



Ways to teach and assess enterprise and entrepreneurship education at HE institutions in Europe

Previous inspiration from Intrinsic:



Key competencies in sustainable entrepreneurship

Recently, Foucrier and Wiek (2019) have developed a "Process-Oriented Framework of Competencies for Sustainability Entrepreneurship". With this framework they describe sustainability entrepreneurship competencies and link them to the actual phases of entrepreneurship.





Background: (Entrepreneurship) Educatic (EE) in Estonia

- Various EE programmes between 2006-2020 are initiatied, both: · Curricular and
- Extra-curricular
- Extra-cutrinome
 Life-Long Learning (LLL) Strategy 2020 states the importance of applying contemporary learning approach considering the development of learners' individual, social, entrepreneurial minoset (LLL Strategy 2020, 2018, p. 7).
- As part of LLL 2020 strategy Edu & Tegu EE progamm was initiated 2010 5020 (cont. in genefal & vocatinal edu aim is to systematically implement entrepreneurship competencies at all levels of education, and that EE shoul become a natural part of education (HML Edu & Fegu 20
- As a result of the programme "Framework for EE", including Entrepreneurship Competence Model, in Estonia was developed.



Winning ideas > opportunities



Learning - formal and experiential





Ontologically speaking...

- I trained as a **designer**, so I am used to wicked problems, definitional flexibility and solution finding in situations of ambiguity and risk.
- As a **researcher I need my definitions** or I can't test or measure things so there is a mismatch there.
- I am an educator who moves past insight towards foresight and future orientation. (Where are the good research papers on guessing what might happen?)
- I am a **freelancer** who has run his own businesses since I was 22, from **hand drawn design** to **virtual reality**, the **thinking hasn't changed**, just the context.

Ontologically speaking...

• As a 1970's design student I was assessed and graded in two dimensions.

From dependency (on the educator)	to	Demonstrated autonomy of action and thought	
Within simple tasks	to	Ambiguous and complex Tasks	

This closely mirrors what I now understand to be:

Pedagogy – teacher led Andragogy – negotiated learning Heutagogy – learner led

Go compare ;-)



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Bridge over troubled waters



International







New Guidance for Entrepreneurial Educators Receives International Approval

QAA are responsible for assuring academic quality and standards. AdvanceHE drive positive change in learning and teaching.



http://www.etctoolkit.org.uk/about/

*AdvanceHE



(Educators) Professional Standards Framework

https://www.advancehe.ac.uk/knowledge-hub/frameworkenterprise-and-entrepreneurshipeducation

What are we assessing?

Learner performance?	Educator performance?	ENVIRONMENT
Short, medium or long term?	Short, medium or long term?	Context / support / expertise / motivating factors?
Clear goals or general intent?	Clear goals or general intent?	Grades / Formative ?
Who sets criteria – subject or entrepreneurship specialist?	Who sets criteria for evaluation?	Innovation / Implementation?
Internal or external stakeholders?	Can alumni evaluate?	Educator / Stakeholder?

Type of Assessment?

Туре	Advantage	Disadvantage
Short term, e.g. end of module	Quick, clean and responds to educational requirements	Limited insights and tendency towards knowledge, not behaviour
Medium term, e.g. end of course	Meets educational summative 'results' criteria	Seen as an end goal in itself
Long term, e.g. 5, 10 or 20 years later	Real insights in contexts beyond education	Tracking alumni and institutional support needs resources.

Type of Assessment?

Goals	Advantage	Disadvantage
Clear goals based on definitional stances?	Good for research and measurement	Limited insights based on (educator) predicted outcomes
General aim or intent?	Allows for variance or interpretation over time	Makes measurement difficult
Subject based?	Real and very relevant to learner	Subject expertise required
Entrepreneurship based?	Specialist insights	May lack relevance to learner



Penaluna & Penaluna, isbe, 2019

Enterprise UK insights into assessment Educators The academics are more focused and give Standards Competency more time to assessment. Primary Focus for Practitioner Primary Focus for Academic Primary Focus for Influencer Fime allocated Planning 54% Planning and delivering effective enterprise/entrepreneurship curricula Motivating and inspiring learners in developing enterprising and entrepreneurial mindset, behaviours and skills. Building collaborative relationships with learners, educators and other stakeholders

A3. Demonstrate constructive alignment in enterprise and entrepreneurship education (CFASEE03)

A4. Develop and prepare resources for learning and development (LSILADD05)

A5. Deliver an effective enterprise and entrepreneurship education experience (CFASEE05)

A6. Apply appropriate methods of assessment in enterprise and entrepreneurship education (CFASEE06)

A7. Provide constructive and timely feedback in assessing learning of enterprise and entrepreneurship (CFASEE07)

A8. Evaluate the learner experience of enterprise and entrepreneurship education (CFASEE08)

Academic Practitioner Influencer

Courtesy of Dr Emily Beaumont (ongoing research)





The learning Journey



Enterprise Definition?

...combines creativity, originality, initiative, idea generation, design thinking, adaptability and reflexivity with problem identification, problem solving, innovation, expression, communication and practical action. (QAA, 7)

Entrepreneurship Definition?

...the application of enterprise behaviours, attributes and competencies into the creation of cultural, social or economic value. This can, but does not exclusively, lead to venture creation... private, public and third sectors, and in any hybrid combination of the three (QAA, 7)

https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaas/enhancement-and-development/enterprise-andentrpreneurship-education-2018.pdf?sfvrsn=15f1f981_8



"Rookie problem solvers show you their analytic process and mathematics to convince you that they are clever. That's sometimes called APK, the anxious parade of knowledge. But seasoned problem solvers show you differently. The most elegant problem solving is that which makes the solution obvious."

