#### Developing students' (sustainable) entrepreneurial mindset and some ideas for its assessment:

# what can we learn from the best entrepreneurship educators?

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### preview

- Shameless introduction
- Mindset what IS it, really?
- Basics
- Keys from Practice
- Assessment
- Opportunities
- Research thoughts
- INTENSE discussion ;)









### Who am I? :)



#### • Educator

- 6 national, 2 global awards
- Renegades MOOC
- EPIC! [https://heinnovate.eu/en/user/login?destination=epic/dashboard]

#### Scholar

- <u>https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=5sTGhBsAAAAJ</u>
- Neuroentrepreneurship?

#### Ecosystem builder

– Kauffman ESHIP project [ <u>www.bit.ly/ESHIPgoals</u> ]

(and gets to hang out with most of the great thinkers & doers in the #ented world!)



### What IS the mindset?

- **Deep cognitive phenomena** not always observable directly (*scripts, schemas, maps,* etc.)
- Facets surfacing in the literatures:
  - Uncertainty/ambiguity tolerance
  - Action orientation
  - "Dot connecting" (cognitive flexibility)
  - Resilience to adversity (Seligman's learned optimism)
  - Self-regulation
  - Cognitive complexity?
  - Entrepreneurial self-efficacy? (relates to skills?)
  - Grit?
  - Role identity! (EI?)

(but ask me about... project-based learning?)

AND <u>where</u> does sustainability fit in here?????



#### Mindset: Constructivism > Behaviorism

- www.bit.ly/ETP2007
- <u>http://www.oecd.org/cfe/leed/Entrepreneurial-</u>
  <u>Education-Practice-pt1.pdf</u>
- Colin Jones' book *Teaching Entrepreneurship*
- <u>http://www.oecd.org/cfe/leed/Entrepreneurial-</u> <u>Education-Practice-pt2.pdf</u>

Constructivism and Entrepreneurial Cognitive Development







### **Microfoundations?**

- Or emergent? Dominant models?
- (Or both?)

- How might we research this?
- Research it **skillfully**?

• Start thinking on this!



### **Proven practices**



- OECD projects, e.g., Entrepreneurship360 What did every showcased program share?
- 1) Deep co-immersion with entrep community
- 2) Student-led, student DESIGNED
- *3)* Rigorous, regular **evaluation** [unfair edge? <u>EPIC</u>!]
- 4) **Professional educator**(s) leading [unfair edge? forthcoming Renegades MOOC!]
- **Bonus)** Regular, deep reflection.
- Key whitepapers: <u>Penaluna</u>, <u>Krueger</u>, and <u>Lackeus</u>

#### "Students Are Our Secret Weapon"

- Incredibly powerful
- Fits with gold standard project-based learning
- Hands-on = easy; Truly experiential = difficult

Also... not terribly well researched (more later!)



#### **Other tested ideas...**

- Convenor/liaison-animateur: [Orkestra]
  - Stakeholder mapping [how-to]
  - Global EIR program! (craig@globaleir.org)
- **Supporter:** Startup Weekend, Startup Grind...
- And... Educator! Engaging students:
  - <u>TEAMS</u> [PBL!]
  - <u>ScaleUp Alberta</u>
  - Chalmers! (Be Sweden???)



## **Be EPIC? (assessment)**



- EEEEPHEIC -> EPIC
- Assessment tool <u>https://heinnovate.eu/en/user/login?destination=epic/das</u> <u>hboard</u>
- <a>www.bit.ly/EEEPHEIC1</a>
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Mindset
- Behavior
- Stakeholder desiderata
- POC: NK or Dr. Gabi Kaffka g.a.kaffka@uu.nl







#### BKO? AACSB? And...

• AACSB?

• Dutch BKO model

• Higher Ed Academy model / UK teaching quality metric, parallel to research quality



### Role of ecosystems

We know that:

- ecosystems matter for entrep ed
- Entrep ed matters for ecosystems
- **OECD study** on Netherlands: <u>www.bit.ly/OECDdelta</u>
- ANBP: <u>https://www.startusupnow.org/</u>







#### Supporting Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Higher Education in The Netherlands



#### **Research Thoughts**

• AMLE findings

• WEIRD?

• Existing data sets like GUESSS

• So what do YOU think?



### My own thoughts

- Why are universities so bad at entrep ed, compared to what they could be doing? (What's the political economy around this? Role of the entrep ed ecosystem?)
- Microfoundations, emergent phenomena, both?
- Impact of different inputs on different outputs? a/k/a How might YOU use EPIC as a tool?
- Field experiments re entrep ed <u>educators</u>
- Scam, er, lure OECD to study your area?



#### What have I <u>missed</u>?

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#### you are cordially invited....

- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's ESHIP initiative – focus on ecosystem building as a profession and thus on ecosystem builders <u>www.bit.ly/ESHIPgoals</u> good place to start!
- International Council for Small Business
- **Team Renegades** (convo on twitter, FB)









#### A manifesto?

Every entrepreneurship learner deserves our best. We know what to do (and know that there is much more we can learn).

Every entrepreneurship learner deserves:

- The **best pedagogy** (which may not be pedagogy)
- The **best educators**
- The "best" learners
- The **best assessment**
- The **best ecosystem**
- The best research