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Founder of School for Startups and Accidental Entrepreneur. Doug Richard is a successful entrepreneur with 20 years experience in the development and leadership of technology and software ventures, both in the US and in the UK.

Strong Beliefs

You can do good and do well at the same time

Entrepreneurship can be taught

**The playing fields of the business world
are being levelled**

Themes

Being an entrepreneur is a state of mind

**What's the future going to bring?
The impact of technology and innovation**

Government, Society and Entrepreneurship

**The biggest mistakes I made or
How I accidentally became successful**

Having appeared in the first and second series of Dragons' Den, **Doug Richard** is the Founder of School for Startups (www.schoolforstartups.co.uk), Chairman and CEO of Trutap (www.trutap.net), Founder and member of the Cambridge Angels, Chairman of the Conservative Party Small Business Task Force, director of Pearl Software (www.thisispearl.com) and non-executive director of BeatsDigital (www.beatsdigital.com).

In 2006 Doug was an Honorary Recipient of The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion. In 2007, Doug became a fellow of the RSA and in July 2009 was awarded an Honorary Degree, Doctor of the University of Essex.

Doug is a successful entrepreneur with 20 years experience in the development and leadership of technology and software ventures, both in the US and in the UK. Between 1996 and 2000 he was President and CEO of Micrografx, a US publicly quoted software company. Prior to that he also founded and subsequently sold two other companies: Visual Software and ITAL Computers.

Doug holds a BA in Psychology from University of California at Berkeley and a Juris Doctor at the school of Law, University of California at Los Angeles.