

# Cornerstone Institute partners with Rotary Club for youth empowerment

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Cornerstone Institute is joining forces with the Rotary Club (Newlands) to introduce the Youth Empowerment – Bridge to Tertiary Programme. This collaborative effort aims to address the pressing needs of previously disadvantaged youth by providing essential skills in computer literacy and academic proficiency, catalysing their entry into the world of work and higher education.



A critical gap persists for disadvantaged youth lacking access to quality education amid societal shifts and technological advancements. Recognising the pivotal role of computer literacy and academic skills in today's job market, Cornerstone Institute is devoted to empowering youth and creating equal opportunities.

The programme envisions a future where youth, regardless of socioeconomic background, have an equal chance to pursue higher education and unlock their full potential.

The Bridge to Tertiary Programme focuses on two vital areas – computer literacy and academic reading and writing. By empowering young individuals with these foundational skills, the initiative seeks to prepare them for higher education and prosperous careers in diverse fields.



Additional focus areas include:

- Introduction to critical thinking skills.
- Career and education mentoring opportunities.
- Exploring youth entrepreneurship through partnerships with institutions like the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

By pooling resources and expertise, these organisations aim to reach underserved communities, ensuring that previously disadvantaged youth are equipped with the skills needed for success.

The Youth Empowerment – Bridge to Tertiary Programme kicked off on 20 January and will run until 10 February.

This partnership marks a significant step in bridging the education gap. It's also a testament to the power of partnerships in creating sustainable impact.

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