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FIRST PLACE WINNERS

## MICRO APP

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SECOND PLACE WINNERS

## ASYNC

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THIRD PLACE WINNERS

## INNOVATION STATION

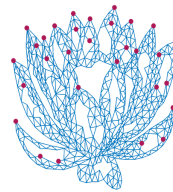
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# YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT HACKATHON



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# Empire Partner Foundation

- **13th hackathon from 20 to 21 November 2021**, at our offices in Illovo, Sandton. EPF's last hackathon of the year 2021!
- **Hackathon focus:** Design a **solution** that **enables the rural and township youth of South Africa** to easily be able to **complete Microsoft learning paths, thereby increasing their employability chances.**
- Context: **South Africa's network and digital infrastructure has developed significantly** – but it has also lead to further inequalities due to a **lack of affordability, awareness and access in rural areas, and in lower income households.** Research shows that digital skills development has been adversely affected by this challenge for South Africans.
- EPF in partnership with **SAtion** and **Microsoft** decided to host a hackathon to address this gap. **SAtion is a multifaceted national ecosystem established by BUSA** in a time of economic hardship to bring focus to the digitalisation workstream in the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan to ensure rapid implementation, outcomes, and impact.

## FAST FACTS

- 13 HOSTED HACKATHONS
  - 12 UPCOMING HACKATHONS
  - 500+ TOTAL DEVELOPERS
  - ITWEB NEWS COVERAGE
  - SABC NEWS COVERAGE
  - 93 SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED
  - 16 NEW PARTNERSHIPS SECURED
  - 43 KEYNOTE SPEECHES
  - 16 INTERN OPPORTUNITIES CREATED
  - 10 BURSARIES PROVIDED
  - 13 WINNING TEAMS WITHIN OUR INCUBATION
  - R500 000+ IN CASH PRIZES AWARDED
- **54 developers were selected from a pool of 114 applicants**, to join the sixth Hybrid hackathon that took place at the EPF Headquarters in Illovo, Sandton!

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- The winning team "Micro App" won the Hackathon.
- Their solution is a mobile app that locates accredited people around you who can mentor you through the Microsoft learning paths. They in turn get remuneration for mentoring you as a micro job.
- And all of this was developed in a brief span of two days!
- Special thanks to the Microsoft and Isolve technical team for showing our participants how to use Microsoft Azure
- Special thanks to Microsoft for sponsoring the Youth Skills Development Hackathon.
- Special thanks to ITWeb for covering our hackathon story.
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