

## **What is the essence of entrepreneurial thinking?**

Would you be willing to participate in a research study to explore the essence of entrepreneurial thinking? The purpose of this study is to identify what it means to think as an entrepreneur from a student perspective. Ultimately, your perspective will be compared and contrasted with that of entrepreneurs and educators to suggest ways in which entrepreneurship courses at University can be enhanced. The research objective of this stage of the study is to identify entrepreneurial thinking concepts through the creation of concept maps.

I am looking for students from each year of the Centre's programmes to take part in an online workshop in June 2021. The workshop will be fun, interesting, and informative. It may also be valuable to you in your own thinking and reflecting on entrepreneurship. In return, you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of UK entrepreneurship education.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be taught how to construct a concept map and then asked to work in small groups to construct a concept map of entrepreneurship. There are no "wrong answers" - all the research outputs will be relevant and useful. The concept maps resulting from the workshops will not be evaluated for "accuracy" or "quality" but analysed to determine how you interpret the concept of entrepreneurship.

No prior knowledge of concept mapping is required to participate in this workshop, all you need to know will be shared with you at the time. This workshop will have benefits for you, offering an opportunity to examine and reflect on your own beliefs and assumptions about entrepreneurship.

Your decision to participate or not participate will have absolutely no impact on the perception or evaluation of your performance on your current programme of academic study. Your participation in this study will take approximately 2 hours. You are free to decide whether or not to participate. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without any negative consequences for you.

A full Participant Information Sheet is provided here: [Concept Mapping Participant Information Sheet](#).

Dave Jarman (University of Bristol) and Lucy Hatt (Newcastle University) have a funded research project to explore Threshold Concepts in Entrepreneurship and to develop a toolkit for other educators seeking to develop and evaluate their own enterprise education curricula informed by the threshold concept framework. For more information, please contact [dave.jarman@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:dave.jarman@bristol.ac.uk)

If you're interested in taking part online on either the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup> (3pm-5pm) or the morning of June 17<sup>th</sup> (10am-12pm) please email [dave.jarman@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:dave.jarman@bristol.ac.uk) with your name, year group (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 or PGT) and whether either or both dates would work for you.