

Sasol invests in Insikazi school district in Mpumalanga

Some 7 schools from the Insikazi School Circuit area in Mpumalanga benefited from a computer donation from Sasol Energy yesterday. This donation forms part of a Sasol Energy-funded digital literacy programme that educators from the circuit attended last year, overseen by the Uplands Outreach project.

The digital literacy programme consisted of lessons on computer hardware and software basics, emailing, internet usage, as well as Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

"Building the capacity of teachers with practical ICT skills and equipment enables quality teaching and learning to take place in the classroom and, as such, equips the learners for a competitive and technological cutting edge world of work," said Dean Somerset, Manager: Marketing, Sponsorship and Social Investment at Sasol Energy. "We are excited to work with Uplands in preparing learners and teachers for the digital age."

This is the second year that Sasol Energy has worked with the Uplands Outreach project on this initiative. Uplands Outreach works closely with partner schools in the Insikazi School Circuit area with the aim of elevating educational achievements and making a sustainable impact.

"We are passionate about helping teachers to gain the confidence and the experience to use technology to streamline parts of their working lives," said Uplands Outreach Director, Dr Nicolette de Bruyn. "We thank Sasol for partnering with us to fulfil this need. We are pleased with the level of commitment demonstrated by teachers and the 100% pass rate of all teachers who enrolled for the Digital Literacy courses."

"The outreach programme is indicative of our commitment to education that seeks to promote people-centred, needs-driven and sustainable development of the communities in which we operate," concluded Somerset.