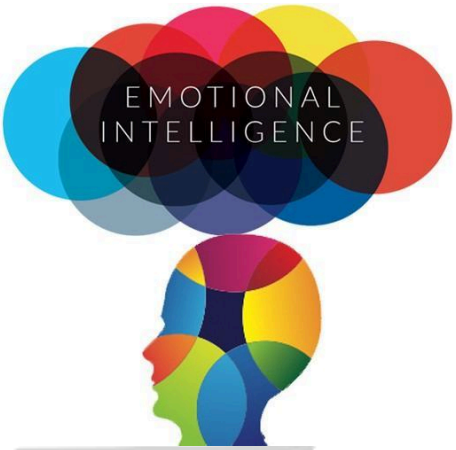
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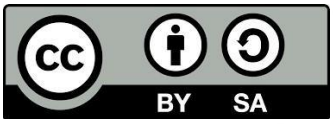
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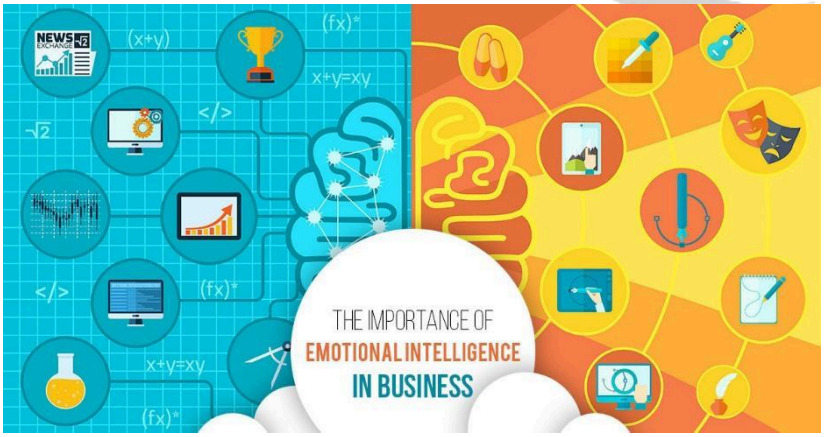
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1. Introduction to Emotional Intelligence in Entrepreneurial Education

Entrepreneurship involves many elements, and any entrepreneur will quickly learn that managing a new venture is an emotional roller coaster. Surprisingly, little scientific research has been conducted integrating emotional intelligence into entrepreneurial education. This Best Practices Handbook is the result of assembling the most up-to-date, state-of-the-art practices on integrating emotional intelligence into entrepreneurial education. This comprehensive peer-reviewed resource will help inform best practices because it connects textbook theories with the experience of practitioners who have volunteered and actively participate in the (in)formal training of entrepreneurs.

Integrating emotional intelligence into entrepreneurial education is obviously necessary, but perhaps too easily assumed. Over years assumptions about how markets work presumed rational behavior with emotion played down. That emotional intelligence stands ready to expand entrepreneurial education in promising new directions is both timely and exciting. Why did we select emotional intelligence as a focal issue? First, can anybody deny that entrepreneurs are heavily emotionally invested in their activities? In their minds, carefully protected hopes, dreams, and aspirations are part and parcel with a small business ownership mentality. Second, fairly extensive constructs of emotional intelligence exist and have been validated, including assessment instruments, such as Goleman's Emotional Competence Inventory (ECI). Third, the current high level of popular interest in emotional intelligence and related research questions serves to attract attention to pedagogical questions examined in this handbook. Most important, as a field, we can't be complete until we understand how entrepreneurs manage their emotions. If we're going to understand entrepreneurs, we'll need this perspective as well.



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2. Understanding Emotional Intelligence

At the center of our understanding is emotional intelligence (EQ). While the concept of emotional intelligence has been around since the early 20th century, in the last few decades it has become a recognized body of research. Psychologist Daniel Goleman has been instrumental in bringing this research to public attention. Goleman describes emotional intelligence as encompassing more than just the ability to reason with emotions; it represents how some individuals are able to master the intrinsic sensibility of the human experience. It is viewed as a key ability that allows some individuals to succeed in life.

Considered a combination of personal and interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence consists of four primary components: 1) self-awareness; 2) self-management; 3) social awareness; and 4) relationship management. Each of these components is described in greater detail in the following sections of this handbook. Within the organizational (and entrepreneurial education) literature, emotional intelligence, interchanged with the term emotional competence, has gained increased attention. Research suggests that emotional intelligence enhances work leadership and performance. In the developing tradition of entrepreneurship as "a way of living," it is particularly useful to thoroughly define and understand this concept. This is because entrepreneurs in education and their students are typically exposed to high demand for risk and an environment where innovation abounds. Emotional intelligence is associated with success in terms of entrepreneurial ability, and has been shown to play a significant role in job performance.



(https://mtceurope.co.uk/when-business-intelligence-meets-emotional-intelligence/)

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2.1. Definition and Components of Emotional Intelligence

The term 'Emotional Intelligence' (EI) was first used by psychologists in the 1980s. Today, it is defined as the ability to monitor one's own and others' emotions, to discriminate among them, and to use this information to guide one's thinking and actions. Goleman, a popular writer on EI, defines it as lying in the areas of interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligences, two of the seven multiple intelligences. An earlier multi-faceted, operational definition of EI proposed by Salovey and Mayer encapsulates Goleman's work: EI comprises the ability to perceive accurately, understand, reason with, and use emotions for purposes of problem-solving, and also of personal and social development.

Schutte et al. conducted an exploratory factor analysis, using the Schutte Emotional Intelligence Scale, and confirmed this view. They found that EI is a multi-dimensional construct consisting of eight first-order factors, namely, assessing their relative importance. They are considering these as second-order factors, and various other members of the EI research community also self-identify and encourage emotionally intelligent biases, or a strong inclination to behave in sensible, non-hostile, and cooperative ways, even when such an approach is not advised. They conclude that in order to possess effective reasoning abilities and use this to help build social networks, nurture friendships, and regulate personal and others' emotions, one requires to be optimistic in outlook, considerate towards others, and of very special importance, appear to be grounded in traditional IQ and personality literature respectively.

2.2. Importance of Emotional Intelligence in Entrepreneurial Education

Research has shown the occupational relevance of emotional intelligence by demonstrating its impact on gleaning interviews and being effective in managing work-related stress. The importance of emotional intelligence is also evident in entrepreneurship education and research. Indeed, given the present state of flux caused by the fourth industrial revolution, entrepreneurial activity and mindsets are vital.

Entrepreneurial activity results in new venture creation and involves the introduction of innovations into established businesses. Therefore, entrepreneurial education that promotes a capacity for innovation is crucial to future career prospects for our graduates. The question of skills and personal tools for better understanding oneself and others is vital in entrepreneurship. Indeed, educating a resilient workforce is critical as companies are increasingly finding themselves implementing change initiatives which create situations where resilience is vital. A teacher of entrepreneurial education needs to be visible as empathic, able to infer students' emotional and cognitive states,

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and thereby exploit business opportunities and aid overall student wellbeing. The importance of emotional intelligence has also been noted in transitioning and helping students from developing nations explore future job choice options, potentially mitigating brain drain, "by providing opportunities to foster positive emotional development throughout the educational curriculum".

