From Jimmy's desk

Hello All

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will help you in getting the required information.

It has been a year since the idea of Creating Futures has been conceptualized. A lot has happened over the past year and I am delighted with the progress that we are making. This cannot have happened without all your support and I am grateful for all that you all have done. I sincerely hope that you will continue to support and help us as we move forward.

We are planning to conduct two sessions in July. One in Bangalore and the other in Davangere. Preparations for these workshops are going on in full speed and we should be ready with all the arrangements in a week or two.

I am also delighted to say that many of the earlier batch students have got jobs and they are very thankful for the support that we provided.

I am sure it is very encouraging to know that we are making some difference and I am sure we can do more as we go forward. Let us, together, make a difference

Happy Reading
Jimmy Cherian

Snippets
Updates for the month

Workshops

A 2 day "Trainer the Trainer" (TTT) workshop, primarily focusing on "Facilitation skills" was conducted at Ciber on 24th and 31st May. 15 Volunteers interested in delivering the different modules attended and had an understanding of delivering trainings. The Training was conducted by **Devdutt Gore**, a Trainer with Wipro.

The session was well received and some key take-away included

- Difference between "Instructional based training" and "Facilitation"
- Structure for Training
- Activities to confront "Stage fear"

Each participant also had an opportunity to "Facilitate" for 10 min, with feedback being provided by the team.
We take this opportunity to thank Dev for volunteering to take these sessions and all the participants who have volunteered to be trainers.

A new workshop batch is planned for July. This is for 4 days and will cover 8 sessions. The workshop is planned to be held on Saturdays and Sundays. For this workshop, the new trainers will take over the training activities. With this, we hope to increase the trainers so that we can look at providing multiple trainings.

We are also planning a workshop (4 consecutive days) at Davengere in July, which will be finalized soon.

Content Management

We have defined a content management system. This system will be the repository for all of our content. It is a web based application. www.wiggio.com. Please do reach out to the IT team if you do not have access. We have uploaded very many documents in this repository

As part of the internship program, we have also defined the training curriculum for the technology stream. This include the curriculum for software development as well as IT Lifecycle management

We have enhanced our training curriculum and have added instructor notes to all the content. With this, it becomes easier for a new trainer to take over the training activity

Volunteer Management

We have had discussions with several NGO's with the plan to partner with them for training and developing needs.

We have a substantial increase in the number of volunteers. A big Thank you to Arjun and all others in getting the much needed volunteers. Needless to say we will still need volunteers in the following areas.

Student Relationship

We have also been in touch with the existing batch students for supporting them in their job placements. We are happy to say that many of the students have got placed in various companies. We will continue to engage with them on a regular basis / as and when needed

IT Management

The IT team has defined the various IT requirements that are needed for the internship program. This includes hardware and software requirements, End User Management & support requirements and IT Architecture requirements. The next step is to implement these. Obviously, this costs a lot of money and hence, we are looking for support to implement this

Donations

I am happy to say that well-wishers have donated 2 computers. We have approached couple of organizations for more computers and other office equipment

Postscripts

Requesting all of you to promote our linkedin and facebook site with your friends and relatives. The links are as below:

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/EducationtoEmployability

Linkedin:
http://www.linkedin.com/company/3635867?trk=tyah&trkInfo=tarId%3A1397795768779
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Please do refer your friends who would be keen in volunteering with us

- Student Coordinator
- Training Content Developer (new training content in softskills)
- Business analyst
- Designers (website and marketing material)

It's Fun Time!!!

Who said it?

1. "My friends, we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. I hope you'll join with me, as we try to change it."
2. "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."
3. "I understand the inventor of the bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant, asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the manmade sound never equalled the purity of the sound achieved by the pig. "
4. "Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it. "
5. "I frankly felt like the reception we received on the way in from the airport was very warm and hospitable. And I want to thank the Canadian people who came out to wave -- with all five fingers -- for their hospitality."
6. "You can put wings on a pig, but you don't make it an eagle."
7. "Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."

Answers: 1. Barrack Obama; 2. Abraham Lincoln; 3. Alfred Hitchcock; 4. Mark Twain; 5. George W. Bush; 6. Bill Clinton; 7. Bill Gates

Tech Funnies

"You said I should spend more time with our children, so I turned their faces into icons."