

UNFEAR: UNconFERENCE on Entrepreneurial Action Research

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world." (Mahatma Gandhi)

Duration: November 1st-30th, 2020

Environment: Virtual

Cost: free to participate and to attend

Starting with 'why'

UNFEAR is a festival for researchers and/or practitioners who want to share and learn together with a focus on experiential entrepreneurial team learning research and knowledge exchange. Designed with events occurring over a whole month (November 2020) UNFEAR offers participants the chance to connect and collaborate around research in a variety of ways, at their own pace, around the world.

While UNFEAR is not wholly focused on one model of entrepreneurial team learning, the origin of the event was borne out of the Team Academy UK network of practitioners, researchers and professionals working with the Team Academy model of entrepreneurship education. The Team Academy model of entrepreneurship education has been evolving since its creation in 1993 in Jyvaskyla, Finland. UNFEAR has arisen from a desire for researchers and practitioners to connect and collaborate in the sand box of team learning.

UNFEAR offers a space to share experiences, knowledge, and possibilities in order to generate a positive impact on the world.

Entrepreneurial team coaches, entrepreneurship and enterprise educators, as well as those interested in team learning pedagogies have formed collaborative connections to grow their research internationally. Team Coaches working on Team Academy inspired programmes around the world have also developed cohesive bonds with each other. Recent global events, as well as the lack of specific research focusing on the Team Academy model within the broader entrepreneurial and team learning fields, have generated a desire to reach out across subject and geographical borders to collaborate and connect more strongly than ever before.

Purpose of the Festival

The purpose of the festival is the sharing of scholarly activity and research which is centered around the use of team learning and team coaching to enhance participants' practice and development.

- Deliver research - workshops, games, paper presentations
- Share research - dialogue with each other
- Learn about research - share innovative research methodologies
- (Co)Create research - ideation sessions/birth givings
- Generate action/outcome - there need to be deliverables from the event

The philosophy of the festival is about multiple perspectives, multiple voices, (co)creating spaces for dialogue, embracing playfulness and mindful engagement. The festival will celebrate the connection of the broader team learning discourse and the emerging research

in the Team Academy community, with an invitation to engage in this multi-disciplinary dance - let the music begin!

Who can come to play?

We welcome researchers who are engaged in research-based-practice and practice-led-research, as well as practitioners in different stages of scholarship and research. So, everything from conceptualising your idea, designing, planning, gathering data or working in the field, writing, finalising to having already submitted research with the intent for publication.

It should be noted that while we encourage innovative approaches to delivering sessions at UNFEAR, the purpose of the event is to explore new avenues for investigation and share existing research on the impact of this approach to learning. As such, any proposed activity should include existing research findings and/or a new idea for investigation at its core.

How will it work? Although the event will be publicised and promoted through a central site, presenters/contributors will need to organise their own virtual method of delivery. (For example, if you are contributing a workshop, you will need to coordinate the platform for this yourself. Your workshop can be promoted through the central site.)

Proposal

- **Mode of presentation:** Aligning with the festival's approach of creativity and playfulness, we are open to innovative ways of delivering your submission. These include and are not limited to: workshop, performance, ideation session, game, presentation, etc.
- **[Submission form](#)** - name, email address and institution for each presenter, country, abstract (200 words), delivery approach, virtual platform for delivery

Particular areas of interest (to include in the google form):

- Personal and professional challenge(s) of team learning
- Ideation challenges (Birth Givings in the Team Academy 'world')
- The use of the arts in team learning experiences
- Dialogic methodology
- Policy impact and creation
- Transformational/transformational education
- Approaches to research
 - Practice led research
 - Researching by doing
 - Creative research methodologies

Audience: team learning researchers and practitioners, Team Academy practitioners/specialists, scholarly explorers and adventurers in entrepreneurial team learning, entrepreneurship educators

Application deadline: September 30th, 2020