

Open courses in Finland

Taitovire Coaching company coaches entrepreneurially spirited individuals and communities in the fields of learning, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Their program provide a foundation for both business development and personal growth.

Tulisielut (Fire souls) brings together beginning entrepreneurs

Besides developing a business idea, a beginning entrepreneur needs courage, support, and a community or network, where he can learn, develop, and test his idea. Tulisielut - program provides coaching for beginning entrepreneurs and its purpose is to produce and develop business ideas in a good learning community. It is crucial to experiment, test ideas and thoughts in practice. The coaching group ensures a trustful and tightly knit "development unit", where ideas can be tested in an inspiring and supportive atmosphere.

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Experienced entrepreneurs meet in Tulisoihtu (Fire torch)

The prerequisite of a successful business is continuous development and innovation. An entrepreneur must constantly learn something new and regenerate ideas. Tulisoihtu is a process aimed at more experienced entrepreneurs who want to find new development ideas for their businesses. Coaching is based on the practical renewal of different business activities - research and development, customer and marketing processes, competence development strategies, etc. All the ideas generated in coaching should immediately be put into practice. The learning community, where learners train and develop together, has an important role in Tulisoihtu.

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The entrepreneurship MBA

The Entrepreneurship MBA is the leadership-coaching program of the quality awarded Team Academy in Jyväskylä polytechnic.

Team Academy has over 10-year experience of building entrepreneur driven communities both in the private and public sector. What you learn from the Entrepreneurship MBA can be put directly into practice and it also shows in your organization's results. The MBA provides a unique setting for developing your own leadership skills and giving rise to entrepreneurial attitude in your own working community.

The Entrepreneurship MBA is aimed at leaders who want to build and lead an entrepreneur driven community. It is suitable for all leaders, whether an entrepreneur or a leader working for somebody else. The coaching program supports well the development work and processes in your own working community and partner network.

The benefits of the Entrepreneurship MBA

People learn all the time, also outside the classroom. We learn at both work and leisure. The most valuable learning is associated with attitudes and seeing bigger wholes instead of scattered pieces of information or occasional wisdoms uttered by experts. Real learning takes place through action and change in your own thinking. During the Entrepreneurship MBA program you will learn the following:

1. Courage and decision-making

You will learn to understand your strengths and to utilize them efficiently in your work. Other entrepreneurs will encourage you to make bold business decisions.

2. A broader view of your own business

You will see your business and work in a new light. You will be more able to find new business opportunities.

3. Network and team skills

You will meet other entrepreneurs who can help you gain new insights, or even do business with you. You will learn how to learn together and how to build powerful teams.

4. How to utilize the methods and tools to effectuate learning

You will learn how to utilize Team Academy's quality awarded learning methods in your own work and business.

Why is the Entrepreneurship MBA is unique?

The Entrepreneurship MBA is a unique coaching program. Its uniqueness consists of the following:

- Your learning will show in good results - there won't be any artificial assessment or grading.
- You will develop your business on your own terms - we won't force you to do business with a style that doesn't suite you.
- You will read thrilling literature - forget the books that bore you.
- You will do things that work - we won't overwhelm you with useless information.
- You will have unique experiences - real learning is not boring learning.
- You will be supported in your work and business - our coaches will support you on your learning path and won't force-feed you the thought of how to do business.
- You will learn together with the other leaders - you don't have to learn alone.

The scope of the MBA is 60 credits, and its duration is approximately three years. As a whole, the credits consist of three fields: collective dialogue groups, sessions with experts and practical development work.

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More details in action of Team Academy and Taitovire coaching company you will find them internet pages; www.tiimiakatemia.fi and www.taitovire.fi .

Napakka project

Napakka is EU- project which started first of April 2005. The aim of Napakka is inspiring females to entrepreneurship and generate transaction of their own businesses.

The Target group of Napakka is female entrepreneurs, person who have an employment relationship to female entrepreneurs and females whose are interested to be an entrepreneurs.

The project will continue in the end of year 2006. During this Napakka will arrange training and specialist lectures under following themes;

- Financial management
- Development of employees
- Information technology

- Entrepreneurs vocational degree
- Marketing
- Entrepreneur coaching
- Languages/ English

More information: <http://www.napakka-hanke.fi>

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