3. The Role of Educators, Mentors, and Trainers in Developing Emotional Intelligence

Developing emotional intelligence in learners commences with the educational program's leadership. For these conversations, the entire educational system (i.e. directors, educators, librarians, and other leaders, in addition to mentors and coaches), as multi-stakeholders, should engage in a process that develops an agreed-upon understanding of the learner's growth in emotional intelligence. Educators operating in academic environments provide guidance to learners. Trainers operating in practicum settings provide mentors offering conversation, wisdom, values, role-modeling, emotional support, appreciation, and communication on pathways for emotional development. When collaboration among educators, mentors, and trainers translates into role-modeling, the learners' awareness of emotional intelligence needs is magnified.



(https://www.cgdev.org/blog/teacher-professional-development-where-and-what-are-we-learning)

Educators, mentors, and trainers should use a common strategy to elicit discussions that shape the learner's lifelong application of emotions in his or her life. Here are described

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the roles and activities of these three individuals. All three stakeholders are responsible for modeling emotionally intelligent behavior. One must work as educators co-create assessments of emotional intelligence that require evidence from mentors and trainers. Educators must conference with mentors, in which the indicators of the emotional intelligence dimensions are described and shared. Mentors and educators must communicate about the integration of emotional intelligence development in the mentor-supported personal growth plan. Regularly, supervisors and mentors share observations on the learner with the desired qualities of emotional intelligence capacity.

4. Designing Curricula and Lesson Plans with Emotional Intelligence in Mind

It is strategically important to integrate EI into the teaching of entrepreneurship. It should be integrated into the very first courses in the first semester and then continued on through the entire educational program. The students can be engaged in creating an emotional intelligence toolbox throughout their education that they can take with them as they embark on their entrepreneurial journey. Lessons learned should also be infused into the program and courses in such a way that students continue to practice improving their EI throughout the program of study and practice.

Instructors should begin by integrating activities into basic course(s), then integrate an activity or other form of learning in each subsequent course. Educational Fusion of Education and Assessment. At present, our assessment system is weak at measuring the development of emotional intelligence. Assessment is provided throughout the courses on students' capacity to work in teams, their ability to plan with a vision, listen and communicate, and manage others, including official events and feedback. This may be a skill/attribute that we would like to study in the future. It would be irrelevant to test graduates given that the program should be providing them with emotional intelligence experiences and support.

4.1. Incorporating Emotional Intelligence Activities into Entrepreneurial Courses

Emotional intelligence is often integrated into curricula by way of experiential activities or guest speakers, and the entrepreneurial course as well as the process of becoming an entrepreneur has been recognized as a rich context to develop one's emotional intelligence. For this reason, we have chosen to offer a number of best practices and insights for how to practically implement emotional intelligence into the entrepreneurial education. A discussion of the electives added outside the entrepreneurial program for emotional intelligence deemed more effective in general is

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included afterwards. These insights are meant to offer support to the educators who are working with students and to assist the curriculum designers and administrators who are seeking to use emotional intelligence experiential education.

Many scientists have brainstormed some ideas to assist anyone wanting to enhance emotional intelligence, mainly those involved in discussing and contemplating how the emotional intelligence might be included in the 3 levels of curriculum. The most practical approach outlined is to have "demonstrate emotional intelligence" be a course-intended outcome, and the program's ability to deliver on this outcome be assessed at different levels. This approach identifies the level of learning that is possible from those new to emotional intelligence (undergraduate courses) to the teaching of emotional intelligence in a research-based environment such as the Doctor of Business Administration Program, and the Program for Professional MBA students. The following are suggested actions for building emotional intelligence at this level. These insights can be applied at other levels of learning.

4.2. Assessment and Evaluation Strategies for Emotional Intelligence

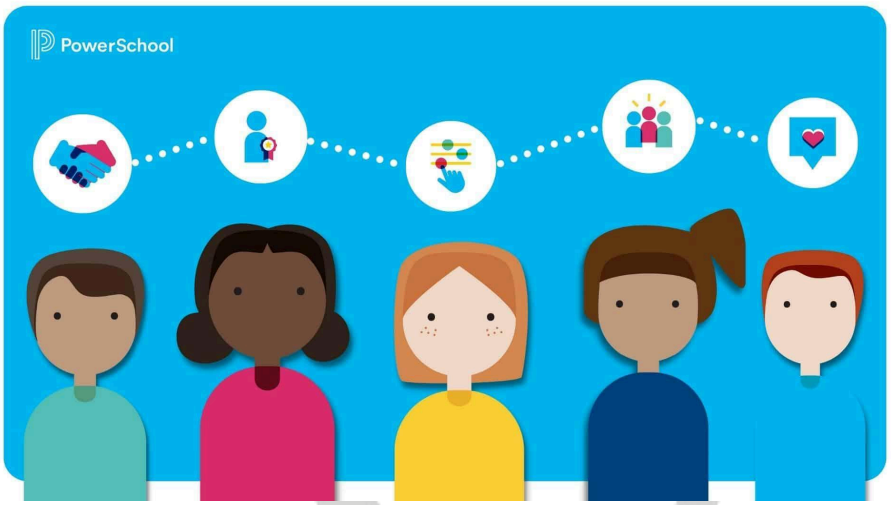
Just as it is important to determine desired outcome goals and teaching strategies, it is equally important to decide upon appropriate means of assessing whether desired outcomes have been achieved. Without effective assessment strategies, it is difficult to determine how much - if any - students have changed as a result of exposure to new material. Also, in the absence of viable assessment strategies, it will be difficult to distinguish whether enhanced entrepreneurial abilities are attributable to the emotional intelligence dimension of the program or to other facets of the program.

This is especially problematic given the extant literature that has questioned the ability to improve emotional intelligence in adults. In the entrepreneurship and management literature, assessing emotional mastery is challenging precisely because of the nuanced and covert nature of EI behaviors. A suggested best practice is to obtain "mirror ratings" or 180 or 360-degree assessments. While doing so would be ideal, it is not typically done because there is a cost in terms of time and money, and some resistance on the part of students to be judged by peers, especially when so many students converge in vicarious traits or weaknesses. Furthermore, entrepreneurs, like many others, bristle at judgment and dislike anyone "reading" them too closely. At many universities, the cost of using external evaluators to provide mirror ratings can also be prohibitive. While there is growing evidence that changes in EI can be measured and quantified at the level of the business, assessing EI in the classroom has associated challenges because external evaluators may not know how students were before they entered the course.

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5. Creating a Supportive Learning Environment for Developing Emotional Intelligence

A conducive learning environment plays an important part in nurturing the development of emotional intelligence among entrepreneurial learners. This is especially important as the development and practice of emotional intelligence are deeply personal and sometimes difficult to confront. As educators work to integrate EI into the entrepreneurship curriculum, they must create a learning environment that supports learners' emotional development. Emotional intelligence cannot be developed simply by discussing and learning about emotional intelligence. It is only developed through meaningful practice and experience.



(https://www.powerschool.com/blog/social-emotional-learning/)

There are four key strategies entrepreneurs can use to develop a learning environment that will help facilitate this practice and support the further emotional intelligence of entrepreneurial learners throughout their lives. The learning environment plays a critical role in shaping the emotional competencies of future business founders. When developing an academic plan, small group exercises, in particular, should be included as the curriculum is being built. Entrepreneurship classrooms and academic programs are busy places to be, and the focus is often on the acquisition of content, theories, models, and methods. Entrepreneurs must not overlook the opportunity to offer EI-building learning environments. Camps and activities are a strong method of meeting the cause of helping individuals build emotional competencies.

