



## ***WONDERFUL SHIPMENT OF 73 Computers arrived to Benefit youth in Sierra Leone.***

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Bramdon (right) and Simbob (left), youth of iEARN Sierra Leone gladly assisted in the packaging of the computers.



### **iEARN Sierra Leone Bridging The Digital Divide**

- *Started in 1999 in Freetown, iEARN is the foremost youth-targeting NGO in the country*



In 2003, iEARN Sierra Leone witnessed the World Summit on Information Society in Geneva, Switzerland, where Heads of State and leaders in ICT pledged their commitment in bridging the digital divide. As the longest serving non-profit ICT and technology program for young people in Sierra Leone, iEARN hopes to further encourage the use of ICT amongst youth in rural and sub-urban communities.

- *iEARN offers a variety of services to youth, including:*
  - *IT training and internet skills*
  - *Leadership and life-skills training through music, video production, and workshops on HIV/AIDS, etc.*
  - *Domestic and international educational exchanges*
  - *iEARN school clubs in nearly 150 schools*

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- iEARN is directly supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and has received several international awards. Featured by World Bank and UN as a model for youth NGO
- The underlying theme is the promotion of human rights and empowerment of youth to make a difference in their country



Andrew Benson Greene of iEARN was there to Pick up the computers



A new window of opportunity for the youth of Sierra Leone.



- **iEARN empowers thousands of youth through its innovative information technology and music programs...**





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- **From Freetown to Bo to Kono and Makeni, wherever there are youth in Sierra Leone, iEARN is there to serve them with their centers and programs**

**GOALS**

- Empowering youth through cutting-edge communication technologies throughout Sierra Leone
- Increase access to communications infrastructure and technology services
- Promotion of positive youth development through enhanced media

- iEARN's initiatives have brought internet access, music and IT training to thousands of youth throughout the country through:
  - A regular radio show
  - Music which has received widespread acclaim
  - School outreach programs
  - Setting up of IT centers at Bo, Kono, Makeni, Makeni, etc.
- iEARN has created a new generation of youth activists that rely heavily on the use of communications technologies to spread their message





Bravo iEARN Sierra Leone  
Through our pioneer efforts, the use of ICT has been replicated by several groups in Sierra Leone and around the world.

- Thanks to WCE and the Retired. Lieutenant General of the Canadian Arm forces – Senator Romeo Dillairre.
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- **iEARN Sierra Leone is the premier Youth organization in Sierra Leone. Your support can make it even bigger...**

