical "artifacts" to represent their challenge solutions.

TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH THE ARTIFACTS FOUND IN THE SETTLEMENTS...



FOUND ON THE SHIRLEY SLOPES

A need for companionship identified by the Inter-galactic Coalition for the Pursuit of Justice

Enter the world of companionship...



IN AND ABOVE THE WREXIE TUBE

Unusual factory manufactures products to meet critical Martian needs...

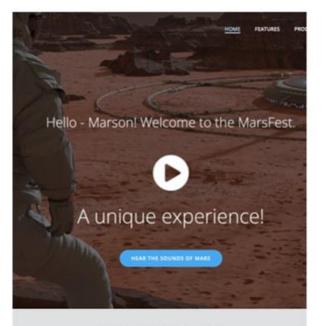
Explore the factory and see what's inside



IN THE AUNG FLATS

A way to preserve and revisit memories of community members who are no longer there, based on significant items from among their possessions.

> See the Remembrance Vessels...

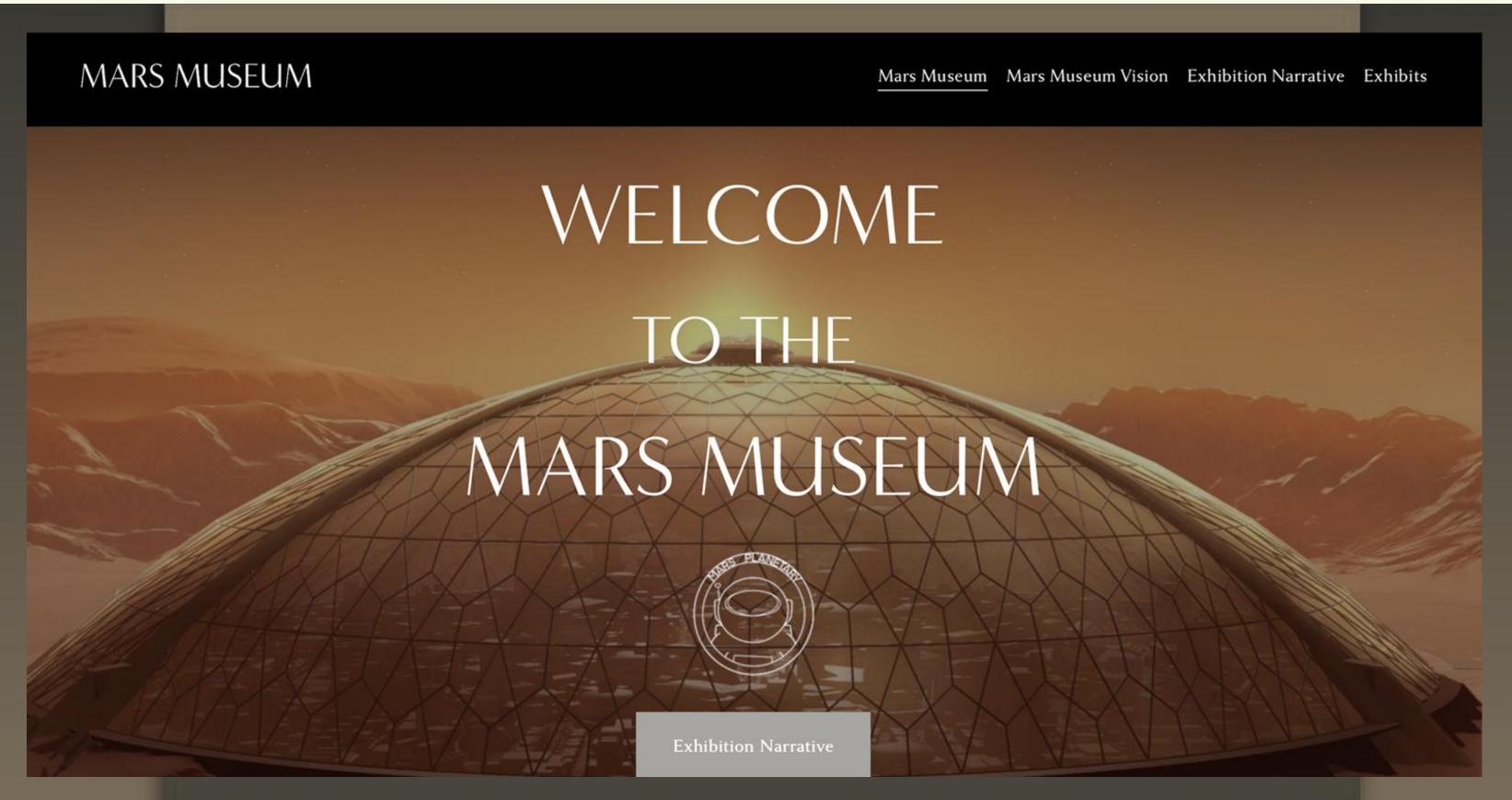


IN ELON'S ENCLAVE

Marsfest brings all Martians together to celebrate the planet's distinctive cultural expressions, including a unique soundscape that can be heard on Earth.

Find out about Marsfest and listen to a sample tune...

In parallel, one team developed the first virtual MARS MUSEUM, with support from the Museum of London.



www.ModelMars.org

Our prototype cohort united in a MARS CONVENING (April 30, 2022)



"A great chance to interact with like-minded people globally; meet astronauts, education experts, space enthusiasts." – MM Envoy

