

# Doorway opened to digital world

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**To empower people with computer literacy skills and access to information, Syngenta has stepped into Alra Park and handed over a Digital Doorway.**

The Digital Doorway commissioning ceremony was held at the now permanent Digital Doorway home, Almac Centre, last Thursday.

It is an initiative for citizens who do not have access to computer facilities. The project encourages unassisted learning, among both children and adults.

"A successful partnership can only perform consistently at a high level when great people are powered by in-

novation. Syngenta is honoured and proud to be part of this great initiative by the Department of Science and Technology, that is brought to life through the efforts and dedication of the CSIR and the Mareka Institute," said managing director of Syngenta South Africa Antonie Delpont.

"With this partnership, we strive to open the digital doorway and make everybody a part of the exciting journey to make South Africa, and especially the agricultural sector, a leader in knowledge, technology and sustainable food production in Africa," he added.

According to Syngenta representative Tanya Winson-Lagerwey, the computers are equipped with Open

Office suite, educational games and programmes, an introduction to computer terminology, 10 000 books from Project Gutenberg, a snapshot of Wikipedia and numerous other applications for children and adults.

"The computers are pinned down and each computer stand has four screens, allowing more than one person to use it at the same time, she said, adding that everyone is welcome at Almac Centre to use the resources.

Alra Park Secondary learner Jessica Joko said the centre will help learners to get information for their assignments and if there is something learners do not understand at school, the centre will be a perfect source of information.



Learners from Alra Park Secondary School Ayanda Olifant and Jessica Joko at the Digital Doorway.