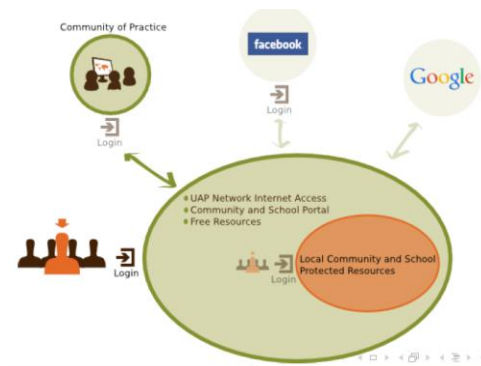


Principals, Teachers and Zone Curriculum Advisors benefited from UAP CLICC/TFS/ICS Technical Training Workshop



The UAP Computer Lab and Internet Community Centre (CLICC) and Tablets for Students (TFS) Training Workshop closed on Friday 28th August 2015 after a successful week of training and information dissemination. 63 participants, teachers and zone curriculum advisers from 19 schools, had traveled to Port Vila for the training in the operation and administration of their facilities. The training also aimed to inspire the participants and challenge them to integrate their new digital resources into the teaching and learning environment.



The most exciting things that the participants have experienced during the training are an introduction to School and Community Portals, Local Contents and Community of Practice training.

This is in line with Vanuatu Government's Universal Access Policy, and its ICT Policy, which supports the need for local content and local content capacity, with the servers also providing open source tools for local content development such as Wordpress and Mediawiki and for file sharing and storage with OwnCloud. During the training, participants learned basic website skills and created their own Wordpress pages. They learned basic wiki skills and reviewed thematic curricular resources from UNESCO (Canoe is the People, Marovo Reef and Rainforest) as inspiration for local content projects where students can engage in authentic learning assignments involving the community. For instance, "community encyclopedias" (wikis) running locally on the gateway servers and accessible via their local wireless network.

More advanced features include the incorporation of School Tool, a school administration tool that has been successfully used in Vanuatu (Rensarie College). The gateways are also used to administer access and user management (Mikrotik User Manager), content filtering, backup and antivirus services.

"It was a successful training workshop" said Mr. David Leeming, one of the expert trainers. He continued to say that "he is very pleased to see that all stakeholders are singing the same chorus particularly to achieve the Government's vision on ICT for all, and education for all".

The Government of Vanuatu, through TRR, would like to thank the Trainers (Ahapi IT solutions) for organizing this workshop, Lycee School administration and all participants for taking their time to attend this important workshop. Most importantly, the Government of Vanuatu recognizes and thanks the Government of Australia through its Governance for Growth Project for financially supporting such an initiative that is anticipated to benefit many people in the rural community.

News by Mr. David Leeming, UAP Trainer.