



The National Consortium of University Entrepreneurs

Our Mission

We aim to be a champion of entrepreneurial Britain, invigorating entrepreneurship within UK universities by accelerating the dynamic growth of student enterprise societies and strengthening their role in their university strategy.

Our Priorities

- **Invigorate** and **increase** access to enterprise education
- **Invest** in talented enterprising students as future leaders
- **Transform** enterprise societies into dynamic and respected agents of change
- **Influence** policy making at institutional and national levels
- **Inspire** an interest in an entrepreneurial lifestyle and innovative thinking

Core Activities

- A model for accelerated society development and growth
- Structured mentoring for society leaders and university staff from experts and peers
- On and offline resources and tools for learning and best-practice
- A UK-wide NACUE Fellowship of entrepreneurial students and graduates
- Annual leadership conferences and regional training tours targeted at society leaders
- National student competitions and conferences to inspire and educate our Fellows
- Advocacy towards government, education and industry on behalf of enterprising students and societies

Supporting University Entrepreneurship

NACUE's University Membership Programme offers unparalleled support to both students and staff in stimulating student-led enterprise activities. By working closely with staff and students across an institution, NACUE is able to support the fast growth and maturation of student-led initiatives that complement and add value to the wider university enterprise programmes. World-class mentoring, guidance documents, best practice and support ensure that student groups quickly achieve impact and sustainability, while facilitation of strategy workshops allows staff and students to align their vision and work towards a more coherent student-centred enterprise strategy.

Supporting Student Entrepreneurs

NACUE runs flagship events to champion student and graduate entrepreneurs. Our National **Student Enterprise Conference**, the **National Varsity Pitch Competition** and **Regional Events**, challenge decision makers and the media to accurately represent young people and their amazing achievements that often go unrecognised.

NACUE has also developed world-class support programmes for student and graduate entrepreneurs through **3-day Enterprise Bootcamps** and **Ventures Academies**, providing



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young entrepreneurs with an understanding of start-up finance, helping them to become investment ready, and fostering connections with investors.

Advocacy in Education

NACUE advocates towards the recognition, support and empowerment of student enterprise societies and enterprising students.

Within Education we lobby and advise individuals and organisations from staff within specific universities, up to international university membership networks. We work to change the image of enterprise societies to position them as credible organisations that can be relied upon to deliver critical enterprise activities within universities.

Advocacy in Government

Within Government, NACUE lobbies and advises policy makers in all relevant departments, agencies and other entities around the critical role that student enterprise societies play, and the importance of delivering resources to them rather than continuing the inefficient top-down delivery of enterprise initiatives within universities.

In January 2010 we launched the **Enterprise Alliance UK** (www.enterpriseallianceuk.co.uk) with Enterprise Educators UK and the Institute for Small Business & Entrepreneurship – leading membership-based organisations for enterprise educators, academics & researchers respectively. The Alliance allows the three organisations to put forward an independent voice on enterprise education to Ministers, Shadow Ministers and other government stakeholders. NACUE is also currently leading on the formation of an All Party Parliamentary Group on Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Education.

NACUE East England Network

NACUE is working in partnership with ideaSpace at Hauser Forum, University of Cambridge to build a student-centred **enterprise eco-system** in the East England region and to provide a holistic programme of support to inspire, train and connect enterprising students by helping them to develop their knowledge, skills and business creation potential and to start and grow sustainable ventures. This programme, on a local level, allows us to bring together all stakeholders, pool together resources and enterprise agendas to contribute to developing a single student-centric, vibrant enterprise community.

International Network

In May 2010 NACUE launched the **International Consortium of University Entrepreneurs** (<http://www.icueonline.com>) in partnership with Spain, Denmark, Sweden and Bulgaria. iCUE connects and represents youth entrepreneurship organisations across the world to drive global youth entrepreneurship, to share best practice and to represent the views of young entrepreneurs to national and international policy makers.

University Membership and Partner Opportunities

NACUE stimulates university entrepreneurship by forming partnerships with institutions. Full Membership is set at £1000 per year and Associate Membership at £400. NACUE also collaborates with a diverse range of partners to achieve mutually beneficial objectives. To learn more please contact NACUE.

Background

NACUE is a grassroots charity run by recent graduates. Founded in December 2008 by Victoria Lennox (former President of Oxford Entrepreneurs) during a meeting of 12 leading enterprise society presidents and launched in May 2009, NACUE now engages over 70 university enterprise societies across the UK, supports over 85 universities in stimulating student-led activity and represents the views of over 40,000 enterprising students to policy-makers in all levels of government, industry and education.