

Being a Business Graduate and coming from a family of self employed I've always had a keen interest in business and small business development. I fell into the world of Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Education in July 2016, at the time I was covering maternity leave in the Marketing department in a Further Education Institution in South Wales when the opportunity arose to become a Senior Officer in Employability and Enterprise. Fast forward 18 months and I started a role in Swansea University as the Entrepreneurship Officer, coordinating initiatives and support to help students develop skills and to start businesses in the extracurricular realm. I was approached by many programme directors keen to embed entrepreneurship into their curriculum. This gave me an insight and awakening into how the two realms differed, my lack of knowledge of the strategies of learning and assessing hit me with the realisation I needed to professionally develop.

I was lucky enough to be awarded the Richard Beresford bursary thanks to EEUK, funding to support a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, focusing on post compulsory education. Due to working full time I was unable to get financial support towards the part time two year course, therefore I used the £500 funding towards the tuition fee. I chose to study it in The University of Wales Trinity Saint David, as it had an optional specific level 7 module for Enterprise Educators, in which I undertook at a level 7.

The course enhanced my knowledge terrifically, learning about different strategies, assessments, teaching styles, lesson planning and module / curriculum design. Since completing the course, I have been able to support the development of 4 new modules in Engineering and Health and social care in which are Entrepreneurship focused. As part of the course we were given the opportunity to undertake an independent study in which I focused on the skills gap and how an entrepreneurial mindset could be the answer. I have since used this study when speaking to academics at my institution.

As enterprise is a "cross-cutting theme" in the Welsh Curriculum, I feel I now have a clearer understanding of how to encourage the embedding of enterprise into modules, using the knowledge gained to apply the theory learnt into practice, and ensuring that Quality Assurances are met now I have learnt the HEA Professional Standards and benchmarking from the QAA's "ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION: GUIDANCE FOR UK HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS."

I would like to thank EEUK with the support they have given, with not only the bursary but for all of the other knowledge sharing events in which they coordinate; each event has enabled me to grow my knowledge. Without the bursary I wouldn't have been able to complete the course and be registered with the HEA as an educator.