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Leadership for Sustainability

Responsible Leadership | Engaged Business | Integrated Society

An Interdisciplinary
partnership in
entrepreneurship education

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Background

- Pilot process
- Partnership & Collaboration
- Key learning



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Purpose

A collaborative process with a purpose of facilitating social & innovative outcome.

Postgraduate students;

- a) Enterprise management- business acumen (RBS)
- b) Bio-science & technology- Biotechnology (RUBIC)



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Core issues

- Joint collaboration (pros & cons)
- Diversity of team in skills
- Diverse lens & experiences
- Searching for commonalities



Collaboration (pros & cons)

Delays in time, output and progress due to;

- Incidence of group dynamics,
 - group thinking
 - power struggles
 - conflict within the group

- Collaboration elevated creativity
- Helped built synergies
- Teams capitalised on diverse expertise
- Good management of group dynamics required
 - managed well= quicker, decisions and improved delivery times



Key learning

- What happens beyond the process
- Measures to monitor deliverables output
- Value of networks and support scalability
- Resources in the spaces and beyond



“....., as a scientist I saw how I could use my tech ideas to create a business.” (LM)

“..... an alternative way of thinking which is crucial to the success of an entrepreneur.” (JR)

“..... I learned a completely new strategy for developing a business” (SN)