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## INTERNATIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIPS – BRITISH COUNCIL

A total of 15 TVET Colleges are involved in a partnership with the British Council.

As from January 2015, Vuselela TVET College joined Orbit TVET College in the Advanced Partnership Project with the British Council.

The project objectives will focus on:

- **Lecturer Development:** This programme will assist lecturers in their development and will also form part of the college intervention strategy.
- **Decade of the Artisan:** The Motor Mechanical workshop will be utilized for the project. The Motor Mechanical workshop will be transformed into a practical simulation room. The ERD students will, under the supervision of lecturers, perform a basic service (A service) on vehicles from the community.
- **Employability skills / soft skills:** A Skills Programme will be offered to our students in the simulation room.

**A benchmarking survey** was conducted during May 2015 in both the UK and in SA. The aim was to provide a snapshot of the current position as regards to the core issues that the partnership project should address. The information in the benchmarking study will be used by the partnership members to measure progress and impact during the impact assessment study at the close of the project.

**There were two surveys done:**

**Survey A:** Effective teaching and learning aspects were surveyed on the lecturers that were selected for the Lecturers Development Programme.

**Survey B:** Employability Skills were surveyed on the Level 4 students attending the Business Studies Simulation room.

South African and United Kingdom youth need to be equipped with skills that are necessary for economic growth, social development policy and legislation in SA and the UK.

The British Council Skills for Employability Programme objectives will provide the basis for the above mentioned skills. The aim of the Programme is also to support sustained growth, capacity building and youth employment.



**SKILLS FOR EMPLOYABILITY**