

NPO gifts more Chromebooks to kick off EU-funded capacity-building event

Gqeberha; October 2023: Monday, the 6th of November, select students from Paterson High School and St. Christopher's School will receive refurbished Chromebooks courtesy of Ready4Life's Netherlands-based donors, Florion Vereniging voor Gereformeerd Primair Onderwijs. This marks the start of the week-long capacity-building gathering for the Digipreneur project, which is mostly funded by the European Union.

This is in addition to eight Chromebooks handed over at the start of the Excellence Boost capacity-building at the end of August where the former Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay, Gary van Niekerk, addressed project delegates at a breakfast ceremony. At this time, Ready4Life's Executive Director Jacob Wolters also described an online learning platform that the organisation encourages its stakeholders to use, particularly through the donated devices. 'This platform is CitiesOfLearning by Badgecraft. It's encouraging to see city leadership playing a role in helping people access it. The platform is free to use and zero-rated, so it may be accessed despite internet connectivity challenges. End-users can go through courses and earn credentials, while curriculum creators and businesses are able to upload the training videos and material they want to offer to prospective trainees. This is also free while the platform developers can manage the traffic and content volumes.

'Our hope as Ready4Life is that as we source more devices, businesses will use this interactive tool to upload the courses they want prospective employees to have. At the same time, we'd like learners and youth to use it to access those courses in their bid to win those businesses' employment and supply opportunities. With forward-thinking political leadership, whole cities and provinces can create ecosystems where gainful employment is within reach.'

Digipreneur has eight partner countries whose 32 delegates will be hosted by Ready4Life. The program was created to boost the capacity in field of Digital entrepreneurship among African and European countries. The organisation invites interested stakeholders to visit their website or contact them with any queries, especially on how to extend these benefits to other communities across South Africa.

The handover will happen at Pine Lodge Resort and Conference Centre in Gqeberha. Ready4Life has been serving South Africa from Gqeberha for 15 years.

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