



CASE STUDY

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS AND YOUTH IN SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH DIGITAL COMPETENCY TRAINING



Feedback from

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In April 2023, I completed a Digital Skills Foundation course, boosting my computer proficiency. This directly influenced my teaching style, incorporating tools like PowerPoint. I advocate for more teachers to access these courses, enhancing computer skills and saving time. Digital literacy is crucial, enriching teaching through digital resource integration. The course even improved my basic tasks, like emailing documents, significantly impacting my daily work.



Certificates on option:

- Digital Competency Passport for Educators
- Teachers Getting Started
- Digital Competency Passport for Employment



Objectives

This project aims to empower a specific community by training five 2Enable Master trainers who will then educate 171 teachers through the online DSF platform. More than the teachers, the program will impact the futures of 385 young and unemployed individuals. The initiative focuses on offering education, training, and mentoring to diverse groups, providing valuable skills and knowledge to enhance career prospects for unemployed youth. Ultimately, the project aspires to create a positive impact in the community, paving the way for a brighter future for all participants.

Solutions

Digital Skills Foundation organized online training for five 2Enable Master Trainers, and due to some connectivity challenges, further training and coaching took place in a controlled environment tailored to each province's needs. Although the original plan for NEET students had to be adjusted due to connectivity issues, the training was successfully relocated to a central venue. One key positive aspect contributing to the project's success was having a Master Trainer proficient in the local language. This played a crucial role in fostering better understanding and seamless execution of the project across different locations.

Outcomes

In the field of education, 27 teachers excelled in the "Digital Competency Passport for Educators," while 168 achieved excellence in the "Essential Digital Competency Passport for Educators." Moreover, 60 teachers successfully completed the "Teachers Getting Started" program.

For young people who are currently unemployed, 104 individuals have gained certification in "Digital Competency Passport for Employment," and 186 in the "Essential Digital Competency Passport for Employment." These accomplishments demonstrate the heightened skills and preparedness of the individuals to pursue future opportunities.





TESTIMONIALS

I'm **Nokuthula Lucia Balfour**, a first-year student majoring in Politics and Public Administration. I completed the Digital Literacy course in April 2023 and found it instrumental, especially for improving my proficiency in creating impactful PowerPoint presentations. Confident that these courses will significantly benefit my future studies and career, I wholeheartedly recommend fellow students of my age to consider enrolling. Digital literacy is undeniably crucial for our generation. On a lighter note, it's interesting to observe a common trend among my peers—we all express a shared desire for more practice with Excel.



Hello, I'm **Wandsia Cymphathia Tyalisi**, having successfully completed my studies in electrical infrastructure.

The completion of the Digital Literacy course was particularly beneficial, especially when formatting my CV. Now equipped with a free laptop and the skills to use it, these courses are poised to significantly benefit my future studies and career. I recommend individuals my age to enroll in these courses, emphasizing not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the opportunity to receive a free laptop. In my view, digital literacy is paramount for our generation, furnishing essential computer skills.

On a lighter note, I've observed a shared enthusiasm among my peers to enhance their Excel skills, presenting a common goal among us.

My name is **Zintle Rweqe**, currently majoring in Small Business Management. I learned about the digital literacy and 21st-century skills courses through an email from Sheena. Completing the Digital Literacy course proved helpful in creating my CV on a computer. These courses will significantly benefit my future studies and career by providing essential computer skills. I recommend them to students my age for valuable knowledge. In today's tech-driven world, digital literacy is crucial.

On a lighter note, I've observed a trend among my peers: the widespread use of LinkedIn for professional networking and career opportunities. This trend highlights our generation's focus on online connections.



I'm **Sibabalwe Nazo**, currently studying Administrative Management. I completed the Digital Literacy course in April 2023. It's a valuable addition to my qualifications, and I believe these courses will benefit my future studies and career. I recommend peers of my age to take them for essential computer knowledge. Digital literacy is crucial for our generation. As for recent tech trends among my peers, I haven't noticed any specific ones.