



### 'Polifonia' WG4

### Site Visit to Oslo, January 2013

### Intensive Programme 'Towards Creative Entrepreneurship'

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**Participating Schools:** Cork Institute of Technology, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Lahti University of Applied Sciences, The Norwegian Academy of Music, Solent Southampton *Participants/ teachers interviewed : Andreas Sönning, Gerard O' Donovan, Aljan de Boer, Morten Halle* 

**Synopsis:** A 10-day project involving *app. 45* students from 5 European art/ business schools : development of 8 team-based entrepreneurial creative projects, presentation, assessment by representatives of partner institutions

#### **General Course Outline**

- Role of creative industries in the workplace
- Understanding start-ups in the creative industries
- Interdisciplinary business clusters as potential for business innovation
- Self-employment as option in Career Plans
- Importance of cross-cultural, inter- and multi-disciplinary/cross-arts collaboration : Music, Art, Marketing, Management, ICT, Business, Multimedia, Communication
- Practice based 'Learning by Doing': business simulations, industry speakers, role playing, reflective learning, etc.
- Knowing new markets and developments within creative industries:
  - o Programs aimed at aging populations,
  - Role and impact of information and communications technology
  - o Growth of multi-cultural communication in the local communities
  - international clusters

# **Structuring the Project**

- Team approach : defining clear roles and responsibilities
- Project definition, mission statement, "product"
- Timeline
- Know current trends, the context and the competition
- Know your markets : develop appropriate promotional tools
- Know your costs, estimate your potential revenue
- Evaluation (SWOT/ Strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats)

#### **Expected outcomes**

- Development of entrepreneurial "mindset" (interdisciplinary approaches, creative/business clusters, collaborative problem-solving, enhanced commercial know-how...)
- Ability to create strong, innovative entrepreneurial projects using clear communication, negotiation and international networking skills
- Integrating creativity and innovation: towards the market place of the future





### **Projects**

INN CORE: fair trade for the Artist, promotion of bands

THE TIKI TORCHES: to bring music to bus stops in London by means of apps. THE ORANGE POTATOES: the Music Tie, a platform for music and business.

HUB: a gallery for unknown artists connecting visual arts and music

COLLABRA: a seasonal theatre production in Oslo. (clear and attractive presentation)

KAIUN: the Art of Sound. Young artists design and produce high quality speakers. Innovative artistic

creations. (competition winner)

RE-INVENT: a Summer Festival in Holland. (excellent business plan.)

FAB: Fast Access Backup (high tech solutions to safely organize photographs).

### **Jury Evaluation**

Coherence of artistic project Realistic business plan and costs Respect for project structure (cf. above) The moral value of the project

### Feedback, areas of potential improvement

Development of clear, coherent communication skills (declamation, structuring of content) Need for concise, clear project definition

#### Student feedback

Importance of inter-disciplinary, team ("choral") approach "Practice-based"

# Andreas Sönnings: Key Knowledge and Skills for Musicians

- Knowledge of context (different needs for different markets)
- Communication skills appropriate for different audiences
- Flexibility
- Appropriate communication skills for different audiences
- Develop a "dramaturgy" (methodology, approach, prospects, theoretical fundamentals, context)
- What message(s) or values?
- Understanding and facilitating cooperation between business and cultural sector