INNOCIRCLE – Global Young Innovators Programme

The Global Young Innovators Programme brings 30 forward-thinking entrepreneurial minds from across the UK and South Africa together to ignite ideas and co-design solutions that can help solve challenges facing our global community. Innocircle is one of the South African implementation partners for this programme sponsored by UK Innovate. The programme is launching on the **9th of December** and registrations close on the **8th of January 2021**. There are 15 seed funding grants (R200 000 each) available to the selected teams.

15 South African and 15 UK young residents will be chosen to participate in the programme.

This programme is designed by Ideas Means Business and Innovate UK to bring together young innovators from the UK and South Africa to generate innovative ideas.

What does the programme offer?

- A five-day virtual boot camp
- 10-months programme, business support and mentoring
- Six-stage innovation webinar series
- Access to grant funding
- Collaboration with bright young minds both in the UK and in SA
- Two-day pitch virtual training
- Access to industry leaders & innovation experts
- Action plan, business plan & funding application

Who should apply?

South African permanent residents aged 18-30 with a smart idea or an early stage or start-up businesses who are able to generate an idea or solution to solve key global challenges (outlined below) and eager to collaborate with young UK innovators.

The implementers of the programme: Newable (UK), Exemplas (UK), Innocircle (SA) and Advance IBD (SA).

I would appreciate it if you could post the information on the NWU internal communication and send it to the young innovators and entrepreneurs in your network. I think it is an amazing opportunity for young South Africans to build a global business by solving local challenges.

Ps. We are mindful of the IP risks and will address that early on in the programme.

Best regards

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