

# One Planet Education Networks Catalysing a Responsible Economy through Business Education

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# Is Formal Education Fit for Purpose...

...given the scale of global environmental, social and economic challenges?

**NO...** There is an urgent need to:

- Transform education from primary through tertiary and beyond;
- Promote Lifelong Learning
- Promote sustainability in the spirit of the UN SDGs
- Provide education that helps create a more just and prosperous world for all.
- Redesign education emphasise the interdependencies of our planetary system
- Develop effective approaches for *One Planet Living*.

# Do We Need A Revolution in Education for Responsible Business?

#### **YES...**Education needs to:

- Recognise and foster humanity's natural altruism
- Educe and encourage cooperation as well as fair competition.
- Help humanity embrace a collective higher purpose.

# Redesigning Business Education

## More specifically:

- Redesign business education to be pro-people, pro-planet, pro-prosperity, pro-peace, and propartnerships.
- Shift from 'beyond CSR' to 'business for good' restorative/net positive businesses prospering through serving people and planet.
- Re-frame sustainability/responsibility in terms of opportunities for business.

#### **From Silos to Open Doors**

**Educators** 

Embed *sustainability* & *responsibility* into business education

**Employers** 

Work more effectively with educators to develop sustainability-literate managers & leaders with the values, behaviours and skills required for a rapidly changing business environment

Learners

Improved choice, accessibility, affordability and relevance of sustainable business education

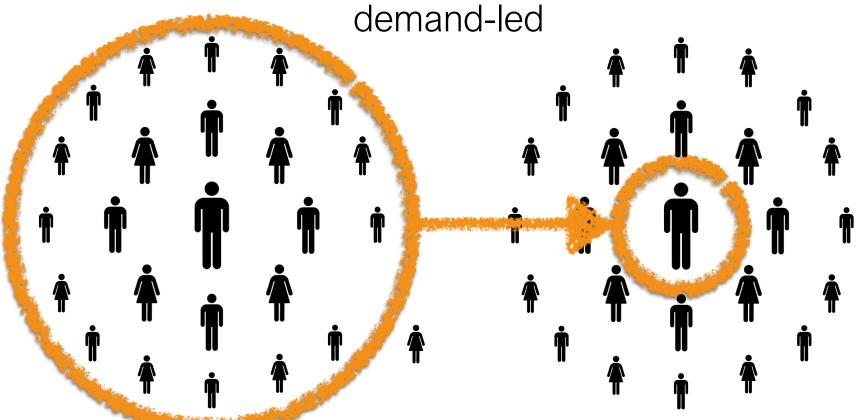


### THREE KEY MESSAGES

- 1. Educators need to get much better at 'mass customisation'
- 1. A sustainable world needs T-shaped people 'generalist-specialists' who take a systems approach to problem solving
- 2. Academia needs to join business on the front line

#### **Mass Customization**

From institutional supply-push to individual



OPEN will launch a learning platform in 2018 to support this

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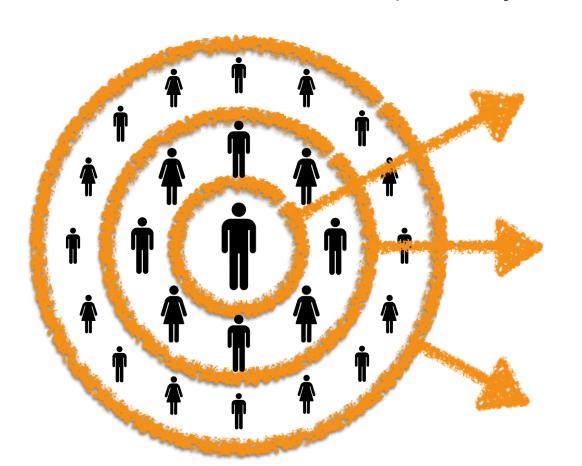
- Shift from dominant 'supply-led' approach the batch production of graduates ...
- ...to a more 'demand-led' approach customised to individual learner's lifelong needs.
- Requires more focus on individual learners' unmet needs not just formally enrolled learners...also alumni and others in the workplace.
- Universities need much shorter innovation cycles, greater risk appetite, less conservatism and more varied product offerings.

# **OPEN** is creating an **innovative learning platform to:**

- leverage our global community of Fellows and One Planet Business Schools
- provide lifelong learners with a granular portfolio of programmes, modules, masterclasses and workshops online and offline around the world. Launch in 2018

#### A Critical Mass of 'T-Shaped' Change Agents

Personal transformation to power systems transformation



Personal Transformation Organisational Transformation Systems Transformation

OPEN is working with its One Planet Business Schools, Fellows & Associates to develop one million change agents by 2030.



#### 2. A sustainable world needs T-shaped people

- Universities good at developing technical competence across disciplines but...
- ...breakthrough innovations often happen through synthesis of diverse disciplines
- in a VUCA Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous world, breakthrough innovations require technical competence as well as bridge-building, collaborating and problem solving skills with diverse specialists
- Cross-cutting business disciplines leadership, innovation & entrepreneurship relevant to all disciplines not just business. Equally limiting for business students to study business model innovation without understanding opportunities provided by science and technology
- Universities need to break down silos of research specialisations and promote inter-disciplinary learning.
- Universities should promote more **T-shaped people to senior ranks**.

**OPEN** challenges educators to serve the needs of learners.

We are working with a growing **network of One Planet Business Schools and Fellows** to drive innovation in the teaching, research and practice of sustainable business



## 3. Academia needs to join business on the front line

- The scale of sustainability challenges and opportunities requires an urgent response
- Business looks to academia for support but research cycles (bid, fund, research methodology, analysis, publication) cause time lags that may leave academia out of touch in a rapidly changing world
- The business challenges of yesterday are the research questions of today but won't necessarily address the business sustainability challenges of tomorrow.
- Faculty collaborating with businesses on current issues, with shorter turnarounds, will keep research relevant and timely, enabling academia to contribute to developing a sustainable global economy.

**OPEN** supports this process through:

One Planet Business - a collaborative innovation

platform that puts academics in the driving seat for

framing questions around, and engaging students in,

business sustainability challenges.

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