# All the Colours of the Rainbow

The rain & shine of setting up, managing and selling your own business

# World of Work – ATC Language Schools, Dublin

10.00am: INTRODUCTION

\* My background & business (Accents Café Limited)

10.15am: MY EXPERIENCE

\* Challenges

\* Tips & Advice

10.30am: STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

\* Entrepreneurs

\* Practical Guide

\* Financials

11.00am: INDIVIDUAL EXERCISE

11.15am: GROUP EXERCISE

11.45am: DISCUSSION & CLOSING

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- Kinaesthetic Approach
- University of Life
- International Work Experience
- Fear of Regret / Motivation



### Accents Lounge

- Making the Decision– eyes wide open
- Finding a problem & creating solution
- Opened April 2011 (Recession)
  - timing right for you
- Planning & Realistic
  Timeframes

Creating a business that runs without you. A model that can be replicated



#### DOING YOUR JOB

#### FIRE FIGHTING

Productivity

Deadlines

Supporting

Making decisions

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#### **CHALLENGES**



Being taken seriously / Self belief



Balancing personal & work life



People management



Financial management



Property management



Problem solving



# IDEA TO EXECUTION

- Research
- Elevator Pitch
- Feasibility



### BUSINESS PLAN

- Company Concept
- Company USP
- Is there a Market for it?
- Does it make money?
- Cashflow & Assumptions



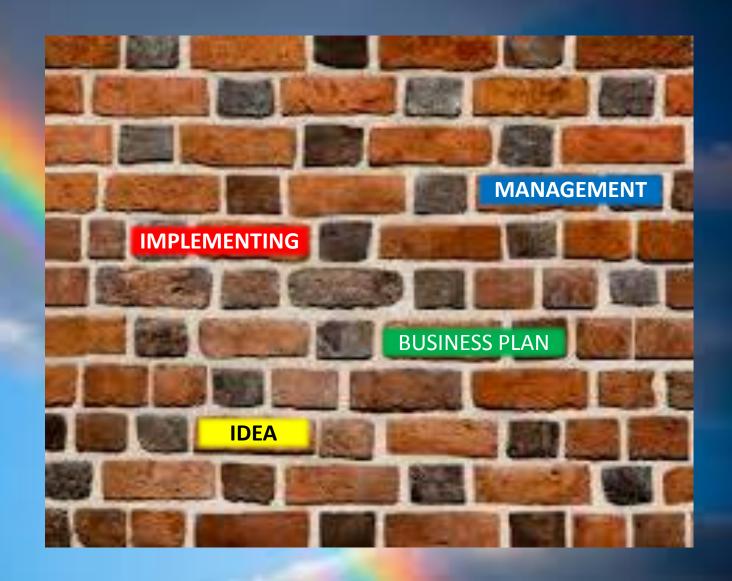
#### **IMPLEMENTING**

- Premises
- Sales & Pricing
- Marketing & Branding
- Recruitment & Training



## DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT

- Operations Manuel
- Systems & Communication
- Daily / Monthly / Annual Accounts
- Problem Solving



#### SUCCESS

- Breakeven
- Gross Profit

GP = SALES REVENUE – COST OF GOODS

Net Profit

NP = SALES REVENUE -ALL EXPENSES



#### **EXERCISES**

#### INDIVIDUAL TASK

Think about a business you would like to create:

- What is your USP?
- Who are your target audience?
- How will you make money?

#### **GROUP TASK**

In groups of 5 or 6 people, using the information cards:

- 1. Create a company name
- 2. How much would you have to sell each T Shirt for to breakeven?
- 3. What price would you sell your T-Shirts for to make a profit?
- 4. If you sold 873 T-Shirts, what is your gross & net profit?