Based on Charles Conn and Robert McLean. *McKinsey Quarterly, September 2020*



What new question have you asked today?

What is a 'fact'?

Whose shoes have you walked in?

What was wrong with the best you could do at the time?

What did you learn from others recently

What's your best story?

Biases inherent in assessment

- Measurement bias includes tests and examinations where answers are known in advance (relies on notion of correctness).
- Interpretative performance bias includes educator opinions, peer reviews and the perspectives of outsiders' (relies on opinion and judgement).
- Process performance bias includes portfolio assessments and demonstration of development (relies on reflective thinking strategies and argumentation).

Data driven biases inherent in assessment

- Includes a reliance on the volume of response rates within artificial / abstracted constructs – often in an attempt to measure.
- Limitations usually relate to the ontological positioning of the assessor, and can often result in 'blind spots' and unseen limitation factors. Reductionist abstraction never fully reflects reality, just the elements the researcher wishes to investigate.
- Critical analysis is usually the goal, and critical synthesis is effectively overlooked.

Critical Synthesis in Entrepreneurial Education

- Includes an ability to join and connect in complex ways and explain critical pathways of intent.
- Includes seeing opportunities to connect things in new and different ways.
- Incudes seeing new things to connect, 'spotting the dots that others have yet to see', they are future oriented.
- Relies on 'insightful' as opposed to 'analytical' thinking aha moments as opposed to constructed pathways of intent.

Critical Synthesis in practice - learning

- Requires Curiosity-Based learning. Typically scenario-driven where students elicit the problems that need to be solved (they are not told the problems – they discover them themselves – based on the scenario).
- Requires disruptions where things change and new knowledge is incorporated into the learning journey. Nothing is clear from outset.
- Relies on deep reflection so that students can communicate how their new ideas came to mind, e.g. what stimulated the idea, where did it come from and when did it occur?



Critical Synthesis in reflection and memory

- The type of memory we employ impacts on what we remember and can 'bring to mind'.
- Analytical thinking is the easiest to track as it is step by step and requires frequent rethinking using the same process. Rote learning typifies the extreme end of this.
- Insightful Thinking is by its very nature fleeting. New thought needs recorded as soon as possible to capture it. The new synapse connection needs to move from inhibitory to excitory / somatic markers created.



Synaptic efficiency

repetition, consolidation, certainty of solutions, measurement against expectations

. Is the learning brain working?

Synaptic plasticity

adaptability, flexibility, originality, novelty, holistic perspectives, empathy

Gestalt - what do you really 'know'?

My boss told me to have a good day...





Subconscious is saying...



Levels of Argument Complexity





• And develops adaptability, flexibility and resilience skillsets
Agents of change

Searchable, real and relevant

Where has the water gone? Why?

Am I on my own? Can I communicate to outsiders? How can I communicate? What skills do the locals have? What can be brought in? And how long will it take? What's useful knowledge? What can I teach?

Are there other resources?

You are in a flood plain, but the water has long gone and a drought has set in. The heat is acceptable, except for three hours at midday.

... and the children need heip!

All you see is debris from the floods and here and there, soft patches of damp sand. Some trees and shrubs dot the landscape, as well as some huts and small block buildings on higher ground.

Underground water?

Shade / warmth / flat roofs How long do droughts last?

Plenty of working time

Think of debris as a resource?













If it makes sense, it works!



Extracted from:

Penaluna, A., Penaluna, K and Diago, I., 2014. *The Role of Creativity in Entrepreneurship Education*. Chapter 13, "Handbook of Research on Entrepreneurship and Creativity" Sternberg, R & Krauss, G. (Eds) Cheltenham / Northampton MA: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited

Critical Synthesis – feel real & match to realities

Working in the Philippines on the Smokey Mountain dumpsite, the King's College London SIFE team developed livelihood projects that aimed to enable families living on the dumpsite to move away from this life. "Born in Manila" is a jewellery making enterprise that uses rubbish and thrown away items in innovative and creative ways.



The project supported mothers, through training, to develop a sustainable income and job security. It has seen profits of £22,132 in one year and 44 families are now supported by the business



Critical Synthesis – example from design











= Perceived Performance (as yet unactionable)

Crit 2 (Formative)

Critical Synthesis in assessment - help

- QAA's first 2012 Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Education guidance drew on the expertise of 32 Subject Benchmark Statement – we looked for expertise in the disciplines – who did what best? Who had most experience?
- We discovered many claims for newness pre-existed in other disciplines.
- Critical Synthesis in assessment is easily supported when you simply look outside of the 'entrepreneurship box' and its associated literature.



The learning Journey

Critical Synthesis in evaluating our own performance

Continuous Conceptual Review Model





Penaluna and Penaluna, 2008



"The creativity of an education system cannot surpass the creativity of its teachers... We need a disciplined creativity, informed by and generating the best possible evidence."

<u>https://www.thersa.org/action-and-research/creative-</u> learning-and-development/creative-educators/





Some thoughts to consider

If this debate remains unresolved in the literature, there is a potential disconnection with current and evolving practice / opportunities to assist those who are charged with developing national and international policies and guidance may be missed.

Entrepreneurial Education is not advancing through logic of causality and prediction, more through a logic of what can I control and how can I influence.

Do we need more entrepreneurial subject specialists, or more entrepreneurship educators? These different goals will require different developmental approaches.

Creative Mindsets. Entrepreneurial Futures – EXTRA EXTRA READ IT ALL ABOUT IT...

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