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6. Building Effective Communication Skills in Entrepreneurial Education

6.1. The importance of communication skills in entrepreneurial education

In many contexts, and especially in cooperation and personal and interpersonal interaction, success depends on impression management, emotional and social competence, social skills and competencies, and social intelligence. Essential competencies in these areas that can predict success in a given context, or useful and preferred actions in a given role or position, have been identified for each of the competencies below. These competencies are essential not only for successful entrepreneurs but for initiating and conducting successful business interactions. The consensus among educators, researchers, and businesspeople is that the successful entrepreneur must manage and understand their thoughts and emotions, and effectively understand and manage those of others. They are expected to act competently and effectively in these areas.

6.2. 8 communicative competencies relevant for aspiring entrepreneurs

8 key competencies that have been identified as being relevant to entrepreneurial interactions and relationships: 1. Passion for communication/key motivators 2. Connection and communication/relationship building 3. Listen, listen, listen/honoring input 4. Dealing positively with emotions (not minding feelings; providing a good "emotional climate") 5. Alert and receptive in communication situations 6. Confidence and difference 7. Collaboration 8. Creativity

6.3. How communication skills are addressed in entrepreneurial education

Workshop and exercise: The Personal Map for Entrepreneurs is an idea for a workshop and an exercise that can apply the Personal Mapping methodology for a community of students or graduates to develop their communication skills for interaction in a community that covers educational and business settings.(6.2. References - theory: Alvesson, Mats, 2002. "Understanding Organizational Culture". London: Sage/Capstone.)

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(https://www.academiescity.com/course/communication-skills-urhjykwhme)

7. Fostering Resilience and Adaptability in Entrepreneurs

A high level of entrepreneurial resilience has been found to facilitate the overcoming of entrepreneurial challenges and thus facilitate business performance and success. Adaptability to change has been identified as an important attribute of entrepreneurs and is associated with the successful management and adaptation of entrepreneurial endeavors to changes in the business environment. People who have these two essential attributes, resilience and adaptability, are also more likely to persevere through failures and thus have a greater likelihood of achieving sustainable entrepreneurial success and of fulfilling the potential of their entrepreneurial efforts.

Emotional intelligence can contribute to the development of these two attributes, which support the qualities and personal characteristics most associated with the development and operation of an entrepreneurial venture. They are important attributes for prospective entrepreneurs and factors that can facilitate entrepreneurial success. This section provides the EI best practices, practices to overcome barriers for the integration of EI in entrepreneurial education and at times pays when educational delivery fails. It also comprises practical case studies to foster resilience and adaptability in entrepreneurs, case studies from university practice, and consideration of the implications of integrating emotional intelligence in entrepreneurial education.

Strategies for educational staff and managers are provided, considering governmental and funding agency aspects and benefits for entrepreneurs. Key concerns in the development and implementation of a program are considered. This includes possible barriers to the success of the training programs, such as the attitude of students to change and whether suitable experts (in terms of knowledge and teaching skills) are available for training. The final chapter of this best practices handbook draws on practical experience, identifying areas at which it has been found to pay at times when educational provision did not fulfill students' expectations in terms of emotional intelligence. The cases presented may inspire other course leaders in creative ways to foster resilience and adaptability in entrepreneurs within their own institutions, through practices that are not traditionally to be found within higher education.

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8. Cultivating Self-Awareness and Self-Regulation in Students

Self-awareness and self-regulation are what Daniel Goleman (1998) refers to as internal competencies. They are factors which are crucial in an entrepreneur's personal and professional development. Emotional intelligence is the factor that connects self-awareness and self-regulation. In working to improve an entrepreneur's personal development, the ability to interpret and manage one's own emotions are skills that can assist an educator in promoting self-awareness and self-regulation with their students. Educators are expected to cultivate self-awareness and self-regulation in students. This, in turn, would contribute to the production of "emotionally intelligent" student entrepreneurs.

The notion of self-awareness was found important among entrepreneurs in that they practiced checking with their own personal barometers. Entrepreneurial decision-making is frequently affected by the emotional imminence of a situation. Student entrepreneurs who were interviewed were more than aware of the internal emotions they felt in particular situations. Emotions experienced within certain circumstances served as a form of internal checkpoint with regard to their potential consumer acquisition strategy at the given time. This is indicative of the development of self-awareness among the entrepreneurs. The aim of developing self-awareness in the education of the student entrepreneur is crucial because this would increase the potential to not only "know" oneself, and one's emotions, but to be able to recognize emotions at the moment they happen. This can have an effect on student entrepreneurs such that they develop their instincts and are better able to listen to their "gut" feelings. Emotional intelligence is all about getting in touch with one's innermost self and is seen as a belief that guides actions.

9. Promoting Empathy and Social Skills in Entrepreneurial Education

Empathy is the capacity to understand or feel what another person is experiencing. In the entrepreneurial context, empathy is crucial for interactions with stakeholders, potential customers, team members, and many others. Developed social skills and networking are central in the role of the entrepreneur: people who excel in their social skills are seen as more entrepreneurial. Therefore, empathy and social skills are aligned with the content of entrepreneurial behavior. Daniel Goleman stated that empathy, friendship, and social skills are habits of the 'heart' and the 'hand' and as such, can be developed through social learning and entrepreneurial education. Goleman's work suggested there were benefits to fostering emotional intelligence in the company. Social

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skills were considered important to the entrepreneur in forming a great business plan and were also seen as important in hiring a team to build the company.

The key to entrepreneurship is building profitable relationships with a wide range of people, both customers and outside stakeholders. Relationships are predicated on knowing what others want and need and then marshaling resources - people and information - to meet in an efficient and beneficial manner. Emotional intelligence helps to build these relationships and more organization is turning to emotional and social intelligence characteristics as a way of sustaining in the competitive environment. Emotional intelligence is held to be a predictor of success in various professions, including entrepreneurial endeavors. Those who aspire to be entrepreneurs must be able to sense the needs of their colleagues and respond accordingly. Empathy promotes effective intra-organizational communication and can help to reduce conflict in the workplace. Lone entrepreneurs need a different kind of empathy in running their businesses. They need to fluently read the marketplace and respond appropriately. As growers, they need to empathize with what the 'market' needs. Given that this 'market' is a group of anonymous individuals, the empathetic objective becomes tougher. They need to put themselves in the place of the average user, to read their personal needs, and then respond in an appropriate manner through the website. How else can they give compelling reasons to use the site?



(https://techleadership.medium.com/empowering-the-modern-workforce-the-role-of-emotional-intelligence-5a54f34a1f41)

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10. Integrating Emotional Intelligence into Team Building and Collaboration

Far too often, the contemporary entrepreneur envisions his venture as a struggle for competitive advantage. Teachers of entrepreneurship must also emphasize the vital importance of the collaborative aspect. Today's world is a quickly integrating one, and entrepreneurs must be able to team-build effectively in order to keep pace. EI (pertaining to oneself and in one's relationships with others, as well as fostering and encouraging it from others) is very important to effective team-building and collaboration. And perhaps it is most vital to the entrepreneurial team.

