

# Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation launches "AI in Mitchells Plain" bootcamp

In celebration of Human Rights Day on 21 March 2019, the Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation in partnership with Fliptin, Microsoft and Idea Collective will host an "AI in Mitchells Plain" boot camp from 15-17 March 2019 to discover the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with youth.



Understanding that access to information and technology is a universal human right, and these girls-only bootcamps will attempt to address the systematic exclusion of youth in a variety of 21st century careers by offering a powerful platform to acquire new tools and knowledge, bettering their prospects at female digital inclusion and subsequently, socio-economic forecast.

As part of a nationwide initiative, "AI in Mitchells Plain" kickstarts the 2019 "AI in Africa" tour across South Africa for girls aged 15-18 years old in historically disadvantaged communities to create purposeful, high impact solutions that tackle challenges ranging from community safety to unemployment and education.

The 60 girls from Beacon Hill High School, Lentegour Secondary School, Portland High School, Oval North Secondary School and Westridge High School have been selected to learn the concepts and ethics of digital technology and how to apply technology to their daily lives to create solutions for their communities. The three-day bootcamp will expose these learners to a working environment of cutting-edge technologies including how to build computer chatbots, package their individual tech ideas and solutions, and pitch their innovations to a panel of judges.

Gugu Motlanthe, trustee of the Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation says, “The Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation places the wellbeing of our nation’s youth at the heart of our work with the belief that equipping learners with 21st century skills will help prepare South Africa for the 4th Industrial Revolution and lay the fundamental building blocks to creating an inclusive society.”

She further adds that, “The Foundation is invested in and committed to creating an environment that boosts access to technology and drives digital literacy – these are the keys to unlocking the potential for our youth to create a positive, connected and inclusive future in the digital age.”

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