Google Educator Groups (GEG) spread like wild fire in Mpumalanga…

The Mpumalanga Department of Education with SchoolNet continues to support Google Educator Groups (GEG) in their quest to build self-sustaining communities of peer coaches to ensure that teachers are able to leverage resources and skills to grow and learn from and with each other. Technology is ever changing and it is important that training programmes do not focus on the technology but rather on how technology can help engage the learning for our students.

The GEG groups are run by volunteer teachers who want to see their teachers, students, parents and community at large benefit from ICTs. GEG Emalahleni was established in August 2014 and has hosted a number of events with Nomusa Keninda as one of the group leaders for teachers and this has now expanded to the surrounding Siyabuswa area.

Mr Meshack Mahlangu, principal of Maloma Primary school is another key individual who has been very active as a GEG leader by providing his school as a training venue for parents as well as public works interns in the community. He provides an environment where teachers from surrounding schools can benefit from the skills his teachers are gaining. Teachers are able to come together and share what they are doing as well as brainstorm new ideas for teaching and learning.

The GEG, has taken it a step further by establishing an ICT club where teachers are instrumental in their own learning and this is spilling over to other members of the community. The SABC news team focussed on this community to showcase Ubuntu in action and interviewed a few individuals that have participated in the programme. Watch the SABC clip here https://youtu.be/v7jNv-riMD0

Mpumalanga is well positioned to grow from strength to strength in its quest to encourage self-motivated teachers who seek to extend their own skills in order to improve teaching and learning for students in their communities.

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