



INCUBATOR NAME ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTERVIEWS WITH ENTREPRENEURS AND MORE!!

As we throw our winter coats to one side, it's time to get down to business as our Youth Enterprise Accelerator is now well and truly on it's way!

There has been lots of exciting information coming from partners across Europe, from decisions regarding incubator names to gathering entrepreneurs. Progress has even been made in implementing the trainings and lessons learnt in the first 2 transnational meetings. Here's a look at what's been going on...



One Planet Ventures have been incredibly busy with their enterprise incubator, Hatch. After recruiting throughout London via local contacts, social media and the online platform F6S they have successfully welcomed 10 young entrepreneurs onto the programme.

The final layout of the programme has now been finalised, and the first workshop start day has been confirmed for June 2015. The programme will start with a mentor-matching event at J.P Morgan followed by workshops every Friday. Specialist workshops facilitators will be invited in from various different companies to cover everything from outlining the business model canvas to marketing, to confidence and how you should present yourself effectively. Facilitators have been booked, and the incubator is all ready to go! For more updates follow them on Twitter (@hatchenterprise) and Facebook, or check out there website here: www.hatch-incubator.org.



Kaba have had a very busy couple of months in preparation for their enterprise incubator, BiznisFEST. They have already started to recruit participants via an online registration form. However, most excitingly, they have also run an open day with potential entrepreneurs!

The open day included a 3-hour presentation and social event at Cancel.sk. There were 30 potential participants in attendance, most of whom were young people in the early stages of starting their businesses. It was at this open day that, Kaba introduced the YEA project, offers for cooperation and an introduction into their workshop programme and training.

After this introduction, they collected emails and invited entrepreneurs to officially apply to the incubator. In total, 10 entrepreneurs filled out the online forms and the programme was officially launched on April 30th! It's going to be a very exciting couple of months that's for sure!

For more information, please check out there website at the following address:
<http://www.kabaslovensko.sk/yea>



CARRYING OUT ENTREPRENEUR INTERVIEWS, CURRICULUM GUIDES AND TRAINING INFO!



Ashford Place, already underway with their incubation programme have been busy interviewing entrepreneurs! Here is what one group of young people, pictured at the Wembley Business Incubator had the support that they have received so far:

“Ethio Beauty Magazine is now on a process of launching online shopping where our readers will be able to purchase hand made quality clothes and accessories. Ashford Place has always been supportive and encouraging of every step of our journey through business. Carmen Llorente, our business mentor from Ashford place has impacted our business in many different aspects from her expert advice to office space and putting us in contact with other mentors who have vast experience and knowledge of running a successful business.”

It really is great to see the feedback! In other news, Ashford Place have also completed the train the trainer curriculum guide, finished the YEA modules developed in association with One Planet Ventures, and created the curriculum and YEA training booklets for the entrepreneurs and trained started to recruit and train trainers from business and education! – They have been very busy indeed!

At the end of March, after accessing the candidates who applied to participate in the YEA training activities in Italy, Euro Cultura officially started their workshops!

Most of the candidates recruited by Euro Cultura have a high school degree (13 years of education), or a bachelors' degree in either foreign languages or the humanities. However, only a few have had any previous work experience, and this, for the most part comprises of them being waiters and waitresses, or assisting tourists in holiday resorts for short periods during summer. What is more, all of their candidates are currently unemployed.

Euro Cultura specifically targeted this demographic as a way to use YEA to help individuals who aspire to do more than their current situation allows, and are really focused on helping "their participants to find their own way to use their skills and knowledge to create a business allowing them to realize their most important desire: to achieve economic independence and professional fulfilment."

Excitingly, they will be working with these young people into September, helping them build future, either as an entrepreneur, a freelance or as an employee! It will be great to see the results!



NAMING THE INCUBATOR, RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS AND GETTING STARTED!

The Apprentis D'Auteuil incubator was recently baptized “L’ouvre-boîte”, the French word for “can-opener”, and already seems to be popular!

More than 20 young entrepreneurs applied to be part of the 1st cohort of the Youth Enterprise Accelerator in Marseille.

Among the 20, 12 have already started testing their business idea and are a perfect fit for the 8-10 companies that the Apprentis D'Auteuil incubator will be helping very soon. However, although others haven't started testing yet, they will still be eligible to enter the French YEA



as it's main priority is young adults facing difficulties (e.g. social or educational issues).

The selection process will take place on May 28th and then Apprentis D'Auteuil will work with the first cohort from the beginning of June till beginning of September! All trainers have been recruited and the existing training modules have even been updated with a slight French touch.

Due to a huge number of mentors ready to support the young entrepreneurs, they also decided to organize a mentor-matching event (much like speed dating), in order to have the best connections possible! Excitingly, in addition to the programme, all entrepreneurs on the program will also be able to enjoy access to a co-working space, on Fridays for the workshop and half-a-day every week for the tutorial activities. All this will be supervised by Samir Tighilt and a stakeholder committee that gathers trainers, sending organizations and business managers!

IQ Consult's accelerator, Enterprise, had the advantage of having existing support networks, logistics and young people interested in start-up support. In recent months however, they have been working on adapting the training material of the YEA network and define the specific process for the implementation of the pilot phase. The result of this was the decision that Enterprise will consist of 3 elements.

These elements are:

1. **Counselling and guidance.** Every start-up will be assigned a personal advisor that will be their point of contact throughout the programme. Their advisor will be able to help them through the personal, social and business challenges that the young people may face, and help them to create objectives to achieve, alongside activities to make this happen.
2. **Business Model Canvas (BMC) workshops.** The workshops will be a central part of the BMC qualification framework. All 9 elements of the BMC will be covered via workshops, and each start-up will finish the accelerator with a complete business model canvas and a deeper understanding of each section.
3. **Expert advice:** The professional advice will pick up from the specific topics of the workshops and will be tailor made towards the start-ups unique challenges.

The BMC qualification will be concluded with a full business model canvas and a final business presentation to the group. Each start-up will be given final individual feedback and a business validity report based upon their performance that they can then use to correspond with support services provided by employment offices, or in discussions with banks and business partners.