Many of the strategies for bringing EI into the entrepreneurial class into market-self-awareness and market-empathy into the heart of venture pre-screening, into all aspects of the venture feasibility-planning-research process, and then-outlet this skill in a new product development etc., can be summarized in the phrase "utilizing empathy". As we prepare our students to become successful entrepreneurs, we must help them integrate the many human dimensions of new venture into their entrepreneurial science and art - emotion among them - for the benefit of all.

Spiritual intelligence, we'd suggest, relies more heavily on one's emotional world than in other areas simply because our conceptions of spirituality also depend more heavily than usual on questions of values alone. But that is a question and a topic for another day. Our final chapter will address helping students integrate the many dimensions of emotionally intelligent entrepreneurial behavior.

11. Addressing Challenges and Overcoming Resistance to Emotional Intelligence Integration

There is a general lack of awareness of EI or silent resistance against it that is not openly communicated to the stakeholders in the training and educational processes. This can lead to problems, conflicts, and negative emotions that can damage atmospheres and set acceptance of the training measures working on the integration of EI in entrepreneurial education. On the one hand, the students may resist the idea that they should know more about how to deal with their emotions and get along better with others. On the other hand, the lecturers may not be motivated to counteract those emotions, arguing why one should act against something that is natural. These potential situations can manifest in students being absent from classes, refusing to participate or to share their thoughts, showing a great deal of skepticism, making offensive signs of disapproval, and opposing directly or quietly. Such situations can be an obstacle to letting the participants learn and integrate new contents.

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Lack of knowledge on the part of policymakers, formal and informal educators, and even the general public is the number one barrier to successfully implementing EI initiatives for economic well-being. Social and emotional learning and development (also known as social and emotional competencies or skills) and programs aimed at nurturing them are struggling with being recognized and included in the greater education agenda, as well as cultivating support from key stakeholders. Policymakers in education can sometimes feel that they are inundated with many important initiatives, often having to juggle them with insufficient support in terms of time and resources.

12. Ethical Considerations in Teaching Emotional Intelligence in Entrepreneurial Education

Over the years, the ethical dimension of education has attracted increased attention. This focus is especially relevant when educators are nurturing future businesspersons. Over the last 10 years, scholars have shown increased interest in examining and understanding the intersections of the entrepreneurial realm and ethics. These discussions have mainly revolved around the ethical challenges practitioners and policymakers may encounter as they navigate the entrepreneurial process and ecosystem. Little is known about the ethical considerations or implications associated with developing emotional intelligence among those aspiring to be a part of the entrepreneurial community. Yet the same arguments raised in regard to emotional intelligence have also questioned the ethical implications and responsibilities of the use, including teaching, of EI in other contexts, such as the business and education disciplines. Emotionally intelligent people could either use their emotional skills for good and ethical decisions in the world of work or in a destructive and manipulative manner.

Teaching and nurturing emotional intelligence among entrepreneurs may reflect the principles of balanced self-determination and non-maleficence in that it enables each aspiring businessperson to make a fully informed decision as to whether to pursue entrepreneurship, and if so, the manner in which they intend to invest and gain returns from the new venture. This response demonstrates the ethical issues educators should consider and the stance on the integration of EI into entrepreneurial education. Ideally, educators would shed light on the ways EI may, or may not, be used as they mentor aspiring entrepreneurs. By addressing these issues, educators are providing would-be entrepreneurs with an opportunity to understand emotional capabilities as an integral element of corporate entrepreneurship.

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13. Best Practices for Potentially Successful Programs

This Best Practices Handbook has been tailored for educators, mentors, and trainers focusing on the integration of emotional intelligence into entrepreneurial education as a valuable resource. This handbook can serve as a guideline for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of entrepreneurship education programs.

Objective: To leverage the collective experience and insights of the four partner organizations by documenting and sharing their top two best practices in integrating emotional intelligence into entrepreneurship education. This will facilitate a mutual learning process and inspire other educators and organizations to implement effective strategies within their own programs.

Leaders/Presenters: All partners proposed/carried out two Best Practices in order to incorporate EI in Entrepreneurial Education.

Case Studies / Best Practices: In this final panel session, presenters will highlight emotional intelligence integration by pulling from real-world lessons learned in their programs. These case studies will be followed by a discussant presentation that synthesizes themes and identifies "best bets" for using emotional intelligence as a leverage point in entrepreneurship education. This combined insight will serve as an excellent source for guiding new educators or rethinking current practice.

In shaping this panel and refining their presentations, presenters were encouraged to consider how they might show (not just tell) the relevance of emotional intelligence to their students. They turned to two Best Practices examples of engaging problems or training exercises that they use to show relevance for their students. This section of the

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handbook compiles those compelling narratives so that you can treat them as case studies and learn from them as you are rethinking yours. The case studies/ Best practices include the curriculum module or business problem, then the training activity and its learning objective. Each is accompanied by a set of steps for implementing the practice, the considerations that the presenter identified, and her reflections on using this technique with her students. Taken together, these documents provide an excellent orientation to emotional intelligence - both what it is and why one might train in it - as well as practical guidance on how to start.

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Virtual Entrepreneurship Essentials: Integrated Curriculum Design Training	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Asociacija IVAIGO
Place of implementation	Vilnius, Lithuania
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	15 Young people
The main objectives	to empower young aspiring entrepreneurs and young leaders with the knowledge, skills, and resources to integrate Emotional Intelligence (EI) principles into entrepreneurship education
Experts/staff	Facilitators, Mentor
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	The "Virtual Entrepreneurship Essentials" is a three-day online program designed for young aspiring entrepreneurs and leaders. This immersive training equips participants with skills to integrate Emotional Intelligence (EI) into entrepreneurship education, fostering EI development among peers in virtual learning. **Day 1: Understanding Emotional Intelligence in Entrepreneurship (Duration:3 hours)** Session 1: Introduction to EI in Entrepreneurship (1.5 hours) Overview of EI's significance in entrepreneurial success. Exploration of EI competencies like self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and social skills. Session 2: Integrating EI into Curriculum Design (1.5 hours) Strategies for seamless EI integration in entrepreneurship education. Case studies demonstrating effective EI integration.

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	Day 2: Designing Interactive Curriculum Modules (Duration:3 hours) Session 3: Crafting Engaging Learning Activities (1.5 hours) Techniques for interactive and experiential activities promoting EI development. Brainstorming engaging activities. Session 4: Assessing EI Competencies (1.5 hours) Methods for assessing EI competencies within curriculum modules. Development of assessment tools and rubrics. **Day 3: Implementation and Continuous Improvement (Duration:3 hours)** Session 5: Implementing Integrated Curriculum in Virtual Settings (1.5 hours) Strategies for delivering integrated curriculum in online learning. Tools and technologies for virtual engagement. Session 6: Continuous Evaluation and Adaptation (1.5 hours) Techniques for ongoing evaluation and improvement. Discussion on monitoring outcomes and gathering feedback.
Methodology/Didactic tools	Designed with the needs and preferences of young people in mind, the training program employs a mix of engaging and interactive learning methods. Live webinars, group discussions, and virtual workshops provide opportunities for real-time interaction and collaboration. Self-paced learning activities, multimedia resources, and gamified exercises enhance engagement and cater to diverse learning styles. Participants are encouraged to share their insights, ideas, and experiences through social media platforms and online forums, fostering a sense of community and peer support.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	• Interactive multimedia presentations and videos that explore EI concepts and entrepreneurship principles in a youth-friendly format. • Engaging case studies and success stories featuring young entrepreneurs who have successfully applied EI in their ventures. • Creative activities, games, and challenges that encourage experiential learning and practical application of curriculum design principles. • Digital toolkits and resources for designing and implementing virtual entrepreneurship projects and initiatives in their schools and communities.
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	The "Virtual Entrepreneurship Essentials: Integrated Curriculum Design Training for Young People" empowered

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	participants to become change makers and leaders in their entrepreneurial journey. By equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to integrate EI principles into entrepreneurship education, the training set the stage for a new generation of socially conscious and emotionally intelligent entrepreneurs who are ready to tackle real-world challenges and make a positive impact in their communities.
Recommendation and guidelines	Foster a supportive and inclusive environment where young people feel empowered to express their creativity, explore new ideas, and innovate solutions to real-world problems. Emphasize peer-to-peer learning, collaboration, and networking opportunities that enable young participants to learn from each other, share experiences, and build meaningful connections.

