

16 unemployed youth complete Synthesis learnership programme

Sixteen unemployed youth have been awarded certificates after successfully completing Synthesis Software Technologies' learnership programme, graduating with an NQF level three in end user computing, accredited by the Media Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority (MICT SETA).



The 12-month training programme, run together with Afrika Tikkun and training provider Unlock'D, incorporates both practical and theoretical computer proficiency training. It is an annual initiative that commenced in May 2017 with the first intake of learners. Through the training initiative, Synthesis and its partners equip unemployed youth, some of whom are disabled, with basic computing skills.

Skills development and transformation

Michael Shapiro, managing director at Synthesis, described the value of the programme: "These learnerships are an integral part of our commitment to skills development and transformation in South Africa. We strive to create suitably qualified youth with sufficient computer proficiency skills and knowledge to enable them to seek employment opportunities. Sue Ann Huyser has created an unbelievable initiative for the beneficiaries who have all benefited from the programme. We are looking to grow this programme every year."

Of the 16 learners who graduated, three have received offers for permanent employment. In addition, Synthesis has awarded bursaries to two learners to further their studies through an A+ certification programme specialising in installing, maintaining, customising, and operating personal computers, and a Network+ (N+) certification to qualify as a network administrator.

The remaining 11 learners will be enrolled into a business course for the following 12 months and will work towards attaining an NQF Level 4 certificate accredited by the MICT SETA. In total, Synthesis will provide learnership opportunities for 20 young people living in underprivileged communities over the next financial year.

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