



Intel Easy Steps- University of Limpopo Report



The University of Limpopo is situated in the Mankweng area in the Limpopo province. The University of Limpopo is working through their e-skills programme and sought Intel's expertise to enhance the current offering to their various beneficiaries. Intel in collaboration with the University agreed to sponsor a Training of Trainers workshop so that Trainers and Lecturers at the University would be fully conversant with the Intel Easy Steps offering and how this could be adapted for use by the University.

Eight participants attended the training and this included the Director, Mr Farivar Rahimi, and technical “expert” Mr Andrew Scholtz. The three-day programme included an understanding of the coursework, facilitation of modules in addition to brainstorming ways to include the programme into the University’s current offering.



The first part of the programme reflected that participants were knowledgeable in terms of their ICT skills and could very easily explain concepts within modules. The facilitation of the modules however revealed that additional effort must be made to help facilitators move away from a “teacher –centric” style to more “learner-centric” with the use of different facilitation strategies such as Brainstorming, Pairing and Sharing, Jigsaw, Gallery Walks and even Scavenger Hunts if time allows.



The course itself was well received and the use of contextualised activities was seen as most useful. This included, but was not limited to, the following comments from the participants on what they appreciated about the course:



- “The exploration of tools and resources as well as demonstrations on how to facilitate”
- The methodology of how we were taught- “the formal way of planning and running a training in general. The fact that we are now aware of the importance of planning a lesson and presenting to the audience.”
- “Interacting with someone as passionate about a modern classroom as I am.”
- The fact that, the course includes so much of teacher training ... “so as a novice teacher it actually makes me a better person.”

The participants made the following suggestions on how the course could be improved:

- The course would be enhanced if there was a more user-friendly interface. At present participants will need to toggle between the activity card, the help guide and their individual practice examples. For a novice user this is not easy.
- The Help Guide should be available on the disk. Access to the Internet is a nationwide issue and thus having offline materials would be great. The Help Guide is a huge file to be downloaded. The Help Guide for Office 2013 needs to be updated.

Further request for Intel support:

- Assistance in setting up a programme of implementation for beneficiaries of the course.
- More development in facilitation skills
- Ongoing assistance as needed during implementation
- Intel to help provide an online safety section (particularly relating to the use of social media)
- A speaker for the university.
- Provision of certificates for participants (provided that all training reports and evaluations are forwarded)

The University has endeavoured to meet with their team and agree/ think about:

- Working with other faculties at the University such as Accounting to incorporate the entrepreneurship modules in their current teaching
- Implementation models of how the Easy Steps programme could be used as soon as possible so that the team will better understand what challenges would need to be overcome
- Whether it is feasible to facilitate this course for 400 community members during the June/July holidays
- Ways to incorporate Easy Steps into the current University students' programme

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