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EmpowerEI: Harnessing Emotional Intelligence for Entrepreneurial Success	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Asociacija IVAIGO
Place of implementation	Vilnius, Lithuania
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	16 Young people
The main objectives	To empower young people with practical skills in Emotional Intelligence (EI) and business plan development through an interactive and immersive 5-hour workshop.
Experts/staff	Workshop Facilitators, Support Staff
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	The 5-hour non-formal education workshop is designed to provide participants with hands-on experience in applying Emotional Intelligence (EI) strategies and creating business plans within a collaborative group setting. Through interactive activities and group exercises, participants will explore EI concepts, practice relevant skills, and develop comprehensive business plans. The workshop aims to foster teamwork, critical thinking, and practical problem-solving abilities, equipping participants with valuable tools for entrepreneurial success. **Components:** 1. **Introduction to EI Strategies (1 hour):** Overview of EI's role in entrepreneurship, exploring concepts like self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and social skills, and introducing practical strategies.

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	2. **Hands-On EI Exercises (1.5 hours):** Small group exercises focusing on specific EI skills, practicing techniques like active listening and conflict resolution, with peer feedback and reflection. 3. **Business Plan Development (2 hours):** Applying EI strategies to create business plans, using templates for market analysis, product/service offerings, and marketing strategies, and setting goals through group discussions. 4. **Group Presentations and Feedback (0.5 hour):** Each group presents their business plans, receiving constructive feedback, and engaging in a debrief session.
Methodology/Didactic tools	• **Interactive Learning:** The workshop utilizes interactive learning methods such as group discussions, role-playing scenarios, and hands-on exercises to engage participants actively. These activities encourage active participation, foster collaboration, and facilitate the application of EI strategies and business planning concepts in real-world scenarios. • **Experiential Learning:** Participants engage in experiential learning activities that simulate entrepreneurial challenges and opportunities. By immersing themselves in these activities, participants gain practical insights and develop essential skills in EI and business planning through hands-on experience. • **Guided Facilitation:** Facilitators provide guidance and support throughout the workshop, offering insights, clarifications, and feedback to help participants navigate the learning process effectively. Facilitators encourage open dialogue, foster a supportive learning environment, and ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute and learn from each other.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	• Interactive Learning: The workshop utilizes interactive learning methods such as group discussions, role-playing scenarios, and hands-on exercises to engage participants actively. These activities encourage active participation, foster collaboration, and facilitate the application of EI strategies and business planning concepts in real-world scenarios. • Experiential Learning: Participants engage in experiential learning activities that simulate entrepreneurial challenges and opportunities. By immersing themselves in these activities, participants gain practical insights and develop essential skills in EI and business planning through hands-on experience. • Guided Facilitation: Facilitators provide guidance and support throughout the workshop, offering insights,

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	clarifications, and feedback to help participants navigate the learning process effectively. Facilitators encourage open dialogue, foster a supportive learning environment, and ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute and learn from each other.
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	The 5-hour non-formal education workshop provided young people with a dynamic and engaging learning experience that combines practical skills development with collaborative group activities. By exploring Emotional Intelligence strategies and business planning concepts in a hands-on manner, participants enhanced their abilities to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and develop comprehensive business plans. The workshop fostered teamwork, critical thinking, and practical problem-solving skills, empowering participants to succeed in entrepreneurial endeavors and beyond.
Recommendation and guidelines	Emphasize the importance of teamwork and collaboration in group activities. Create a supportive and inclusive environment where all participants feel comfortable expressing their ideas and opinions.

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Incorporating Emotional Intelligence Assessments and Personalized Feedback	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Caribbean Education & Culture Foundation
Place of implementation	South Reward, St. Maarten (Caribbean Netherlands)
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	International Baccalaureate (IB) Business students Youth/Students/Young Entrepreneurs
The main objectives	Implementing emotional intelligence (EI) assessments at the beginning and throughout the entrepreneurship education program to help youth/students understand their current EI levels and identify areas for improvement
Experts/staff	Educators / Facilitators / Mentor / Business Influencers
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	Implementing emotional intelligence (EI) assessments at the beginning and throughout the entrepreneurship education program can help students or young entrepreneurs understand their current EI levels and identify areas for improvement. Tools like the EQ-i 2.0 or the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test (MSCEIT) can be used. **Steps to Implement:** 1. **Initial Assessment:** Administer an EI assessment at the start of the program to establish a baseline for each student. 2. **Personalized Feedback:** Provide individualized feedback sessions where students can discuss their assessment results with a mentor or coach. These sessions should focus on interpreting the results and setting personal development goals.

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	3. **Ongoing Evaluation:** Periodically re-assess students' EI to track their progress and adjust their learning plans accordingly. 4. **Reflection Activities:** Encourage students to engage in regular reflection activities, such as journaling or group discussions, to help them internalize their growth and understand the practical implications of improved EI in their entrepreneurial endeavors. 5. **Follow-up Dissemination Activity:** Lead the students/ participants to organize a dissemination activity and to assist other youth or interested participants to understand their current EI-level by doing steps 1-4 during this dissemination activity.
Methodology/Didactic tools	**Methodology:** 1. **Initial Assessment Phase:** • **Selection of EI Assessment Tool:** Choose a reliable and validated emotional intelligence assessment tool such as the EQ-i 2.0 or the MSCEIT. • **Administration of the Assessment:** Conduct the assessment at the beginning of the program, ensuring all students understand the purpose and process. 2. **Personalized Feedback Sessions:** • **One-on-One Feedback:** Schedule individual feedback sessions with each student to discuss their assessment results. These sessions should be conducted by trained educators or EI coaches. • **Goal Setting:** Work with each student to set personal development goals based on their assessment results, focusing on areas for improvement and leveraging strengths. 3. **Ongoing Evaluation and Monitoring:** • **Periodic Re-assessments:** Administer follow-up EI assessments at regular intervals (e.g., mid-term and end of the program) to monitor progress. • **Progress Reviews:** Conduct regular check-ins to review progress towards goals and adjust learning plans as needed. 4. **Reflection and Reinforcement:** • **Journaling:** Encourage students to maintain journals where they reflect on their emotional experiences and growth. • **Group Discussions:** Facilitate group discussions or peer feedback sessions to share experiences

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and insights, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

Didactic Tools:

1. **Emotional Intelligence Assessments:**
   - **EQ-i 2.0:** A comprehensive EI assessment that measures various components of emotional intelligence.
   - **MSCEIT:** An ability-based test that evaluates the four branches of emotional intelligence as defined by Mayer and Salovey.

