

HOUR OF CODE

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The Hour of Code is the key to improving education through E-learning

E-LEARNING COMES TO SOUTH AFRICA

Over the next few months, more Gauteng schools will become part of the paperless campaign, according to Premier David Makhura. Earlier this month, the Department of Basic Education launched its 'smart schools' initiative across 300 schools in townships. Schools were given tablets and connected to Wi-Fi for an advanced learning experience, and it is hoped that every student in disadvantaged areas will have access to these resources by 2018.

"Through this programme we are moving closer to the kind of society envisaged in the National Development Plan; a society where opportunity is not determined by birth but by ability, education and hard work," Mr Makhura said. The *Hour of Code* launched in June this year, and in its second month of implementation is in full support of the Department of Basic Education's new e-learning initiative. We plan to work hand in hand with Educators in order to maximize e-learning and to ensure that students are able to benefit from this exciting development. For us the goal is to complement ongoing ICT courses in schools by promoting coding for all students at an early age. Through this, we are guaranteed to have a generation of IT specialists in the next 10 to 15 years.

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Log on to: www.hourofcode.co.za and do your first 60 minutes, tell you friends, teachers and parents about it and get everyone to start creating and dreaming your own games and apps on the Hour of Code website.

Get involved!

Women can code – projects hosted part of women's month, so if you're a female leader in your community and want to get involved, please

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