

Entrepreneurship and Urban Success: Toward a Policy Consensus

~Chat Room Reception, March 25, 2008~

People in this transcript

- Chris Gibbons
- Doug - UniverCity Connection
- Jeffrey Finkle
- Jim Cooney
- Jimm
- Lisa Katz
- Lynn O'Connor
- Mark Weinberg
- Rick C
- robert litan
- Sean Branagan
- TechSupportKSG
- Will Tyler White

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Jim C.	You'll be alerted when that happens.
Sean B.	great
	thank you.
Lisa K.	Is there a plan to create a more formal network of those who were on the phone?
Jim C.	Why don't we all begin --- those of us here --- by introducing ourselves. Name? Location? Position/organization?

Lynn O.	has entered the room
Will T.	Is anyone familiar with the Sirolli Institute's method of Enterprise Facilitation for entrepreneurs.
Jim C.	Re: Lisa K. We can definitely talk about that. At the very least, we have e-mails for everyone who registered and attended, and I believe the panelists wish to add them to their contact list.
Doug -.	Doug Johnson, Director of UniverCity Connections in Fort Collins, CO
Lisa K.	Yes--keep running into Sirolli. Economic gardening
Will T.	Will Tyler White, Okemos Michigan EDC
Sean B.	Hi, I'm Sean Branagan, tech marketer, entrepreneur who works with other early-stage tech companies. Located in Syracuse NY
Chris G.	Chris Gibbons, Littleton Colorado.
Jim C.	Jim Cooney. Ash Institute, Cambridge, MA.
Lisa K.	Lisa Katz--Corporation for a Skilled Workforce. We do work in 48 states. I am in Michigan, working in the Detroit area and with the state on entrepreneurship culture, creating networks, etc.
Jim C.	You can also share hyperlinks by simply typing in the url...
	like so

Rick C.	Rick Coplin, Columbus, Ohio. Business Development with TechColumbus and the Entrepreneurial Signature Program(http://www.techcolumbus.org). Can't stay in the room for much longer.
Jim C.	http://www.innovations.harvard.edu
Lisa K.	Rick, 2 lines on what you do?
Sean B.	anyone doing any entrepreneurial development or programs around "green" tech firms?
Mark W.	has entered the room
Jim C.	What did everyone think of the event?
Jeffrey F.	has entered the room
Jim C.	Did anyone here have questions left unanswered?
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Lisa K.	There is a program at Michigan State--James Madison college, on green entrepreneurship--bio science really. Bryan Ritchie. YOU can google him to find more. Interesting stuff--he specializes in tech in Asia and is bringing expertise here.
Rick C.	TechColumbus works with startup companies to assist them in funding and growth. Specifically I work with local governments to develop economic development approaches conducive to entrepreneurs.
Sean B.	thanks

Jim C.	P.S. Jeff Finkle has joined us, if anyone wishes to pose a question to him.
Chris G.	A link to economic gardening
Sean B.	bless you, rick ;-)
Chris G.	Economic gardening again http://www.littletongov.org/bia/economicga...
Doug -.	We just launched the CSU Clean Energy Super Cluster last Thursday in association with CSU Ventures enabling investment in University technology
Lisa K.	RE: links to economic gardening. See sirolli (.org or .com?). Also see this: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-3...
Jim C.	RECAP (for those who just joined):
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Sean B.	I have a question to the group. Was there discussion about the pros and cons of venture capital from within the region vs. outside? Thoughts and opinions?

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Lisa K.

Re: the presentation--I thought some of the content was pretty intuitive--may be even a little basic. I think a lot of communities know they need to address regulations and attract people, but the devil is in the details. Especially in places that are facing strapped budgets, growing unemployment, and other political concerns (like a mayor with 12 counts of indictment). Writing from Detroit.

Lots say VC inside the region is better because they care about the firms. VC from outside the region's find it hard to babysit the venture and watch over their investment.

Good start for what I hope will be more dialogue, though. Sorry, all, I'm a fast typist.

Chris G.

My sense is that VC has a highly skewed 80/20 rule. A few states have a lot and most states don't much. You don't really have much choice.

Lisa K.

Jeff, if you're still there, I would love to connect some time and learn more about what IEDC is doing around entrepreneurship. How do I make that possible?

Will T.

<http://www.sirolli.com/>

Jeffrey F.

I am still here and my email is [*contact info removed to protect privacy*]

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Lisa K.

Thanks!

Sean B.

you are typing fast enough... Thanks for the thoughts on venture money. VC firms are a only part of the venture scene.

	<p>Angels and esp Angel groups are on the rise. They fund more deals. They care more. Getting a new group going in a location is tough, but do-able (writing from the state with a Governor with a different set of troubles)</p>
Will T.	<p>Enterprise Facilitation is the Sirolli method of economic gardening that is bottom up and not top down. 85% of all US businesses have 5 or fewer employees. Small business is the engine of the economy.</p>
Rick C.	<p>Ditto to Sean on Angels. Gotta run. Thanks for holding the webinar - it is a great follow-up to the article. Jeff F. - I live just outside of your hometown of Newark.</p>
Chris G.	<p>Have to leave for a meeting.</p>
Chris G.	<p>has left the room</p>
Lisa K.	<p>Yeah--I was surprised about reaction to microenterprise. We know they are not great generators of regional prosperity, but they add character to regions that attract people, and who's to say that's not a viable employment option for people? Even Ben & Jerry's started small--not high tech, but still gamechanging.</p>
Doug -.	<p>has left the room</p>
Jeffrey F.	<p>Rick, Let me see you either live in Franklin County or Granville.</p>
Lynn O.	<p>has left the room</p>
Sean B.	<p>interesting concept: Economic Gardening... BTW, My office is in the Technology Garden. I think the small wins are the most sustainable. Plus, it's a good training ground for some of the skills needed for larger entrep. ventures</p>

Rick C.	Jeff, technically Alexandria - we have one traffic light. :-) Granville is really our home community. The whole area is excellent to live in and raise a family.
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Jeffrey F.	I know Alexandria well. I grew up on the west side of Newark. I am signing off, best wishes Jeff
Jeffrey F.	has left the room
Rick C.	has left the room
Will T.	The problem with all VC and EDC funding is picking winners and losers. Enterprise Facilitation requires motivated entrepreneurs and has an 80% success rate.
Sean B.	explain enterprise facilitation and how that works
	5:05 PM
Jim C.	Thanks everyone for your participation in this reception. Looks like some folks needed to leave, so I think we'll close out the room in about five minutes.
Sean B.	thanks for the webinar ... and after-event chat! c ya!
Jim C.	Please wrap up your conversations (and exchange contact info) accordingly.
robert I.	has entered the room
Sean B.	has left the room

Jim C.	We'll make this transcript available on our website (after removing your contact info for privacy).
Lisa K.	Thanks for coordinating.
Lisa K.	has left the room
robert I.	Hello, thx to everyone for participating
Jim C.	Hi Bob. There was some conversation but a lot of people have since left, so I was going to shut the room down in a minute or two.
robert I.	That's OK
robert I.	has left the room
Jim C.	CLOSING ROOM...
Jim C.	has left the room
TechSupportKSG	has entered the room
Will T.	has left the room
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TechSupportKSG	turned off guest access
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