



Diploma of Social Innovation – Testimonials from Diploma Recipients

Dee Brooks - New Zealand, July 2014

As a mother of 4 and a full time community worker, trainer and consultant with a tertiary institution, I wasn't prepared to commit to a Master's Degree but my insatiable appetite for knowledge kept me looking for 'what's next'.

After periodically searching, for 2 years, for a course that was flexible for a full time worker, delivered short but high quality units and suited my launch into private consultancy, I discovered the UPEACE's Centre for Executive Education and I was sold!

The diversity of my fellow student's knowledge and geographical locations was exciting! Not only did I learn from highly knowledgeable tutors, I learned by actively engaging with other students online, from around the world, through group activities and by sharing our own stories of success and strategies for addressing challenges in our work!

The tutors were readily available through email or Skype and I never waited more than 24 hours for a response to a query (mainly due to time-zone factors). Mohit Mukherjee, Julia Delafield and all of the tutors created a professional, dynamic and collegial space where teaching and learning was made exciting, relevant and fun!

Upon completing the Diploma of Social Innovation, I have revisited the course notes and resources regularly as I continue to co-create the Jeder Institute and this is the main reason that I highly recommend UPEACE's Centre for Executive Education to my friends and colleagues; it's the only course, in all my years of training, that I have referred back to so often and I'm sure I will continue to do so!

Monica Harvin - El Salvador, May 2014

The Diploma has changed my life. The classes have been ultra practical and empowering. I now have real tools that I can implement in my work as a university researcher and team member. I would recommend to anyone who wants to move from theorizing on how to do social innovation to actually implementing social innovation projects.

Currently, I am working in three research and teaching teams at the Universidad Centroamericana "Jose Simeón Cañas" in El Salvador in the areas of territorial economic development and violence prevention. I am already implementing design thinking,

positive psychology, negotiation tactics, and the social enterprise business planning strategies that I learned in the courses.

Meghan Casey - Costa Rica, April 2014

I enjoyed every moment of the Diploma program and despite the pressures of running my own business and having 3 young children, I was able to make the time to do it because the information was always so relevant, positive and motivating. I highly recommend the diploma program to anyone interested in social justice or making this world a better place, or even for those interested in relearning basic life skills that facilitate a happier and more fulfilling life!

Laurent Rousset - Belgium/Canada, December 2013

I started to follow the courses of the "Diploma in Social Innovation" in March and completed it in December 2013, because I wanted to build a social network "*WICO-Projects*" that will help people that share the same human, ecological and economical values to co-create local projects, activities, or small businesses that will raise the level of individual & collective fulfilment.

All the courses were great and help me so much to conceptualize this international and innovative project. I really appreciate the content of the courses, the sharing with other students and the expertise of the teachers. I feel happy to start this New Year with strong basis, motivation and confidence to concretely develop this project in Montréal (CA) where I live.

I highly recommend this diploma to all the people that want to make a difference and create innovative social projects that we need to co-create a wonderful, equitable and loving place we ALL deserve to live in.