

E-Tech Africa: A journey into the future of education

E-Tech Africa - a technology focused conference - and the first event of its kind in South Africa, takes place on 1 and 2 July at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

This event brings the latest in futurist technology and education together, and will literally take delegates on a journey into the future of education, said Event Director, Tanya Jackman.



"We are particularly excited about Graham Martin-Brown who will be introducing delegates to an incredible educational humanoid robot," said Jackman. Martin-Brown will present Aldebaran Robotics' latest masterpiece: NAO. NAO is the most widely used robot for academic purposes worldwide, with more than 5,000 units in use in over 50 countries. NAO's high-tech technology means the robot has face and object recognition, automatic speech recognition and text-to-speech in 19 languages, as well as whole body motion. This means that NAO will talk to you, recognise you and keep your learners on the edge of their seats. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with this tool, the latest in interactive educational tools with customised learning programmes from early childhood development until tertiary education.

Another key speaker at the event will be Lynette Hundermark, with 15 years' experience in tech, digital marketing and mobile solutions she is an expert in tech commentator and an opinion leader in South Africa. Jackman said: "Lynette has developed some of the most successful mobile web and apps solutions in the country, such as the popular Ster-Kinekor booking app. We are looking forward to her expert input into this event."

Other exceptional speakers include CEO of ORT SA, Ariellah Rosenberg and Niel Bekker and Robyn Farah, co-founders of Curiosity Campus. Rosenberg will discuss the 21st century skills required for the 21st century child. While Bekker and Farah will tackle interesting, accessible technologies that can be used to teach adults and children about technology for the first time and how they can move on once they have mastered the basics. Their session will focus on Arduino, an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software.

The Intel Corporation has also contributed excellent speakers. Intel's META Regional Business Director, Frederico Carvall will discuss technology and its role in leapfrogging challenges in Education. Intel SA's Field Applications Engineer, Mohammed O Fareed, will unpack how technology innovations can revolutionise the way we see education.

Delegates will also have an opportunity to hear Microsoft South Africa's Windows Business Group Lead, Anthony Doherty talk about looking at the future developments in Augmented Reality.

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