

Module 1 - Resource 4

Radargraph Feedback



Creative thinking and problem-solving

Creative thinking and problem-solving are key skills for any entrepreneur. Entrepreneurs often face situations and activities delivered in the future, which means that they are subject to unknown events not anticipated. Creative thinking is required to best deal with these unexpected challenges and problems that need to be solved. Creative thinking entails proper immersion through the use of various techniques to really think in-depth about problem solving perspectives before responding to it. Take time to facilitate brainstorming sessions to build creativity and look at challenges in new ways with a view to finding a range of alternative solutions that may be more effective than a single (off the shelf) solution approach you might usually take.

Dealing with uncertainty

Dealing with uncertainty forms part of every entrepreneurial journey. Challenges and issues will pop up unexpectedly and you will need to be equipped to deal with such changes. Dealing with uncertainty is in-part about having confidence that you (and your team) will be able to manage an issue when it arises. It is about being comfortable that although you may not be able to foresee (or plan) for every issue that may arise, you will be able to reduce the impact through a combination of good planning, an experienced team, and innovative problem-solving.

Leadership

Being an effective leader enables your team and the individuals within your team to achieve set objectives and attain the required project outcome/s. Some of the skills that can be developed to become an effective leader include: good problem-solving skills, working well with others, displaying confidence, and having a clear vision of where you want to take your team and what you want them to achieve. Leaders are able to provide direction to those who need it and challenge those individuals who need to be stretched.

Resourcefulness

An entrepreneur who is resourceful is someone who has the ability to adapt to changes and new experiences and really make the most of them. This includes seeing opportunity through new networks and partnerships or the ability to juggle varied tasks and responsibilities at one time, with relative ease and patience. As an entrepreneur, learning to be resourceful enables you to manage the sometimes challenging process of a new venture start-up. This will include asking other for help, establishing partnerships with others to help get your product to market and working with various team members and stakeholders.

Forward thinking

Being a forward thinker enables you to challenge the conventions that surround you and you are more likely to see opportunities for innovation or change. A forward-thinker is unafraid to try new things to succeed or to extend themselves and is equally unafraid of failure that may follow. The ability to see opportunity in unlikely situations and approach work and life in less conventional ways, are skills that successful entrepreneurs have or can create on their journeys.