

Entrepreneurship Curricula

The Wonder Tree

Concepts: passion, sense of self, strength in individuality, motivation, goal setting

Time: 30 minutes

Materials: papers and markers

Goal: exploring how passions, interests, and goals intersect

Participants will receive paper and markers. They will be asked to draw a large tree without leaves, with deep roots and three big branches. They will name the roots My Characteristics and Abilities; the trunk will be named Skills I Want to Develop; and the branches, What I Want to Do. On the roots, the participants will have to list their personality traits, values, beliefs, talents, and skills or abilities. They will write three goals or things they'd like to accomplish on the branches, such as a yard-care business, fundraiser for their favorite cause, perfecting their skills in a certain sport or hobby, and so on.

Ask them: Do they want to make a commitment to achieving their goal(s)? If so, make a Wonder Tree chart. Write down the participants' names, goal(s), and timelines. Ask each participant to think of which attributes and skills they have to achieve their goals or projects. What other characteristics do they need? Ask them to add these to the trunks of their trees. Finally, ask them to draw leaves on the branches outlining strategies and steps they could take to achieve the goals or projects or develop some of the skills they wrote on the tree trunks.