0. **Feedback and Goal Setting Templates:**
   - **Personal Development Plans:** Templates for students to document their goals, action plans, and progress.
   - **Feedback Forms:** Structured forms to guide one-on-one feedback sessions, ensuring all key areas are covered.
0. **Reflection Tools:**
   - **Journals:** Provide students with journals (physical or digital) to record their reflections on EI-related experiences and learnings.
   - **Prompt Cards:** Sets of reflective questions or prompts to guide journaling and group discussions.
0. **Educational Resources:**
   - **Books and Articles:** Curated list of readings on emotional intelligence, such as "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman.
   - **Online Courses and Webinars:** Access to online courses or webinars focused on developing EI skills.
0. **Interactive Tools:**
   - **EI Apps:** Mobile apps like Mood Meter or Mindfulness Coach that help students track and manage their emotions.
   - **Interactive Workshops:** Workshops that include role-playing, case studies, and scenario-based learning to practice EI skills.
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By utilizing this methodology and these didactic tools, educators can effectively incorporate emotional intelligence assessments and personalized feedback into their

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	entrepreneurship education programs, fostering self-awareness, personal growth, and improved emotional intelligence among students.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	• Relatable books, articles and websites can be useful • Speeches from experienced entrepreneurs can be inspiring
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	Personalized feedback and continuous monitoring foster self-awareness and personal growth. Students learn to manage their emotions better, enhancing their decision-making, leadership, and interpersonal skills.
Recommendation and guidelines	- Firstly guide and assess this practice with IB-Business students. - Secondly, instruct and guide the trained students to assess the best practice as a local event. (Dissemination!)

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Integrating Experiential Learning and Real-World Scenarios	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Caribbean Education & Culture Foundation
Place of implementation	South Reward, St. Maarten (Caribbean Netherlands)
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	International Baccalaureate (IB) Business students Youth/Students/Young Entrepreneurs
The main objectives	To create experiential learning opportunities that allow students to apply emotional intelligence concepts in real-world entrepreneurial scenarios. This can include role-playing exercises, simulations, and interactions with actual entrepreneurs.
Experts/staff	Educators / Facilitators / Mentor / Business Influencers
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	Create experiential learning opportunities that allow students to apply emotional intelligence concepts in real-world entrepreneurial scenarios. This can include role-playing exercises, simulations, and interactions with actual entrepreneurs. **Steps to Implement:** 1. **Role-Playing Exercises:** Design role-playing activities where students must navigate complex emotional and social situations, such as negotiating a deal, managing a team conflict, or pitching to investors. 2. **Simulations:** Use business simulations that incorporate EI challenges, requiring students to make decisions based on emotional and social factors. 3. **Guest Speakers and Mentors:** Invite successful entrepreneurs to share their experiences and discuss how

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	EI has played a role in their business journey. Arrange mentorship opportunities where students can observe and practice EI in real business settings. 4. **Group Projects:** Encourage collaborative projects where students must work in teams, fostering an environment where they can practice empathy, active listening, and conflict resolution. 5. **Follow-up Dissemination Activity:** Lead the students/ participants to organize a dissemination activity and to assist other youth or interested participants to apply emotional intelligence concepts in real-world entrepreneurial scenarios by doing steps 1-4 during this dissemination activity.
Methodology/Didactic tools	**Methodology:** 1. **Designing Role-Playing Exercises:** • **Scenario Development:** Create detailed scenarios that simulate real-world entrepreneurial situations requiring emotional intelligence (e.g., team conflict resolution, investor pitch). • **Role Assignment:** Assign roles to students, ensuring a mix of perspectives and challenges that test their EI skills. • **Debriefing Sessions:** After each role-playing exercise, conduct debriefing sessions to discuss what happened, what was learned, and how EI played a role in the outcomes. 2. **Implementing Simulations:** • **Business Simulation Tools:** Use software or in-class simulations that mimic business environments and incorporate emotional and social challenges. • **Interactive Sessions:** Facilitate sessions where students must make decisions, negotiate, and manage relationships, with a focus on emotional intelligence. • **Feedback and Reflection:** Provide immediate feedback and encourage students to reflect on their experiences and emotional responses. 3. **Engaging with Guest Speakers and Mentors:** • **Speaker Series:** Invite successful entrepreneurs to share personal stories about how EI has impacted their business journeys.

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- **Mentorship Programs:** Pair students with mentors who can provide real-world insights and guidance on developing EI in entrepreneurial contexts.
- **Interactive Q&A Sessions:** Allow students to ask questions and engage in discussions with speakers and mentors to deepen their understanding.

4. **Facilitating Group Projects:**
   - **Project Design:** Create group projects that require collaboration, problem-solving, and leadership, emphasizing the importance of EI.
   - **Team Dynamics Workshops:** Conduct workshops on effective team dynamics, communication, and conflict resolution to prepare students for group work.
   - **Peer Feedback:** Implement a structured peer feedback system where students can give and receive feedback on their EI-related behaviors and interactions.

Didactic Tools:

1. **Role-Playing Materials:**
   - **Scenario Cards:** Detailed descriptions of various business scenarios, including roles, objectives, and potential conflicts.
   - **Character Profiles:** Background information on characters involved in the scenarios to help students understand different perspectives.

2. **Simulation Software:**
   - **Business Simulation Platforms:** Tools like SimVenture, VentureSim, or Cesim that offer realistic business environments and scenarios.
   - **Virtual Reality (VR) Tools:** VR simulations that provide immersive experiences in business settings, enhancing the realism of EI challenges.

3. **Guest Speaker and Mentorship Resources:**
   - **Speaker Bios and Case Studies:** Background information and case studies on guest speakers to provide context for their stories.

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	• **Mentorship Guides:** Resources for mentors and mentees to structure their interactions, focusing on developing EI. 4. **Group Project Resources:** • **Project Management Tools:** Platforms like Trello, Asana, or Slack to facilitate collaboration and communication among project team members. • **Team-Building Exercises:** Activities designed to build trust, improve communication, and enhance teamwork. • **Peer Feedback Forms:** Structured forms for providing constructive feedback on emotional intelligence skills demonstrated during group projects. 5. **Reflection and Evaluation Tools:** • **Reflection Journals:** Digital or physical journals for students to document their experiences, challenges, and growth in EI. • **Feedback Rubrics:** Clear criteria for assessing students' performance in role-playing, simulations, and group projects, focusing on EI competencies. By implementing this methodology and using these didactic tools, educators can create a dynamic and engaging learning environment that helps students develop their emotional intelligence through practical, real-world applications. This approach not only enhances their entrepreneurial skills but also prepares them for the emotional complexities of running a business.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	• Relatable books, articles and websites can be useful • Speeches from experienced entrepreneurs can be inspiring
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	Integrating experiential learning and real-world scenarios into entrepreneurship education proves to be a highly effective method for developing emotional intelligence among students. By engaging in role-playing exercises, simulations, and interactions with experienced entrepreneurs and mentors, students can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and

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	practical application. This hands-on approach not only enhances their understanding of emotional intelligence but also equips them with the skills to navigate the complexities and emotional challenges of the entrepreneurial world. Through this immersive learning process, students develop critical competencies such as empathy, self-awareness, and effective communication, which are essential for successful leadership and business management. The real-world context provided by these activities ensures that students are better prepared to handle interpersonal dynamics, make sound decisions under pressure, and build resilient, innovative enterprises. Ultimately, this best practice fosters a generation of emotionally intelligent entrepreneurs who are capable of creating positive, impactful, and sustainable businesses.
Recommendation and guidelines	- Firstly guide and assess this practice with IB-Business students. - Secondly, instruct and guide the trained students to assess the best practice as a local event. (Dissemination!)

