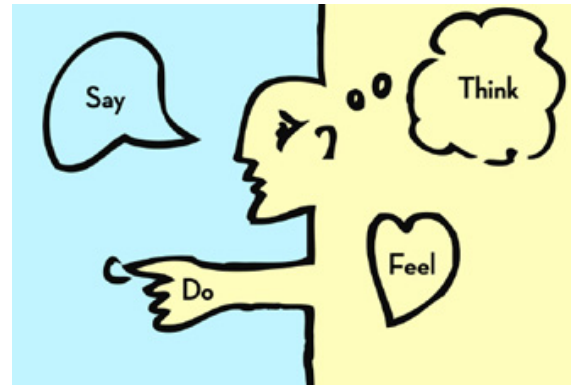


New for July 2015!

Student Summer Social Innovation Projects

Could your Social Enterprise offer a team of 3 students an opportunity to tackle an organizational challenge you are facing this summer?

Applications by 12th June 2015



With every challenge there is an opportunity to thrive.

This summer a group of colleagues across campus have pooled resources to test a brand new model for a volunteering project, supported by a student 'Volunteership Enterprise Award'. It's an opportunity for students to explore opportunities to innovate and make a difference working with Lancaster's Social Enterprises.

What is it?

- Teams of 2 or 3 students will work on a challenge being faced by a Lancaster Social Enterprise to develop possible solutions to test or roll out as projects either during the pilot but more likely during the following academic year.
- The pilot will happen inside a period of 4 weeks from 6th July to 31 July 2015
- Students will volunteer to work on a challenge for 18 hours per week, and will receive a 'Volunteership Awards' package of accommodation, and a fixed expenses award for the duration of the pilot.

It's learning for everyone and an opportunity:

- For students to experience the social enterprise sector
- For the Social Enterprise to have a group of bright young minds working on an organisational challenge
- for team and group learning action research, creativity and designing and developing solutions to support innovation in social enterprises
- for us all to test the use of design and creative thinking tools
- for partners across Lancaster University to pool resources to test a new a model for developing student volunteering projects and future project leaders.

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Your venture would need to:

- Have a suitable organizational challenge for students to work with
- Be used to hosting volunteers and have policies in place
- Offer a little time and some input to the team as needed
- Feed back in the learning and experience
- Be able to attend a workshop session to meet the students on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th June.

Project timelines:

Tuesday 30th June	Student workshop preparation day & meet the organisations PM
Monday 6th July – 31st July	Project live

What students have been asked to bring to the opportunity:

We have said we're not looking for perfectly formed innovators, just students who are willing to learn by doing and can offer, demonstrate and bring along some of these qualities:

- An enquiring mind and the capacity to reflect and learn in a peer group
- Openness to creativity and new ways of working
- An interest in action research, learning and doing
- Flexibility to think laterally, solve problems
- Passion and ambition to make a difference for people
- Ability to build relationships, encourage collaboration and the right conditions to excel.

For further enquiries please contact Kate Jackson k.jackson@lancaster.ac.uk or Amanda Brooks, Enterprise Team a.brooks@lancaster.ac.uk General Project information can be found [here](#).

What is next?

To express an interest please get in touch by with k.jackson@lancaster.ac.uk by 12th June. Please confirm your availability to take part and in a few lines outlining possible innovation challenges a student team might explore for your organization. We will be in touch.

You may want to look at our organisational fact find [here](#).

