

Built in Africa: RLabs is using tech to restore our faith in humanity

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Social entrepreneurship is becoming a key point of development for African entrepreneurs. In this, our sixth instalment of our "Built in Africa" series, we feature Reconstructed Living Lab (RLabs), a South African-based social entrepreneurship project aimed at bringing hope through technology education.



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RLabs is a global community-based movement and registered social enterprise that provides innovative solutions to address various societal problems in troubled communities such as drugs, abuse and gang violence. Essentially hope to train people within such communities to find better ways of spending their time and be a force of good for their communities.

The organisation runs various free courses in leadership, entrepreneurship, social media and coding; some which of are accredited.

The RLabs journey began with Marlon Parker in 2008, who started out with the aim of helping just one person in his community. In the process of helping that person, Parker built an organisation that now exists in some form or other in more than 20 countries around the world. The organisation has been lucky enough to have received funding from various organisation such as USAID and the Omidyar network, but 60% of RLabs' income is generated from projects within the labs.

"We are in the business of hope," Parker tells me. "We want to give people hope, through technology."

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