



We are reaching out because we believe you could make a real difference to the next generation of skilled tradespeople — and because your organisation could benefit too.

META-PRENEUR: Think Differently is an enterprise education pilot running across three Scottish colleges Edinburgh College, Forth Valley College, and West Lothian College.

In West Lothian, we are working with students studying Automotive (Level 4), Electrical Installation (Level 5), and ESOL, we use the Skills Development Scotland Meta-Skills 4.0 framework to help young people develop the entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial mindset that employers genuinely value.

We are now looking for third sector partners charities, social enterprises, and community organisations who are willing to get involved in a straightforward, flexible, and genuinely rewarding way.

What We Are Asking For

There are two ways to get involved — you can choose one or both:

1 | Share Your Story

Come into class (or join online) and talk to students about your organisation. We'd love you to share:

- The problem or community need you identified
- What made you decide to do something about it
- What has gone well and lessons learned
- What keeps you going — and what advice you'd give

Students will be able to ask you questions. Your experience is exactly what they need to hear.

2 | Bring a Real Challenge

Give students a genuine problem your organisation is facing. This could be something specific to your field, or a broader organisational challenge, for example:

- Recruiting and retaining volunteers
- Improving your social media or online presence
- Developing community engagement ideas
- Starting a new project or initiative

Students may not always deliver a perfect solution but they will bring fresh perspectives and new thinking that could genuinely help move you forward.

The Students

We are currently working with three student groups, and we welcome challenges from any area linked to a trade specialism or more general organisational needs:

 Automotive Level 4 • Vehicles & transport issues • Maintenance & safety • Volunteer driver schemes • Community transport • EV & accessibility challenges	 Electrical Installation Level 5 • Wiring, safety & buildings • Energy use & efficiency • Event set-up, safety • Accessible charging • Smart home / building tech	 ESOL Students • Community projects & ideas • Communication & engagement • New initiatives • Multilingual outreach • Accessibility & inclusion
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What This Means for Your Organisation

Partnering with META-PRENEUR is a low-commitment, high-impact opportunity. Here is what you can expect:

Benefits to Your Organisation

- ✓ Fresh eyes on a problem you may have been too close to solve
- ✓ Ideas from young people who represent your future service users and community members
- ✓ A chance to influence the next generation of skilled tradespeople
- ✓ Positive visibility for your organisation with colleges and students
- ✓ The satisfaction of contributing to enterprise education in Scotland
- ✓ Potential for ongoing relationships some students who might go on to volunteer, campaign, or collaborate

About the Meta-Skills Framework

META-PRENEUR is built around the Skills Development Scotland Meta-Skills 4.0 framework — 12 higher-order skills grouped into three clusters that help individuals adapt and succeed whatever the future brings.

Self-Management	Social Intelligence	Innovation
• Focusing • Integrity • Adapting • Initiative	• Communicating • Feeling • Collaborating • Leading	• Curiosity • Creativity • Sense-making • Critical Thinking

These are exactly the skills your organisation needs in the people you work with and exactly what employers tell us they cannot find enough of. By bringing a real challenge to students, you help develop these skills in a way no classroom exercise can match.

" Problems are everywhere once you start looking. Every frustration or need is a potential opportunity. That is the META-PRENEUR mindset and it is what your organisation was built on. "

Get Involved — Next Steps

Getting involved is straightforward. Just get in touch and I can discuss what would work best for your organisation.

Interested? We would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch to find out more or to register your interest:

