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Dear Lucia,

**Research into LOPO**

Further to our conversations this letter confirms that I am very happy for you to research LOPO as part of your PhD.

As you know I founded LOPO after writing my book *An Optimist's Tour of the Future* (published as *Un Viaje Optimista Por El Futuro* in Spain) as a meeting place in cities and towns across the globe where people who want to make the world better can meet, generate ideas and projects, get inspiration and a recharge, find collaborators as we seek to improve the story of humanity.

Another way of looking at it is as an exercise in 'engineered serendipity' – a mechanism for diverse people and ideas to bump into each other and create (and deliver) projects that aim to improve things. Local chapters meet at regular intervals to free themselves from day-to-day organisational or mental silos, and network in an inspiring atmosphere of do-ers. As you know we have chapters in Spain, the UK and New Zealand and are expanding across the globe.

I look forward to working with you.

Warmest regards,

**Mark Stevenson**

Founder: The League of Pragmatic Optimists

