



CEE-TRUST  
The Cities for Education Entrepreneurship Trust

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## **The Mind Trust Receives Grant to Expand its National Network: the Cities for Education Entrepreneurship Trust (CEE-Trust)**

*One-year grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will support CEE-Trust's core operations and programs that highlight "Next Generation" school models*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Mind Trust has been awarded a grant by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the work of its national network of peer organizations – the Cities for Education Entrepreneurship Trust (CEE-Trust). Launched in June 2010, CEE-Trust is a growing network of 18 city-based non-profits, foundations, and mayors' offices that support education innovation and reform. CEE-Trust's goal is to accelerate the growth of high-impact entrepreneurial education solutions in member cities across the country. CEE-Trust strives to achieve this goal by designing collaborations between cities, identifying and documenting best practices, hosting events, and producing analysis of cutting edge issues.

Recently, members of CEE-Trust have become deeply interested in "Next Generation" (next gen) school models that use technology to effectively personalize learning for all students, are sustainable on public funding, and are capable of rapid growth. CEE-Trust will utilize this one-year, \$500,000 grant to build capacity within its member cities to attract and support next gen learning models, and to develop opportunities for entrepreneurs to launch or incubate new next gen schools and programs in CEE-Trust member cities.

"An emerging group of entrepreneurs are developing fundamentally new visions for how to leverage technology to personalize learning and redefine what happens in the classroom," noted Ethan Gray, The Mind Trust's Vice-President and Director of CEE-Trust. "CEE-Trust is pleased to foster a conversation about next generation school models in Indianapolis and across the country."

"We believe that CEE-Trust can be a powerful vehicle for accelerating the growth of entrepreneurial education initiatives, drawing additional talent and resources to Indianapolis," said The Mind Trust's Founder and CEO David Harris.

CEE-Trust was founded on The Mind Trust's belief that city-based organizations have tremendous potential to create a fertile climate for education innovation and are an under-tapped resource in the education reform space. They often share more than the desire to improve education in their cities: they also share a deep understanding of their local civic, political, business, and philanthropic sectors. By leveraging these connections with key

stakeholders, city-based organizations can be powerful advocates for education entrepreneurs looking for opportunities launch or expand.

More information about CEE-Trust is available at [www.cee-trust.org](http://www.cee-trust.org).

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**The Mind Trust – Bold, new education reform**

The Mind Trust is an Indianapolis-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to dramatically improve public education for underserved children by empowering education entrepreneurs to develop or expand transformative education initiatives. Through its Education Entrepreneur Fellowship and Mezzanine Fund, The Mind Trust finds the most promising and successful education reform initiatives in America, and supports their launch or replication in Indianapolis. The Mind Trust has made investments totaling over \$5,500,000 to bring Teach For America, The New Teacher Project, College Summit, Diploma Plus and Stand for Children to Indianapolis. The Mind Trust has invested \$2.7 million to incubate six new ventures, including Summer Advantage USA, Teach Plus, Seton Education Partners, Foster Ed, Global Citizen Year, and Youth Music Exchange. The Mind Trust launched the Cities for Education Entrepreneurship Trust in June 2010. [www.themindtrust.org](http://www.themindtrust.org) and [www.cee-trust.org](http://www.cee-trust.org).