**How does CEAL work?**

**BRINGS TOGETHER**
A core group of actors and partners that form the basis to host a learning program where students get out of the classroom to interact in real contexts, putting in service their skills and experiences to overcome societal challenges, together with community youth.

**EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**PREPARING THE FIELD**
With the core-group in place, the first CEAL phase is to co-design a program outline using the support materials offered and invite community and students for a unique experience.

**COLLECTIVE CONFIDENCE**
In this phase, participants get together, look for resources, talents and dreams of common aspiration that are present in a community and invite its members to collectively take on the first challenge of making a dream-project happen, which creates a positive transformation of the environment. This gives the motivation and builds the trust to take on bigger challenges.

**CHALLENGE YOURSELVES**
Following the process, participants and community members receive the challenge to deepen and sustain community initiatives that have an impacting potential. The groups gather various times, to build prototypes, test them, deepen their understanding of community-based entrepreneurship in practical ways, while working towards a final result.

**IMPACT**
By bringing together multiple actors, each CEAL program stimulates development on three fronts:

- Personal empowerment and social entrepreneurship skills
- Collaborative culture and capacities
- Boost of grassroots initiatives

**RESULTS**
Concrete results: community-based socio-economic initiatives.
Skills and attitudes: participation, proactivity, collaboration, entrepreneurship.

**WHAT IS CEAL?**
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CEAL offers a process-model, to design action learning programs for youth, to work with communities on entrepreneurial social initiatives. CEAL supports facilitators, community organizers and educators to organize capacity-building experiences through working together with communities to take action and develop positive local grassroots initiatives.

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