**Expression of interest to mentor a**

**Lancaster University student entrepreneur**

Hello! Thanks for expressing an interest in mentoring one of our student entrepreneurs at Lancaster University. In order to match you with a student, please tell us a bit more about yourself and what you’re looking for in a mentee.

**Your name**

**Your year of graduation**

**Your degree**

**Your college**

**Your email address**

**Your Skype ID (you can mentor from anywhere in the world!)**

**Your address \***

**Primary Phone Number \***

**Job title**

**Company name**

**Is this your own business or one you started?**

**In relation to starting a business what is your experience?**

**In summary, I have...**

Started my own business and still work there

Started my own business and sold it on

Started my own business and closed it down

Started more than one business

Never started a business, but have lots to share

**Mentoring style self assessment**

**Step one**

Please read the statements below and see which you believe best fits your natural mentoring style. Circle the corresponding number and try to focus on your core ones, circling no more than six.

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|  | **I feel that as a natural mentor I tend to:** |
| 1 | Confront issues head on which I see as holding others back |
| 2 | Provide others with creative input to help them, in turn, develop creativity |
| 3 | Give others a healthy push to improve their performance and seek to set goals and targets |
| 4 | Offer others lots of positive encouragement and support |
| 5 | Help others see the value in getting connected with other people to build a network of contacts |
| 6 | Help others learn from their issues, then apply my knowledge to help them overcome these issues |
| 7 | Communicate lots of motivation and energy to influence others |
| 8 | Advise others on the best types of people to speak with, to get them where they want to go in life |
| 9 | Share where I’ve faced difficult situations but despite the challenges show it’s possible to achieve |
| 10 | Introduce others to new people and build their technique to do this for themselves |
| 11 | Help others to understand things in a better, more logical way |
| 12 | Challenge others should they be considering dropping out or giving up on something |
| 13 | Work with others to generate new thinking around the bigger picture in life |
| 14 | Provide others with a form of teaching to help them to understand something better |
| 15 | Help others to raise their aspirations in life with fresh thinking and ideas |

**Step tw o**

Now look at the numbers that you circled above and circle the same numbers on the grid below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Style 1 | Style 2 | Style 3 | Style 4 | Style 5 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 8 |
| 12 | 9 | 14 | 15 |  10 |

**Step three**

Looking at the grid and based on the number of circles under each style heading, consider which of the five styles are those that you might favour and what sort of mentor style you might naturally hold.

Style 1 = **Challenger**

Style 2 = **Cheerleader**

Style 3 = **Educator**

Style 4 = **Ideator**

Style 5 = **Networker**

The possible natural style of mentor I adopt is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about yourself.**

**Why would you like to volunteer your time to support a Lancaster student? Why now? \***

**Have you mentored an entrepreneur before? \***

**How will mentoring Lancaster University student entrepreneurs help you to develop as a business leader? \***

**Please tell us what areas you have experience or expertise in.\* eg**

*Sector specific (please state)*

*Start up support*

*The financial aspects of running a business*

*Marketing, sales and customer service*

**What business, social issues or social change are you passionate about and why? \***

**Please tell us which forms of support you are willing to offer. \* e.g 1-2- one mentoring by telephone, in person, access to contacts, sector**

**If you would like to give us any further information about your core skills please do so here.**

**If you can, please describe your ideal ‘mentee’ or entrepreneur you would like to support.**

*What stage of their journey would they be at? What challenges would they be facing? What sector would they be working in? You may not have preferences for all of these questions, but any indication of your ‘ideal support request’ is helpful for us.*

**Is there anything else you’d like to share outside of this form and your CV which would help us to better match you with an entrepreneur?**

**Would you need access to resources of tools to help you to develop your skills as a mentor?**

**Are there any other ways you’d like to connect with students in ways that might benefit your business?**

*I'd like to...*

Be included in an alumni business 'Wall of Fame'

Share my start-up story with others

Attend an event in person

Attend an event via Skype (or similar)

Tap into student brain power through curricular placements

Other (\*please say in the free text box above)

**Please complete and return to** **enterpriseteam@lancaster.ac.uk** **and a member of the team will be in touch soon.**