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## My Activity

### Combining entrepreneurship & an education

**This activity will take around 1 hour for part 1 and several more hours for part 2.**

**Format:** This activity can be done in different ways:

•With a mentor, coach or a friend ☆recommended

•On your own

**Goals of this activity:**

•In a group: each of you do it & share & give feedback

★For you to think about how far your business idea is, and if you want to go into education to further develop yourself

★For you to think what your alternative career pathways are aside from entrepreneurship

★For you to compare entrepreneurship against those other career pathways

★For you to start working on a choice of career pathway that fits your needs & desires

### How to do the activity

Click here to watch [the video](#) for this activity

**Part 2 is a simple checklist to keep track of your progress in identifying and accessing education opportunities that suit your needs**

Think for a moment:

**Can you relate to Amr's reasons for going back to uni while starting a business?**

Finally, while you develop yourself through your chosen training or education activity, you can also check out the rest of our **BETTER FUTURES series in part 3 to build your business idea.**

Reflect on the questions in **part 1 to decide if, how and what you want to study / what training experience you are looking for.**

## 1 My future with my business

Question	Your Answer
What role will your business play in your future?	<p>I want my business to be...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ...my full-time job that takes all my time and passion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ...my project that I run part-time because I am so passionate about it</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a part-time opportunity to earn money to supplement my income</p>
Do you have the right skills & experience to start your business right now?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I already have all the skills &amp; experience I need and I am ready to start right now!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I could start soon, but I still need to learn a few specific skills</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I need some time to study, I am not ready yet</p>

### What kind of education would be interesting for you?

Type of education	Description	Is this right for you?
University Degree	<p><b>What you will get:</b> A university degree. A lot of theoretical knowledge and logical skills at a management level.</p> <p><b>The experience:</b> You choose a course that suits your skills &amp; knowledge needs. You study either part time or full time.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> You pay student fees (tuition) per semester. There are public universities and private universities. You are more likely to get a course with low tuition fees in a public university. Depending on the country you live in, and what university and course you apply for, as well as your personal background and current financial and employment situation, there may be scholarships available for you that cover some or all the tuition. There may also be subsidies to help you cover living costs whilst studying.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> Intermediate level apprenticeships usually takes round 12 - 18 months. advanced level apprenticeship around 24 months.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apprenticeship	<p><b>What you will get:</b> Qualification, lots of hands-on experience, improved practical skills. A junior level salary.</p> <p><b>The experience:</b> Work in a business in a starter role. Learn in practice, learn on the job. Learn from experienced and skilled professionals such as an experienced craftsman or technical specialist. Work in a team and fulfil a specific role in the company. Contribute to the business success. Understand how a business works from the inside. An apprenticeship involved an apprentice working under a master craftsman and, over a period of many years, learning their trade. Current apprentice programs involve classroom experience <i>and</i> work under journeymen on job sites.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> You must get paid at least the national apprenticeship minimum wage.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> Intermediate level apprenticeships usually takes round 12 - 18 months. advanced level apprenticeship around 24 months.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vocational training	<p><b>What you will get:</b> Skills certification. Formal qualification. Vocational courses are single courses typically taught in Vocational Training college or technical colleges. You may need multiple courses to gain a full qualification.</p> <p><b>The experience:</b> You attend training courses at a vocational training college. You will learn a mix between theory and learning skills, mostly in a classroom setting. In some vocational training courses, visits to local business can be organized to get an insight into how the local businesses work. It is possible to do some vocational training courses part-time.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> You pay per course / per module. As a young person, especially if you are unemployed, your local job center may be able to cover the costs of the course for you.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> Depending on the vocational training course, between a few weeks and a few months.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internship	<p><b>What you will get:</b> Work experience. New / improved skills. New contacts in a specific company. A new entry in your CV under 'work experience'. A small salary.</p> <p><b>The Experience:</b> You work at a company and get paid an entry level salary. Your internship may be full time or part time. You will get work experience mainly doing junior tasks in the company. An internship sometimes leads to a part time job or full-time job offer from the company you are interning in if you show potential.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> You must get paid at least the national minimum wage.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> between 4 weeks and 6 months.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteering	<p><b>What you will get:</b> Work experience. New / improved skills. New contacts in a specific organization and community. A new entry in your CV under 'work experience'.</p> <p><b>The experience:</b> You work at an organization (for example a nonprofit organization, a charity or a social enterprise). You help as a general volunteer who does what is needed at the given moment, or you have a specific volunteer role. You can volunteer for a single time or come back if there is a need and if you are enjoying. Your internship may be full time or part time. You will get work experience mainly doing junior tasks in the company. Volunteering can sometimes lead to being considered for full- or part-time roles in the organization you intern with.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> No salary but potentially volunteer expenses (Travel, food during workdays).</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> Any length – from a single day to years – if you enjoy it and there is a need for your skillset, you can always come back as often as you like.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-study online	<p><b>What you will get:</b> Theoretical knowledge. Demonstration of how to do things that you can then try at home. You may get a certification or even a university degree by studying online depending on what course you go for.</p> <p><b>The experience:</b> You select a module or course that suits your needs online. You then study online using the learning materials and activities suggested in an online platform (from your home, or from another quiet location like a library). Some online courses have a bit of personal guidance though. You need to be very self-disciplined because there is not much support online to push you to keep progressing.</p> <p><b>Costs / payment:</b> Many platforms offer free or low cost courses. Often studying is free but getting the final certificate for a course costs money – you pay per certificate/course. Some providers such as Coursera for Refugees <a href="https://www.coursera.org/refugees">https://www.coursera.org/refugees</a> and Kiron <a href="https://kiron.ngo/en/study-with-us/">https://kiron.ngo/en/study-with-us/</a> offer free studies with certification for people with refugee status.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> Online study completely depends on your own time and schedule. If you want, you can study very fast, or very slow! Some courses have a time limitation, others are available all year round.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 2 My Checklist for my education

What practical skills do you want to learn to start & run your business?		
What programme can give you these skills?		
What work experience do you need to start & run your business?		
What programme or activity can give you this experience?		
Steps you need to take .....	Our Tips	Check when done
Research for which institution is best fit for what you want to study/develop based on the time you have for it	For normal courses , you might want to <a href="#">check out Coursera</a> . Refugees get free certified courses there.  For university ,you can check out <a href="#">QS Top Universities</a> , this website gives you worldwide options for university or programs based on your preferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find and confirm the application requirements for the place you have chosen	Most website for courses, universities or work experience have a place which specifies the entry requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gather all the documents you need in order to meet the requirements of the place(s) you choose to apply to		<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply/enroll for the program (submit your application along with all the required documents you gathered)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Organize my time management (how will I successfully engage in educational activity while perhaps still building my business idea)	Depending on if you are going part-time or full-time , you may want to <a href="#">check out some of these apps</a> recommended by entrepreneurs when it comes to <a href="#">time management and shuffling responsibilities</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Part 3 Continue developing your business idea with BETTER FUTURES

While you develop yourself through your chosen education channels, you can also check out the rest of our BETTER FUTURES series to simultaneously build your business idea.

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<a href="#">Click here to watch the <b>GET STARTED Series</b> and complete all activities</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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