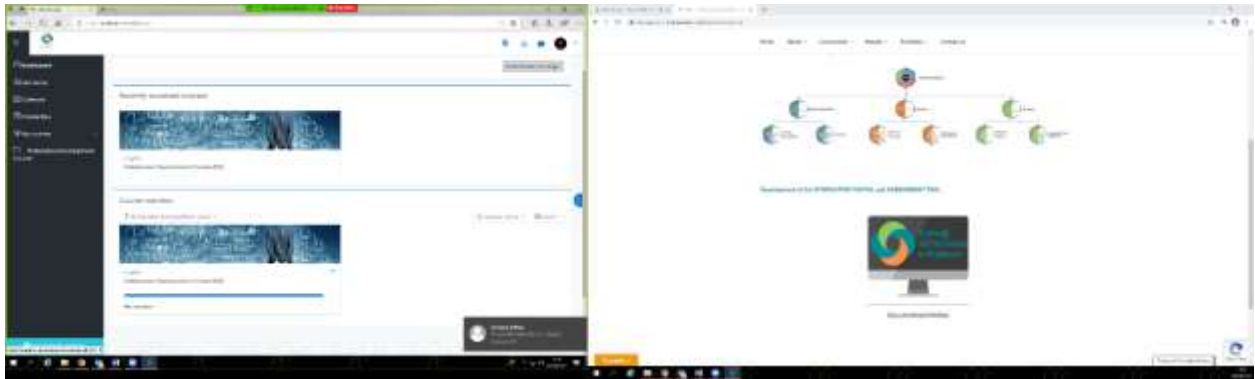




## LMC Press Release

### Piloting of Project Resources

Lancaster and Morecambe College (LMC) conducted the piloting of the Entre@VETSchools resources over a period of three weeks from 22nd February to 12th March 2021. All piloting activities were delivered online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with some tasks completed by participants individually at home between virtual training sessions. The participants were a mixture of VET teachers, support staff, careers advisors and students and were separated into two groups for delivery to make the sessions easier to manage virtually. Each group participated in several days of active delivery by an LMC trainer and then a selection of practical activities conducted individually in a blended learning model.



All participants were members of the LMC staff or student cohort as these make up the target audience of VET teachers, support staff and students. The participants were chosen due to their role in VET education or their interest in investigating their entrepreneurial opportunities. The VET educators present specialised in subjects such the Creative Industries, Business Studies, Marketing and Careers Advice. The student participants were taken from the student body and represent a range of different vocational areas including Foreign Languages, Sports & Public Services, Business Studies, Computer Games Design and Music.



Overall, the piloting of the project resources was a success and all participants found the sessions useful and engaging. The online format worked well under the circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, but we would have preferred to have completed the piloting in person if it had been possible. The participants found the resources piloted extremely useful provided positive feedback on all elements of the project outputs and training. LMC were happy with implementation and outcomes of the piloting despite the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the piloting and feedback we are confident that Entre@VETschools has achieved many of the aims outlined at the beginning of the project.

### **Implementation of the Entre@VETschools Hub**

LMC will soon launch our Entre@VETschools Hub on the LMC campus. The hub had been set for an official launch in January 2021, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings, the hub had to be delayed. We are now set to launch the hub in July 2021 once further restrictions are lifted in the UK.

LMC has an allocated a dedicated space assigned in a communal learning area that focusses on career advice, students support and community engagement. The hub will include a range of project resources including computers and laptops with access to the project website and interactive portal. LMC will also have the hub 'branded' with the relevant project dissemination materials and Erasmus+ information.

The aim is for the Entre@VETschools Hub to become a key part of the LMC offer as we provide our students with additional support and development opportunities. The hub will be used as a focal point of entrepreneurial information and guidance alongside our existing career advice provision. We will look to run regular entrepreneurship clubs where interested students can come to discuss their ideas and support each other investigate potential entrepreneurial opportunities.

The hub will be freely available to use as a resource whenever necessary but we will also run regular events to encourage a broader range of students to engage with the idea of entrepreneurship as a potential career opportunity or for personal development. The hub will also be used to encourage other local young people to visit the LMC campus in order to use the resources available and support local social entrepreneurship activities.

LMC also has plans to facilitate local community Entre@VETschool Hubs by visiting other education providers and local community organisations to share our experience and encourage an increased focus on providing entrepreneurial information, advice and guidance. This will be a longer-term aim, once our hub is established and the COVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted.