

iHelp Technology and Uncommon.org: The Tech Tag Team.



It is remarkable how one bold step can lead to the transformation of numerous lives of young people in small communities. Launched in Zimbabwe in 2017, Uncommon.org is doing just that and more, in local communities around the country. This incredible nonprofit is making tremendous strides in technology education in Zimbabwe with its Technology Bootcamp. It is a free program for young adults to learn coding and prepare them for employment in the tech industry after concluding their studies. All this work and classes are conducted at their Innovation Hubs, work spaces sustainable created out of shipping containers, powered by solar energy. So remarkable! It is outstanding that students of this brilliant program are also coding volunteer teachers to primary and high school students.

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On 24 February 2023, iHelp Technology had the privilege of being one of their guest speakers, alongside Nikolina Kobali, a digital marketing guru, who has been a consistent mentor and supporter of the program. The day marked the end of the first phase of the Bootcamp, mainly focusing on Digital Marketing, Coding and Design. For the second part of the program, students choose a specialisation from the respective three courses, for the rest of the program. Held at two of their Innovation Hubs in the suburbs of Warren Park and Mufakose, the guest speakers kicked off the day by getting acquainted with the students and their program.







iHelp Technology team encouraged these Bootcamp students to complete their program and explore the opportunities to immerse themselves in the tech industry. In the words of Munyaradzi Edson, the Founder and CEO of iHelp Technology, "In our digital world, it is more relevant now than ever, to learn digital skills, especially with the advent of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and new technologies. It is important for young people such as yourselves to be innovative, improve and grow in other related fields, always learning something new. Technology is rapidly changing, hence the need to be prepared and strengthen your ability to keep up." He further expressed how proud he was of all the students and announced the exciting opportunity created by iHelp Technology to have these students from the Bootcamp intern at his company every program year, starting with this current class.





It was impressive to see that half of both classes were girls, significantly invested in this program with the determination to pursue careers in technology and related fields. Undoubtedly, women are still inadequately represented in this industry globally, however with this increased exposure, the future of technology is shifting to new dynamics with their incorporation. One can applaud Uncommon.org for this platform where everyone has the opportunity to learn. Not only are they empowering this young generation with digital and computer skills, but with iHelp Technology collaboration, they are paving way to their tech careers.

Uncommon.org and iHelp Technology are surely making their mark by inspiring these young minds and shaping the next generation of African tech leaders. Both organisations look forward to an invaluable working relationship, striving to transform the lives of these young adults.

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