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"Actívate" Programme	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	INDEPCIE SCA Andalusian Youth Institute
Place of implementation	Online / Andalusia
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	Young people between 18 and 30 years of age from the towns and municipalities of Andalusia.
The main objectives	• To develop entrepreneurial competence as one of the key objectives of the European Union in the framework of lifelong learning. • To define the importance of soft skills and personal talent as key elements for business success. • To establish a training program that accompanies the recipients in the implementation of the acquired skills. • Determine the non-technical competences that are necessary to respond to the demands of the new entrepreneur. • Develop coaching and Emotional Intelligence techniques to help participants develop their entrepreneurial skills. • To help participants to expand and apply their entrepreneurial talents to increase the chances of success in their businesses. • Support the development of entrepreneurship in local communities. • To provide an advanced learning opportunity to end users. • To foster female empowerment for entrepreneurship.

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	• To develop peer-to-peer relationships in the business environment and the gender perspective in the workplace.
Experts/staff	Trainers/mentors - Andalusian Youth Institute (Organizer)
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	The Andalusian Youth Institute, through the Activate program, offers young people between 18 and 30 years of age this tele-training. You learn to develop personal competencies when it comes to making key decisions, managing uncertainty and adverse circumstances. Being an entrepreneur is not only knowledge of your business and financial aspects, but a whole series of skills that have to do with interpersonal relationships (customers, employees, colleagues, suppliers...), emotional management and self-esteem, setting goals, self-motivation, handling frustration, communication and other skills, which according to the report "The future of professions and employment" of the World Economic Forum (2018), are vital to define the basic skills of the entrepreneur and the worker of the coming decades.
Methodology/Didactic tools	E-learning through the Zoom platform.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	Laptop
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	The course is presented as a valuable opportunity for young people looking to start their own business or who are already in the early stages of their entrepreneurial venture. Upon completion of the program, participants will have acquired the tools and confidence to make informed decisions, effectively manage their business and face the emotional challenges of entrepreneurship. In short, the "Entrepreneurship for All" course is a valuable initiative that contributes to the empowerment of young entrepreneurs and the promotion of entrepreneurship in Andalusia.
Recommendation and guidelines	

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NLP Trainings	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	INDEPCIE SCA
Place of implementation	Educational Centre B-WIT 14011 Córdoba
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	Open to everyone interested.
The main objectives	The main objectives are: • Communicate effectively. • Changing our behavioral patterns to more efficient ones. • Manage our emotional states. • To come up with more adaptive coping strategies. • Overcoming fears or blockages and personal limitations. • Increase our self-concept and self-esteem. • Improve our family, social and professional relationships. • To make our way of thinking and acting more flexible. • Achieve a higher degree of self-confidence and personal excellence. • You will learn how to transform bad habits into more enriching ones. • And the most important thing is that you will experience a lasting change because after the course you will continue to apply what you have learnt without thinking about it.
Experts/staff	INDEPCIE trainer (José Antonio Alonso) - endorsed by the Spanish Association of Neuro Linguistic Programming

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The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	INDEPCIE offers professional training in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) endorsed by the Spanish Association of Neuro Linguistic Programming. Module 1: ● Epistemology of NLP, information processing, response pattern. ● Recognition and use of Linguistic Patterns with the Language Metamodel. ● Effective communication. ● Rapport and calibration. Module 2: ● Basic procedures for working with Internal Representations and Sub modalities. ● Recognition and use of non-verbal cues and internal states. ● Achieving and maintaining states of Excellence. Module 3: ● Detection and use of Predicates and Clues for mental and emotional states. ● Eye Movements. ● Learning, Motivation, Decision and Creativity Strategies. Module 4: ● Skills for Anchoring and Managing Internal States. ● Circle of Excellence. ● Resolution of interpersonal conflicts. ● Integration of polarities. Resolution of personal blockages. Module 5: ● How to formulate objectives properly. ● Time structures. ● Planning effectively. ● Introduction to Emotional Intelligence. Module 6: ● Fast cure of phobias. ● Change of habits. ● Resolution of compulsions. ● Application to sessions.

Methodology/Didactic tools	Different levels of trainings:
	● Basic level:
	  ● Level 1: Practitioner in NLP (90 hours)
	  ● Level 2: Master Practitioner in NLP (90 hours)
	  ● Trainer's Training: Master in presentation techniques (90 hours)
	● Specialized training levels:
	  ● Certified Coach

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	• Certified Master Coach • Master in Coaching with NLP (90 hours) • Master in Ericksonian Hypnosis with NLP (90 hours)
Additional materials /Equipment needed	
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	NLP is a path of self-knowledge that can allow us to achieve personal excellence. The learning of this discipline begins with the "NLP Practitioner", where through simple exercises and following an enjoyable methodology, we will approach the extraordinary complexity of human thought and behavior. We discover how human beings process information, how they access their thought patterns, how they activate their behaviors and coping strategies. We delve into how they interact with the environment through their verbal and non-verbal communication.
Recommendation and guidelines	

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Mindfulness For Creative Mindset	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Društvo Bodi svetloba
Place of implementation	Ljubljana, Slovenia
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	10 young people
The main objectives	to empower young aspiring entrepreneurs and young leaders with the knowledge, skills, and resources to integrate Emotional Intelligence (EI) principles into entrepreneurship education
Experts/staff	Facilitators, Mentor
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	The "Virtual Mindfulness Use For Entrepreneurship" is a two-day online program designed for young aspiring entrepreneurs and leaders. This immersive training equips participants with mindfulness skills to integrate self-awareness as a part of Emotional Intelligence (EI) into entrepreneurship education, fostering EI development among peers in virtual learning. **Day 1: Designing Interactive Curriculum Module on Mindfulness (Duration:2 hours)** Session 1: Introduction to Mindfulness, Self Awareness and EI in Entrepreneurship (1 hour) Overview of their importance in entrepreneurial success. Exploration of EI competencies like self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and social skills. Session 2: Crafting engaging mindfulness Activities (1 hour) Strategies and techniques for integration of mindfulness for interactive and experiential activities promoting EI

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	development with a focus on mindfulness. Case studies demonstrating effective use of mindfulness. **Day 2: Implementation and Permanent Improvement (Duration:2 hours)** Session 3: Crafting Engaging Learning Activities (1 hour) Techniques for interactive and experiential activities promoting EI development with a focus on mindfulness. Session 4: Assessing Mindfulness Competencies And Improvement (1 hour) Methods for assessing mindfulness competencies within curriculum modules. Strategies for delivering integrated curriculum in online learning. Discussion on monitoring outcomes and gathering feedback.
Methodology/Didactic tools	Designed with the needs and preferences of young people in mind, the training program employs a mix of engaging and interactive learning methods. Live webinars, group discussions, and virtual workshops provide opportunities for real-time interaction and collaboration. Self-paced learning activities, multimedia resources, and exercises enhance engagement and cater to diverse learning styles. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences, insights, ideas, and experiences through social media platforms and online forums, fostering a sense of community and peer support
Additional materials /Equipment needed	Interactive multimedia presentations (audio, video) that explore mindfulness concepts and entrepreneurship principles in a youth-friendly format. Engaging case studies and success stories featuring young entrepreneurs who have successfully applied mindfulness in their ventures. Creative activities, and challenges that encourage experiential learning and practical application of mindfulness into curriculum design principles. Digital tool kits and resources for designing and implementing virtual entrepreneurship projects and initiatives in their schools and communities using mindfulness knowledge.
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	The "Virtual Mindfulness Use For Entrepreneurship" empowers participants to become change makers and leaders in their entrepreneurial journey. By equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to integrate mindfulness as a part of self-awareness through EI principles into entrepreneurship

