

What is this project about?

The WhizzICT Centre based in Khayelitsha facilitates the use of technology by technologically marginalized communities, and is a functioning computer lab that assists the community with Internet access, printing abilities, computer training and CV-creation.

Whizz contacted the UCT Knowledge Co-op for assistance with various technical aspects in the running of the Centre such as inspecting hardware and software, and providing certain computer skills to members.

Emir Gluhbegovic, Njiru Kimani and Karuna Madhanlala of the Honours Outreach & Community Involvement Programme (HOCIP) based in UCT's Information Systems department readily took on the project in 2014.

The process

The Knowledge Co-Op arranged a meeting at the WhizzICT Centre between the project manager, Tembinkosi Qondela, and the students to clarify their needs and outlines of a partnership.

The students' involvement consisted of helping the WhizzICT Centre with any technical aspects that they required. Karuna focused on creating an automatic CV generator, while Emir and Njiru installed useful software on the computers including computer monitoring software.

Each UCT student dedicated over 20 hours to the project up to **October 2014**.



Tembinkosi from Whizz ICT

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The Knowledge Co-op at the University of Cape Town

The UCT Knowledge Co-op aims to make it easier for community partners to access UCT's skills, resources and professional expertise. It helps initiate joint projects that benefit both the community partner and the university. The Co-op links community groups with appropriately qualified staff and students at UCT, and supports both partners throughout the project – from initial planning to final product.