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HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

A student guide
to enterprise and
entrepreneurship



Teesside
University

Work in a business or start up your own – the choice is yours but make sure you're equipped for it by taking full advantage of what's available to you from Teesside University's vibrant programme of enterprise support.

Follow the business and enterprise skills development journey and stop off along the way wherever you feel like it to make sure you experience everything possible to achieve success.

▶ **entrepreneurs@tees**

Entrepreneurs@tees is a project to help every student experience entrepreneurship and find out if they have got what it takes to be an entrepreneur of the future.

Each year entrepreneurs@tees runs a range of fun and exciting events, activities and challenges to help you add powerful evidence to your CV of your business sense and capacity, as well as find out how truly entrepreneurial you are.

The University has a fantastic track record in helping students start their own businesses – we've helped over 200 graduate businesses to start-up – could yours be next?

Our entrepreneurship masterclasses, business challenges and competitions will help you develop new skills, gain new knowledge, make new friends and create an exceptional CV to enhance your career prospects.

Find out more at tees.ac.uk/entrepreneurs.

▶ **Enactus Teesside**

Enactus is an international non-profit organisation that brings together students, academics and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student members of Enactus Teesside create and implement an innovative community empowerment project. The experience not only transforms lives, it helps students develop the kind of talent and perspective that is essential to leadership in an ever-more complicated and challenging world.

'Like' the Enactus Teesside Facebook page to find out what's going on or email enactus@tees.ac.uk.

▶ **Teesside Entrepreneurs**

Teesside Entrepreneurs, the student enterprise society, is looking for students to get involved. In particular they need a management committee of enthusiastic and dedicated members who can manage this year's activities and events.

Membership is open to students, alumni and graduate businesses. It's a great opportunity to meet some interesting people, make new friends and put something really useful on your CV. Teesside Entrepreneurs meet every week during term time in the lounge of the Victoria Road Building.

▶ **Young Enterprise**

www.young-enterprise.org.uk

Young Enterprise is the UK's largest business and enterprise education charity. Every year they help 220,000 young people learn about business and the world of work in the classroom, under the guidance of volunteers from 3,500 companies.

Young Enterprise has a guiding principle – to learn by doing. Its flagship Company Programme allows students to run their own businesses for a year with help from a business mentor.

▶ **Student enterprise workshops**

We are introducing a series of four enterprise workshops that provide a comprehensive picture for students who want to find out more about what's involved in setting up their own business.

Four student enterprise workshops will be held on 23 October, 6 November, 20 November and 4 December from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. These free workshops are for all students and include lunch.

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➤ Business community alumni

If you are part of our business community, either as a company we've helped, or a member of entrepreneurs@tees, you can stay in touch with us through networking events and our extensive range of business services. To stay in touch email ents@tees.ac.uk.

➤ Get Ahead

Teesside University wants every student to aspire to be as successful as they possibly can be in their careers and life. Take a look at tees.ac.uk/getahead for details of careers support, vacancies and other opportunities to make a difference to your CV.

➤ Enterprise Development Programme

The Enterprise Development Programme offers a great range of opportunities, from taking part in business training workshops to joining one of our networks – just step on and step off at your convenience. Even if you don't want to start your own business, our year-long programme of weekly business skills workshops can give you the entrepreneurial skills to identify and exploit new business opportunities.

➤ Searchcamp

This new 12-week boot camp for digital entrepreneurs will give support to ten internet start-up companies through investment and intensive mentoring. The scheme is open to early-stage internet, software and technology businesses from across the North East, nationally and internationally. Find out more at searchcamp.co.

➤ Business start-up

If you want to work for yourself by starting up your own business, we can help. We can offer you dedicated business support – access to specialist business consultants, award-winning services, office space with facilities, concept development space, virtual tenancies, networking opportunities, meeting room and conference space and priority 24/7 access.

➤ Social enterprise

If you have a passion that would benefit the community or the environment, or address social problems, check out our training, coaching and support packages which give you the skills to turn this passion into a profit-making business, that may also transform lives and inspire change.

➤ DigitalCity Fellowships

If you have an innovative digital product, research project or intellectual property to take to market, then the DigitalCity Fellowship scheme is here to help you.

Fellowships are available to individuals and teams with an original project idea, who live in the North East of England and who have graduated from University. You receive a business support grant of £4,000 for living expenses whilst developing your idea. Our industry experts are available to mentor you and you have the opportunity to attend workshops, seminars and networking events. You could be working on an idea before you graduate which could make you eligible for a DigitalCity Fellowship – find out more at thedigitalcity.org.



FIND OUT MORE

For more information about any of these projects, email ents@tees.ac.uk or call into the Victoria Road Building and ask for Eileen Wicks.

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