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	education, the training set the stage for a new generation of socially conscious and emotionally intelligent entrepreneurs who are ready to tackle real-world challenges and make a positive impact in their communities.
Recommendation and guidelines	Foster a supportive and inclusive environment where young people feel empowered to express their creativity, explore new ideas, and innovate solutions to real-world problems using mindfulness skills. Emphasize peer-to-peer learning, collaboration, and networking opportunities that enable young participants to learn from each other, share experiences, and build meaningful connections.

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Best Practice 2:

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Mindfulness For Creative Mindset	
SECTION A – IDENTIFICATION	
Name of the organization/Institution implementing practice	Društvo Bodi svetloba
Place of implementation	Ljubljana, Slovenia
SECTION B – DESCRIPTION	
Target group / Beneficiaries	10 Young people
The main objectives	To empower young people with mindfulness skills within self-awareness skills as the part of the Emotional Intelligence (EI) and use mindfulness as a tool to conduct out-of-the-box business plan development through a holistic interactive and immersive 4-hour workshop.
Experts/staff	Workshop Facilitators, Support Staff
The description of the practice *(Up to 10 sentences)*	The 4-hour non-formal education workshop is designed to provide participants with hands-on experience in applying mindfulness skills within self-awareness skills as the part of Emotional Intelligence (EI) strategies and creating innovative out-of-the-box business plans within a collaborative group setting. Through holistic interactive activities and group exercises, participants will explore relevant mindfulness concepts, practice them, and develop comprehensive business plans. The workshop aims to teach the right posture and attitude towards receiving mindfulness skills in order to foster teamwork, belief in the good outcome, and practical problem-solving abilities, equipping participants with valuable tools for entrepreneurial success. **Components:**

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	1. **Introduction to mindfulness (1 hour):** Overview of the use of mindfulness as a part of self-awareness for entrepreneurship, exploring concepts such as self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and social skills, and introducing practical strategies. 2. **Hands-On Mindfulness Exercises (1.5 hours):** Small group exercises focusing on mindfulness, practicing mindfulness technique (for example the one which got United Nations' Prize for their results) like finding right posture, belief in good outcome and inner peace with peer feedback and reflection. 3. **Business Plan Development (2 hours):** Applying mindfulness skills to create one's business plans, using templates for market analysis, product/service offerings, and marketing strategies, and setting goals such as perseverance, patience, faith and positive goals through group discussions. **Group Presentations and Feedback (0.5 hour):** Each group presents their business plans, receiving constructive feedback, and engaging in a debrief session
Methodology/Didactic tools	• **Interactive Learning:** The workshop utilizes interactive learning methods such as group discussions, role-playing scenarios, and hands-on exercises to engage participants actively. These activities encourage active participation, foster collaboration, and facilitate the application of mindfulness as a tool for EI strategies and business planning concepts in real-world scenarios. • **Experiential Learning:** Participants engage in experiential learning activities that simulate using mindfulness in entrepreneurial challenges and opportunities. By immersing themselves in these activities, participants gain practical experience and insights into how mindfulness works and develop essential skills such as trust, patience and perseverance in EI and business planning through hands-on experience. **Guided Facilitation:** Facilitators provide guidance and support throughout the workshop, offering insights, clarifications, and feedback to help participants navigate the learning process effectively. Facilitators encourage open dialogue, foster a supportive learning environment, and ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute and learn from each other.
Additional materials /Equipment needed	• Interactive Learning: The workshop utilizes interactive learning methods such as group discussions, role-playing scenarios, and hands-on exercises to engage participants

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	actively. These activities encourage active participation, foster collaboration, and facilitate the application of mindfulness as a part of self-awareness for EI strategies and business planning concepts in real-world scenarios. • Experiential Learning: Participants engage in experiential learning activities that simulate using mindfulness as a path of self-awareness in order to overcome entrepreneurial challenges and achieve entrepreneurial opportunities. By immersing themselves in these activities, participants gain practical insights and develop essential skills such as faith, patience and perseverance in mindfulness usage as a part of undertaking self-awareness activities within EI and business planning through hands-on experience. Guided Facilitation: Facilitators provide guidance and support throughout the workshop, offering insights, clarifications, and feedback to help participants navigate the learning process effectively. Facilitators encourage open dialogue, foster a supportive learning environment, and ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute and learn from each other.
SECTION C – CONCLUSION	
Conclusion	The 4-hour non-formal education workshop provides young people with a dynamic and engaging learning experience that combines mindfulness skills development with collaborative group activities. By exploring the use of mindfulness as a part of self-awareness through Emotional Intelligence strategies and business planning concepts in a hands-on innovative manner, participants enhance their abilities to trust what they do, raise the level of their patience, perseverance and faith in order to develop innovative business plans. The workshop fosters faith, patience, perseverance and practical problem-solving skills,

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	empowering participants to succeed in entrepreneurial endeavors and beyond.
Recommendation and guidelines	The importance of teamwork and collaboration in group activities is emphasized in order to maximize the potential of mindfulness skills in order to create beneficial entrepreneurial results. A supportive and inclusive environment where all participants feel comfortable expressing their experience is created and enhanced with mindfulness knowledge.



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14. Conclusion: Future Trends and Innovations in Emotional Intelligence Education for Entrepreneurs

As the landscape of entrepreneurship continues to evolve, the integration of emotional intelligence (EI) into entrepreneurial education is poised to become increasingly sophisticated and impactful. Future trends and innovations in this field will likely focus on leveraging advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence and virtual reality, to create immersive and personalized learning experiences. These technologies can provide real-time feedback, simulate complex business scenarios, and offer tailored coaching, thereby enhancing the development of EI skills in dynamic and interactive ways.

Moreover, there will be a growing emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches, combining insights from psychology, neuroscience, and business studies to offer a holistic understanding of emotional intelligence. This interdisciplinary focus can help entrepreneurs better understand the neurological and psychological underpinnings of their emotions, leading to more effective self-regulation and interpersonal strategies.

Additionally, the rise of remote work and global entrepreneurship will drive the need for culturally responsive EI education. Programs will increasingly incorporate cross-cultural communication and emotional adaptability training to prepare entrepreneurs for diverse and international markets.

Finally, ongoing research and innovation will continue to refine assessment tools and methodologies, making them more accessible and actionable. These advancements will enable educators to provide more precise and impactful guidance, helping entrepreneurs cultivate the emotional resilience and agility needed to thrive in a rapidly changing business environment.

In summary, the future of emotional intelligence education for entrepreneurs promises to be dynamic and transformative, driven by technological advancements, interdisciplinary insights, and a focus on cultural adaptability. These innovations will equip entrepreneurs with the emotional acumen required to navigate the complexities of modern business and drive sustained success.

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