

## Summary and personal experiences about University of Leeds

There is a very interesting situation in Leeds according to the universities. Leeds has two universities. One is the Leeds Metropolitan University, which would like to motivate the students to start their own businesses. The other university is University of Leeds, which has a theory that not everybody has to be an entrepreneur, but to be enterprising is could be very useful for the students in many area of their life.

This university is just building-up their courses that have a connection with entrepreneurship. The most important course is the Enterprise for Life Scientists. This course was created in the Level 3 two years ago.

The aims of this course are:

- to develop a greater understanding of the vital role of enterprise in Bioscience
- to develop, and appreciate the significance of, a wide range of transferable “enterprise” skills.

During the course, the following activities and skills get emphasis: group exercises, making business plan for a “virtual” company, networking, resource management, creativity, marketing, communication, innovation, understanding IT rights.

The assessment contains 40% business plan, 40% essays and 20% attendance in the lesson.

Except the aim of the course, my opinion is that this course is not so practical, they do not help the students to build up their own businesses, just they improve some skills in them and maybe they increase the awareness of some important entrepreneurial things.

The other interesting education is going on in the Enterprise Zone. Here there is 3 module, which deals with entrepreneurship. They aim is to improve the skills of those students who do not have the aim of starting their own businesses. The three modules are:

- Insight into Leadership, Innovation and Creativity
- Skill Build for enterprise
- Exploring social enterprise

These modules are electives for 10 credits.

The skills what they really would like to improve: group work, presentation skills, creativity, communication, leadership, problem solving.

These modules follow the concept of the University of Leeds, University of Sheffield and University of York common opinion about the entrepreneurship education. This is the following:

vision of enterprise: “having an idea and take advantage of opportunities to make it happen”.

important skills:

- Communication
- Networking
- Creativity/innovation
- Negotiation
- Resource management
- Marketing
- Finance
- Intellectual property

I think this university does not have a lot of experience in entrepreneurship education. Maybe it will change in the following years, but as far as I could see, mainly this university is focus on other things. Mostly the modules are elective, so it is available for maximum 90 students from 35000-40000. Therefore, it is not too much. They have just only one course that has an aim of starting up business, but that is all. Therefore, the main point is that in University of Leeds there is no entrepreneurial spirit, which has an effect for everything.

In the future, if the Dutch higher education institutes would like to continue the cooperation with this university, I can advice to try to find the teachers personally, because throughout a contact person it was a very hard job.

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