

PATHFINDER+

Paving the way for Digital Learning in Higher Education with Enterprise Community Development



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Welcome to Our First Newsletter!

We are excited to introduce our new initiative aimed at creating a Digital Learning Repository for Higher Education (HED) with a special emphasis on Enterprise Community Development. This initiative looking forward to equip higher education institutions, accrediting agencies, and social entrepreneurs with the tools, resources, and knowledge to foster community-led and community-owned enterprises, promote civic engagement, and empower marginalized groups.



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Project Motivation and Objectives

The motivation behind this project is deeply rooted in the need for a comprehensive educational offering that is both accessible and scalable. Our goal is to develop a blended learning educational program that combines online and offline resources, ensuring that learners from diverse backgrounds can acquire essential skills and knowledge.

Promoting Civic Engagement: Encouraging individuals to take ownership of their local economies and work collaboratively to address social and economic challenges.

Empowering Marginalized Groups: Providing the tools necessary to create wealth and promote social inclusion, particularly for those who have struggled within the dominant market systems.

Enhancing Higher Education: Supporting universities in developing robust programs that nurture social entrepreneurship and community development.

Target Groups and Impact

Our project is designed to benefit several key groups:

Higher Education Institutions and Students: We are developing a blended learning program that will empower students with the knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to community enterprise development and social entrepreneurship.

Accrediting Agencies: The project will provide a repository of digital learning resources that accrediting agencies can use to ensure that institutions are delivering high-quality education in community enterprise development.

Social Entrepreneurs/Innovators: By offering specialized resources and training, we aim to equip social entrepreneurs with the competencies needed to empower marginalized communities and drive social inclusion.

Work Packages Overview

Let's see the core work packages:

- **Mapping and Best Practices:** This phase focuses on analyzing innovative models of community enterprise development within academic settings. The outcome will include the development of an accreditation framework and a best practices toolkit to guide higher education institutions.
- **Training Program Design:** Here, we are designing a blended learning educational program that integrates both online and offline learning methods to build the competencies of learners in community-led local development.
- **Digital Learning Repository Creation:** This work package involves the creation of a digital platform filled with content aimed at fostering community-led and community-owned enterprises. This platform will serve as a critical resource for students, faculty, and staff in higher education.

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Looking Ahead

As we continue to develop and refine our resources, we invite you to stay connected with our project's progress. In our upcoming issues, we'll share more detailed insights into each work package, spotlight our partners, and provide updates on upcoming events and opportunities for engagement.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

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