



Entrepreneurial skills
for young social innovators
in an open digital world

**MEMORANDUM
IN SUPPORT OF
MAKING SOCIAL INNOVATORS**

Encourage young learners to become creative social innovators

Recipients: European educational policy makers, educational institutions, youth organisations, and makerspaces

The quest for entrepreneurial youth in Europe

Europe needs more young people with an entrepreneurial mind-set and skills able to turn creative ideas into innovations that make our society more liveable and sustainable. Nourishing entrepreneurial young people has been on the agenda of educational policy makers and institutions in the European Union for many years. However, the addition of “Entrepreneurship” to traditional curricula and forms of teaching and learning has not generated convincing results (cf. the Eurydice report on “Entrepreneurship Education in Europe”, 2016). A more engaging and practice-based approach is needed to equip young learners with the mind-set and skills needed by innovative citizens.

The DOIT consortium suggests

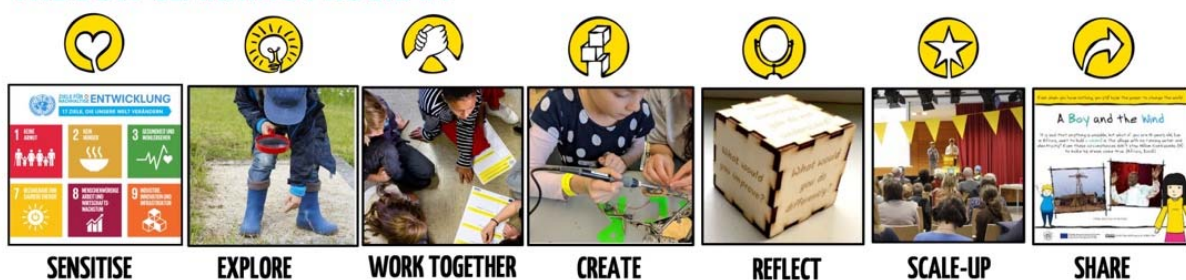
- empowering young people through collaborative work on creative solutions for societal issues (e.g. United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals). This happens already in a growing number of makerspaces around Europe where like-minded people get together and work on innovative projects, using various digital and other productive tools. Some makerspaces have also been set up in pioneering schools.
- setting up more makerspaces in schools as well as collaboration with existing makerspaces of FabLabs, universities, libraries, youth centres and other organisations. The makerspaces should enable young learners, together with teachers and other facilitators, to develop the creative and social skills needed by innovative citizens.
- to boost practice-based, engaging and meaningful learning for social entrepreneurship.

A DOIT experience for every young learner once every year

The European DOIT consortium offers

- a programme and materials for social innovation and entrepreneurial learning in makerspaces for young people (6–16 years old), teachers and other facilitators.
- a novel approach which has been trialled and evaluated in pilots in ten European countries.
- experience from over 1,000 children participated with very good evaluation results, for example increased creativity, self-efficacy and entrepreneurial intentions.

THE DOIT LEARNING PROGRAM



More information: www.doit-europe.net/programme

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The Council of the European Union addresses practical entrepreneurial experiences in their Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning (2018/C 189/01, 22 May 2018). Under point 2.5 the Council requests that Member States should pay special attention to “nurturing entrepreneurship competence, creativity and the sense of initiative especially among young people, for example by promoting opportunities for young learners to undertake at least one practical entrepreneurial experience during their school education”.

We support the quest for a DOIT experience for every young learner, with the DOIT programme for girls and boys, 6 to 16 years old, in different subjects once every year during school career.

On behalf of the organisation

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