



Enabling Employability for South African Youth through Information and Communication Technology Skills

New Futures Programme and Women in Finance

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To whom it may concern,

It has been an absolute pleasure working together with WIF. With skills development programmes such as these one often finds that the heart is in the good place, however finding companies or people to assist is a lot more difficult than simply asking for a favour here and there. The people that WIF have put us in contact with have almost all come through in some shape or form. People have been very accommodating and helpful, just wanting to share anything that they can to help and assist us.

We originally asked for assistance with:

1. Technical skills
2. Job shadowing positions
3. Guest speakers

Of these 3 areas, the most feedback has been with regards to the guest speakers. We have been inundated with requests to do work shops and have already had 3 people come in and talk to our graduates. –They thoroughly enjoyed this. We had some queries about job shadowing-however none of these contacts came through. Regarding technical skills, one of our graduates went to a client's home to help fix his laptop and do some cabling. (With thanks to Lynda Smith for this.)

If the programme was not ending at the end of June 2010, we know from all the response that we would have a very rich and interesting programme. The networks are just starting to form, but the programme is coming to an end.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all. Thank you to Colleen Larson, Alison Gitelson, Lynda Smith and Landu Mnguni for all the hard work and for always keeping the New Futures Programme in mind. The programmes you help in the future will be very fortunate.

New Futures regards,
Sophia Kousiakis and the team.