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A Honeypot of Rich Ideas:
Building online communities to promote knowledge exchange and collaboration in creative arts and Engineering

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Honeypot

- On-line platform
- Providing a network collaboration
- Level 5 (NQF) UG
- 8 subject areas (two schools)
- Exchange ideas
- Multi-discipline teams
- Co-develop knowledge and skills
- Open – sits outside the curriculum
- Mentor – VPI Prof Stefan Gabriel President of 3M New Ventures
The Honeypot Model

Product/Interior Design

Textile Design

Graphics/Animation Design

Mechanical Engineering

Computer systems/science

Fashion Design

Art/photography

Electrical Engineering

High-level specialism/expertise with the ability to work collaboratively.
Software

• Web based software
• Authenticated with our students usernames
• Three Phases

1. Create profile and pitch an project idea
2. Apply Phase: skill match and join a project
3. Voting for the best project

• Launched with a high-profile event – Prof Stefan Gabriel
HoneyPot: Successes

Winners from HP1
- Software Development studio
- 2 graphic Design students (ADA)
- 2 Computer systems (C&E)

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Winners from HP2
- Solar Powered UAV
- 4 PD (1 first year) and 2 Mech Eng
Feedback from the students:

**Value of networks:** “Honeypot would be a great concept if it were inter-university” (Launch Oct 2013), “Interesting Idea to get people together” (HP1 winners 2013), “Very good networking tool for student enterprise” (Launch Oct 2013)

**Focused approach:** “Before a student submits an idea it should be revised by someone” (End of HP1), “perhaps a summer project” (Launch Oct 2013), “proof of concept event should not be organised near exams” (POC April 2014), “Didn’t realise your idea could be a service, I thought the idea had to be a product” (HP1 winners 2013) “It should be organised and planned for individuals not just teams” (POC April 2014)

**Expanding opportunity:** “Consider including final year students as many final years are perhaps more ready for enterprise activity” (Launch Oct 2013)
Challenges

Barriers open access
- Factors out of our control, outsourcing web design
- Legal contracts first – IP, NDC
- Experts for advice

Motivating students
- Outside curriculum (engaging the students)
- Networking across courses – mix them up
- Student experience (reluctant to register project)
- Creating value to learning
- Still need the physical environment - knowledge
- Confidence to take project further (needed mentors)
Challenges: Software

- Navigation
- Flexibility
- Administrator interface
- Admin heavy

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VPI Prof Stefan Gabriel
is designed to bring together students, who value innovative-thinking and ideas generation as part of their undergraduate