



Keith Burnley, CEO

Welcome to the December edition of the NCEE Newsletter. We have a lot of news to share this month, including the announcement of the winner of the Times Higher Education Entrepreneurial University of the Year.

First though, I am delighted to announce that Professor Andy Penaluna, Research Director of the Centre for Creative Entrepreneurship at The University of Wales, will be joining the NCEE board. I am sure that Andy's experience and background will be a great asset to our company.

We are also pleased to announce that we have appointed two new Deputy Chief Executive Officers, Ceri Nursaw and Chris Baker. Ceri has a 20-year track record of leading, influencing and developing organisational and national policy. She has worked at a senior level in higher education supporting innovative and creative partnerships with local authorities, government, the private sector, charities, schools, colleges and communities. Chris joins us bringing over thirty years' experience of working in universities, seventeen of which have been at a senior level. His experience ranges across curriculum development, research management, student support and widening participation, commercialisation and spin offs, business development and enterprise. We are delighted to have them both on board.



NCEE is proud to announce the
2015 Times Higher Education Award winner of

Entrepreneurial University of the Year as The University of Leeds

On Thursday 26th November 2015, The University of Leeds were announced as the winner of the Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards, sponsored by NCEE. We would like to congratulate The University of Leeds for this incredible achievement and also all of the short-listed universities for their impressive work.

Keith Burnley, Chief Executive of the National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education, and member of the judging panel for the award, said "Enterprise is at the heart of the' institutional vision of the University of Leeds with senior staff, experienced educators and leading researchers driving this agenda across the whole University.



University of Leeds and Keith Burnley – CEO of NCEE

The curriculum opportunities for enterprise education for any student are growing. In 2013/14 over 900 students undertook enterprise electives. The university is playing a leading role in the sector in gaining unprecedented levels of alumni and business community support for student enterprise, including the Spark Start-Up Service. Support for students includes enterprise scholarships and enterprise ambassadors.

A £40m plus investment is being made in a 10,500m² 'University Innovation and Enterprise Centre'. Knowledge exchange support includes a Technology Enterprise Incubator, Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and internships.

The university has a strong local and regional impact working closely with public and private sectors. In 2014 it was recognised as 'Gold Standard' by the Small Business Charter award."

You can read about all of the winners [here](#).

China Update

We are delighted to announce that NCEE and Sinocampus are in the process of creating a new venture, NCEE (China). This will act as a focal point and support centre for developing and delivering UK-China Enterprise and Innovation Programmes, to facilitate the partnership arrangements between UK and Chinese Universities, to assist in staff development activities and to market the work and activities of the initiative in China.

In September NCEE signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) to work together to explore the possibilities of introducing innovation and entrepreneurship curriculums to Chinese universities and institutions, holding China-UK Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship forum and relevant training together and holding a China-UK Young Maker Competition together under the guidance of relative governmental departments of both countries.

Keith Burnley, C.E.O. of NCEE, recently visited China to discuss the developments of the partnership between NCEE and Sinocampus. He also had the opportunity to meet with colleagues from the National Centre for Education Development Research (NCEDR) at the Ministry of Education to discuss the setting up of enterprise centres and the role that NCEE activities might place in supporting enterprise development in China.

NCEE also recently collaborated with Sinocampus UK to hold a further workshop on the development of China/UK 2 + 2 Programmes with a focus on enterprise. If you are interested in this area of developing cooperation, which is supported by CSCSE and has received funding from the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the workshop presentations and an expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

We look forward to providing more updates regarding the development of this partnership with Sinocampus over the coming months.



Keith Burnley during his visit to Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange

Opportunities with NCEE

NCEE is entering a new and exciting period and we would love you to be part of it. Our enterprise and entrepreneurship work continues to go from strength to strength. We want researchers and enterprise practitioners to work with us and become Enterprise Associates, Research Associates or Research Fellows. There are immediate opportunities building on our new China venture in partnership with Sinocampus and the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange but further opportunities are expected to develop within the UK and in other countries.

Enterprise Associates opportunities will be available on a fractional basis with salary and salary on costs covered. For those interested in research roles we can offer access to funding that can cover overseas visit expenses (such as travel and subsistence) but we would also be keen to explore opportunities for joint research proposals and access to our wider network.

Whether you are looking for new developmental challenges, want to engage more fully in the national enterprise agenda, build your international experience and profile, explore new or innovative research or want to experience working with a different organisation we would be interested in hearing from you. For more information visit ncee.org.uk/opportunities-with-ncee.



On Tuesday 3rd November we held our latest Entrepreneurial University Leaders Programme Alumni event at Universities UK. We were delighted to invite past participants from the programme back for discussions on the political landscape and the November spending review with John de Pury and Nicola Dandridge from Universities UK.

We are now making plans for a programme for the EULP network in 2016. A short survey to gauge support for the revised programme will be going out in the next few weeks.

Places are still available for our 2016 Entrepreneurial University Leaders Programme. Module 1 will take place in January at Saïd Business School. Module 2 will be held at Anglia Ruskin University and Module 3 will be hosted by Universities UK. Module 1 will introduce themes that will run across the programme and include, entrepreneurial leadership; local and global and the future of the sector. One day will be devoted to looking at the international dimensions of the entrepreneurial university with speakers including Buck Goldstein (North Carolina); Tuula Terri (Aalto); Colin Grant (Bath) and Loren Griffith (Oxford).

If you are interested in joining the 2016 programme or would like more information please visit eulp.co.uk



We are delighted to congratulate two more colleagues on achieving their NCEE IEEP Fellowship. Ian Merrick from London South Bank University and Jacy Stewart from Business Sake & Pink Peppers are the latest to have successfully completed the International Entrepreneurship Educators Programme (IEEP), our flagship professional development programme designed for those charged with promoting and supporting the entrepreneurial development of their students and institutions. They join a community of over 80 IEEP Fellows from over 70 institutions.

During the course of the programme colleagues have had the opportunity to meet and learn from key influencers and thought leaders in our field, including Dr Colin Jones, Professor Andy Penaluna, Alison Price, Dr Kelly Smith, Professor John Thompson and EEUK Chair Karen Bill. Working closely with Dr Joan Lockyer and others at Coventry University, IEEP continues to provide opportunities for colleagues to develop their expertise, whilst fulfilling our commitment to strengthening the enterprise and entrepreneurship education community. NCEE thanks all those who have shared their expertise and insights and their continued support for the programme.

If you're interested in finding out more about IEEP visit ieeponline.com

Professor Allan Gibb OBE presented with IOEE International Lifetime Achievement Award

We would like to congratulate Professor Allan Gibb OBE, who is a NCEE Honorary Fellow, on being presented the IOEE International Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 Celebrating Enterprise Awards, held at the House of Lords on Wednesday 4th November.

Professor Allan Gibb attended this prestigious annual event, which is hosted by the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (IOEE) and the Small Firms Enterprise Development Initiative (SFEDI). It brings together educators, entrepreneurs and other key figures from the UK's small business, enterprise and skills sector.



The IOEE International Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2013 to honour individuals who have made a significant contribution to enterprise and entrepreneurship. This contribution, whether it be through research writing, leadership or enterprise support, must have a significant and lasting impact on the enterprise field and must demonstrate a lifetime of commitment to raising the profile of enterprise and entrepreneurship.