

## **SHAPING THE FUTURE IN STEM INDUSTRIES**

### **A Technical Assistance (TA) Project funded through the European Social Fund**

#### **The Partners:**

- Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP (GCGP LEP)
- Association of Colleges in the Eastern Region (ACER)
- STEM Foundation (STEMF)

#### **The Issue**

Skills suppliers (colleges, training organisations) need to know more about future skills demands of business so that they can provide relevant training, leading to properly skilled people.

#### **The TA Project: Aim**

The knowledge base for planning future skills training tends to be a mix of:

- a. Local employer engagement and demand
- b. Historic data about labour market trends
- c. Contemporary analyses of jobs vacancies by region

The TA project is to find a sustainable way to:

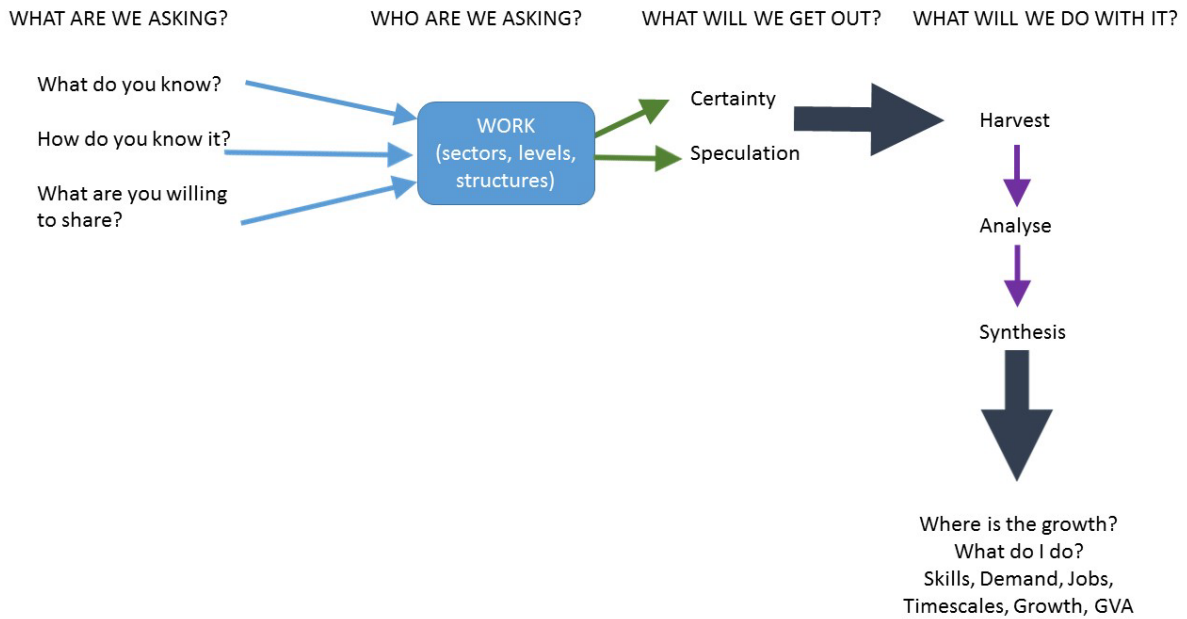
- a. Understand how key industries see the future
- b. Work out what this means for skills and jobs of the future
- c. Translate this into what skills suppliers need to plan for and do

#### **The Project: Activity**

Interviews with key people in business to understand:

- a. How business leaders see the key developments for the future of their industry
- b. Which of these changes are known / probable / speculative
- c. What this means for skills and jobs of the future
- d. How such knowledge may best be gathered in future and used

The objective is then for ACER, GCGP LEP and STEMF to create the means to sustain and transfer this knowledge in the most efficient manner:



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