LEAP - Skills Through Enterprise

A *free** resourced and structured local opportunity proven to enhance your inhouse
Personal Development and Well-being & Enrichment offer

***** N.B. to enable legal trading, each company will need to be registered; a registration fee of £150 per company is charged, ***however,*** as part of the LEAP experience, each company is expected to sell shares / fundraise to cover this fee

Why offer LEAP to your students?

See below for your school and next page for students:

Participating in LEAP supports you to deliver and provide evidence towards any future OFSTED School Inspection: Personal Development & Wellbeing (September 2026 onwards)

State-funded school inspection toolkit (Page 45+)

Non-association independent school inspection toolkit (Page 44+)

Enrichment Framework Guidelines:

Enrichment benchmarks - GOV.UK (Section 6.1)

Who are LEAP?

LEAP is a registered charity and 'not for profit organisation'; the charity is run by experienced volunteers who are all professionals with backgrounds from business and education (all DBS checked with relevant safeguarding training)

What does LEAP do?

It guides and supports schools and mentors students through a real opportunity to set up and run a real business / enterprise; trophies are awarded for a range of categories which are judged throughout the programme (see Homepage | LEAP)

Where does LEAP take place?

In school and with the opportunity to trade locally, online and at the Merrion Centre in Leeds.

When does LEAP take place?

During an academic year with launch in September and completion by March

How does the LEAP programme work?

- Book a 'launch' for a LEAP representative come in and present to your students, explaining the opportunity and answering any questions (usually delivered in September)
- Provide a school 'link teacher' (required) who will liaise with and be fully supported by LEAP to support your students throughout the programme
- Participating students form a company (approx. 6-8 students per company), register online* (see above) and use / follow the resources provided by LEAP to run a real business: Homepage | LEAP
- Two Merrion Centre Trade Fairs are provided by LEAP (December & February) to support trading
- Companies write and deliver a report and present 'their company journey' to a panel of judges in March
- Trading concludes in February and an awards evening takes place in April to celebrate and conclude the programme!
- Participating students can use / evidence their experience in future applications, interviews etc

Next step…. Contact Donna Booth

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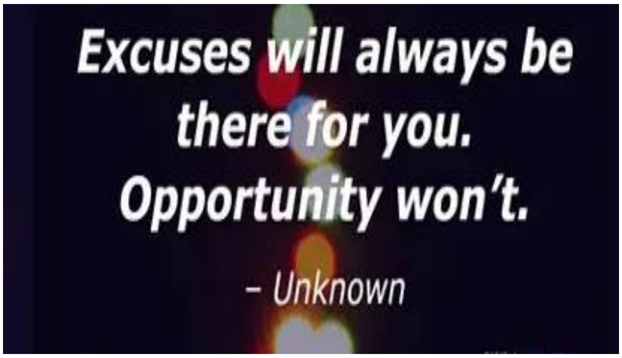
to answer any questions / book a 'launch' and start your LEAP partnership!

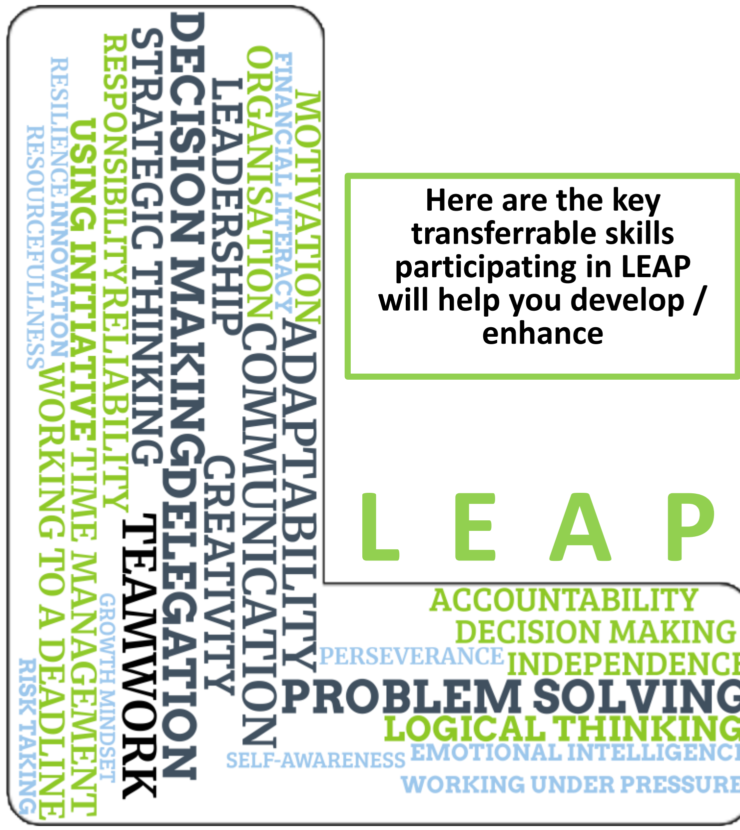


"If someone offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure, say 'Yes', then learn how to do it later!"

Richard Branson

Why should I participate in LEAP?

- Opportunity likely not to get again!
- Have fun!
- Try something new/different
- Develop knowledge
- Come out of your 'comfort zone' / challenge yourself
- Work with others / build relationships
- Develop/enhance the range of transferrable skills the programme offers - see LEAP word cloud
- Provide evidence to use in the S T A R technique to show/ demonstrate what you can do (action) rather than just tell (words!) in future applications / interviews / cover letters CVs…



Here are the key transferrable skills participating in LEAP will help you develop / enhance

S Situation

T Task

A Action

R Result