

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are invited for papers from anyone with an interest in rural entrepreneurship; we encourage contributions from academics and practitioners alike. Please indicate which of the conference themes you think is/are most appropriate and limit your abstract to 400 words.

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Please use the following headings: (boxes will expand as you type)

Title: The beginnings of a Territorial Innovation Model in Northern Rural England?
Purpose of this paper (please also indicate whether empirical, conceptual or case study etc) The paper is an early analysis of interviews that were conducted as part of my PhD project. It shall present the main thematic themes that occurred and how these relate to the discovery of a TIM in rural NE England.
Design/methodology/approach (including limitations if applicable) The methodology was rather simple as it was one component of a larger PhD project. 10 interviews were conducted between Nov 2016 – Feb 2017 with key regional stakeholders in the innovation and enterprise ecosystem.
Findings To be confirmed. However this paper/conference is timely for me to get this finished in time.
Practical implications The analysis will help inform further stages of the PhD project – so in that sense it is very practical. It can also help Rural Enterprise Hubs understand if a TIM is present and how close their interactions with this system could be.
Policy Implications (if applicable) There are definite policy implications of the larger PhD project as it is concerned with the Rural Growth Network policy initiative that supports rural enterprise. It could help to solidify the importance of the Rural Enterprise Hubs in larger innovation systems and help policy makers consider rural areas in more detail.
What is the originality/value of paper The Enterprise Hubs are a relatively under-studied social phenomenon and TIMs are often never discussed in a rural context. The hubs and the RGN policy are linked to a Newcastle University (CRE) REF impact case study and this evidence can be used to further support this case study
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- International dimensions of rural entrepreneurship
- New approaches in rural theory, method and measurement (second choice)**
- Opportunities and challenges for rural development
- Rural Innovation, EU funding and the role of Universities (first choice)**
- Rural Social Entrepreneurship
- Rural Place Marketing

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