The Prototype outcomes realized our hopes and goals including.....

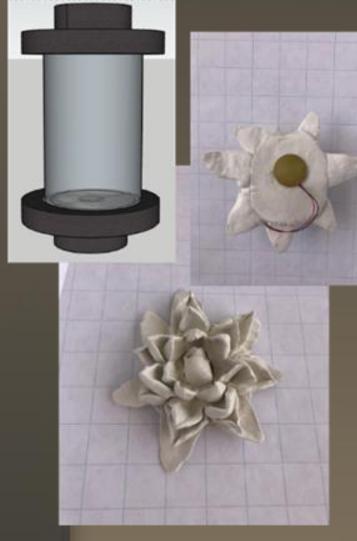




Building Skills of Youth:

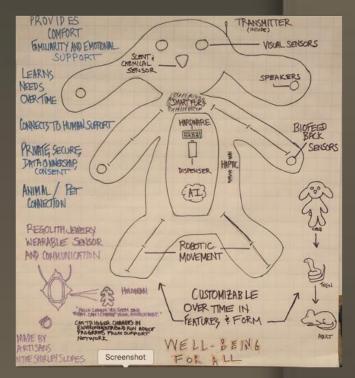
- STEM
- Arts and Humanities
- 21st Century Skills
- Futures Literacy





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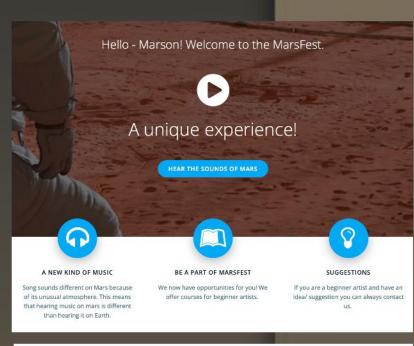


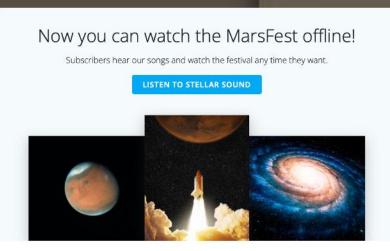


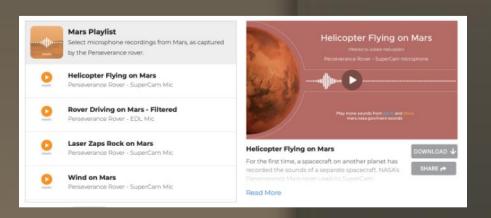
Stimulating Change:

- New mindsets
- New models
- New solutions for Earth and Space

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Democratizing Space:

- Broadening participation in space
- Reaching under-served and represented groups
- Exposure to career opportunities

We are now moving on to our next phase of expanding features and reach



Throughout the project we are dedicated to promoting gender equality.

Lessons for Space for Women

Engaging Young Women

- New Space Narratives
- Women Leaders and Participants
- Gender Responsive Content
- Cross-disciplinary Exposure
- Earth Applications
- Different Styles of Participation

Supporting Educators / Mentors

- Training and Professional Development Incentives
- Different Roles

Thanks to our amazing prototype partners

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