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Telkom Foundation facilitates job-hunting training for unemployed youth.

The Telkom Foundation today implemented job hunting training for Tembisa youth to give them the basic skills they need in order to access job applications.

The Telkom Foundation, including approximately 200 staff volunteers, assisted Tembisa youth (aged between 18 and 35) to write up CVs, set up free email addresses, and access job sites using their cellphones.

Participants received a memory stick with an electronic copy of their CV and certificates and a print out of their email login details. Future Talk sessions ran throughout the day with speakers such as Bongi Silinda, Idols 2014 runner-up and Themba Khumalo, the managing executive of Brand for Telkom SA. The talks provided motivation for the attendees and imparted basic skills such as interviewing techniques.

“We live in a digital society, and it’s become increasingly difficult for jobseekers to access opportunities if they’re not online,” said Jacqui O’Sullivan, Managing Executive for Group Communication at Telkom.

“Many young people grow up in communities where many people do not have access to the digital world. As a result, often they don’t know how to go about applying for jobs they may well be qualified for. We believe that this initiative could be exactly what beneficiaries need in order to change their lives,” says O’Sullivan.

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 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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