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Telkom Foundation facilitates job-hunting training for unemployed youth in Mamelodi.

The Telkom Foundation today offered training to thousands of young people in Mamelodi, to assist in giving them the basic skills they need in order to access job opportunities.

The Telkom Connected Youth project saw 300 staff volunteers from Telkom assisting young people, aged between 18 and 35, to write up CVs and set up free email addresses. The Telkom team also coached the delegates how to best use their cellphones to access job sites and potential employment opportunities.

“We live in an increasingly digital society which offers great convenience in many areas of our lives but it’s also made it harder for jobseekers to access opportunities if they’re not online,” said Jacqui O’Sullivan Managing Executive Group Communications and PR for Telkom.

In addition to the Telkom staff that volunteered, certain players from the finalists of the 2015 Telkom Knockout attended the event to assist volunteers with the transfer of skills. The players that attended were Ramahlwe Mphahlele, Thabo Nthethe, Percy Tau, Wayne Sandilands and Hlompho Kekana from Mamelodi Sundowns and George Lebese, George Maluleke and Keegan Ritchie from Kaizer Chiefs.

Participants received a memory stick with an electronic copy of their CV and certificates and confirmation of their email login details. “Future Talk” sessions ran throughout the day with speakers such as the Honourable Prof. Hlengiwe Mkhize, Deputy Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services. The talks provided motivation for the attendees and offered basic skills such as techniques to use when being interviewed.

“Many young people have digital access and use it for social media but we have seen that they often don’t know how to go about applying for jobs which they may well be qualified to fulfil. We believe we can help bridge that gap and change the way young people think about their skills and how they approach the job market.

The Telkom Foundation’s primary objective is to contribute to the transformation of disadvantaged communities through sustainable social investment programmes, particularly in the education sector.

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- fixed-line retail voice services using PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) lines, including ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) lines, and the sale of subscription based value-added voice services and calling plans;
- fixed-line customer premises equipment rental and sales services both voice and data needs and these include PABX, Computers, Routers, Modems, Telephone handsets and other ancillary equipment;
- interconnection services, including terminating and transiting traffic from South African mobile operators, as well as from international operators and transiting traffic from mobile to international destinations;
- fixed-line data services, including domestic and international data transmission services, such as point-to-point leased lines, ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line) services, packet-based services, managed data networking services and internet access and related information technology services;
- Data Centre Operations includes e-commerce, application service provider, hosting, data storage, e-mail and security services;
- W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access), a 3G next generation network, including fixed voice services, data services and nomadic voice services;
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- information and communication services including cloud services, infrastructure services, workspace services, global service integration management and hardware and network equipment sales locally, in seven African countries, the UK and Dubai through Business Connexion Group; and
- other services including directory services, through Trudon (Pty) Ltd, wireless data services, through Swiftnet (Pty) Ltd.

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