

Professor Paul D. Hannon

Paul is a graduate entrepreneur and has helped shape enterprise and entrepreneurship education, support and development in the UK and overseas during the past 30 years. He is a successful creator and innovator of local support initiatives for enterprise and entrepreneurship stimulation in the private and public sectors; he has won accolades for his innovative approaches to enterprise and entrepreneurship curricula design and delivery in higher education; and he is also an experienced entrepreneur with 10 years as the co-owner/director of a small growing firm in the food industry.

Paul is Acting CEO at the UK's National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education (formerly NCGE) that is supporting long-term cultural change in UK universities and colleges (www.ncee.org.uk). NCEE shapes the education environment, making it more conducive to enterprise and entrepreneurship, working in collaborative partnerships with industry, academia and government. NCEE encourages and embeds best practice; informs policy; and aims to increase the contributions of education institutions and their graduates to economic prosperity and social well being.

NCEE achieves this by focusing on the creation of entrepreneurial institutions through leadership development and institutional capacity building and supporting graduates to transform their aspirations into new ventures.

Paul was recently the President of the UK's Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, the largest charity of its type; the UK expert on the European Commission's Expert Group on entrepreneurship education in higher education; adviser to entrepreneurship education projects across Europe; a member of the International Advisory Panel for IDEA in Denmark; and a former member of the Council of the Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts.

Paul has worked at several UK and European Universities. He is the first Visiting Professor of Entrepreneurship Education at Coventry University; the UK's first Professor of Incubation and Enterprise at Birmingham City University; and the first Kredietbank Visiting Professor of Entrepreneurship at Limburg University in Belgium. He was a Senior Research Fellow at De Montfort University in Leicester and a successful academic at Durham University for 8 years researching and developing new and innovative approaches to enterprise and entrepreneurship. Paul is an alumnus of the Universities of Swansea and Stirling.

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