

2019 Quarter 1 Newsletter

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Message from the Program Manager

The first quarter of 2019 has ended. T4T has stayed busy providing various services as part of our our historical and current offerings. We have also started to provide new types of services, primarily remote, online education as part of our effort to reach audiences outside of Chittenden County, including overseas. You can read more about this throughout this newsletter.

Bjorn Norstrom Program Manager, Technology for Tomorrow

Community Impact...



Total Participants:

We provided technology education to approximately 250 people during quarter 1, 2019.



We would like to thank our quarter 1 donors for your support.

2018 In 2018, Technology for Tomorrow had a great impact on many communities and community members. Please read our <u>2018 Impact Report</u> for more details.
Report

Program Updates



Quarter 1 has provided new opportunities for Technology for Tomorrow. In addition to our remote, online initiative, we also provided three technology education workshops to the Thayer House in Burlington on various topics. We presented information about Digital Citizenship at a public event hosted by the Burlington High School in collaboration with the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community. We are continuing to provide Audio/Visual support for the Enrichment and Education for Everyone (EEE) during their Friday afternoon seminar series. We also are providing technology education opportunities for four different classes for New Americans in collaboration with various community partners, including the <u>United States Committee on</u> <u>Refugees & Immigrants</u> (USCRI) and the Burlington School District <u>Parent University</u>. We are also in the process of partnering with <u>Association for Training</u> and <u>Development</u> (A4TD) to provide its clients with quality technology and career training. In addition, we are providing an after-school technology program for the Essex Recreation Department

We are proud to announce that Technology for Tomorrow presented at the <u>2019 TESOL</u> <u>Convention</u> in Atlanta, GA in mid-March. Rai Farrelly and Janet Liscio, both who we are partners with to provide technology education to New Americans (individuals of refugee background). Farrelly and Liscio presented our initiative <u>how T4T</u> <u>engages with the New Americans</u> community in the area of technology education.



This summer, we will host two camps. The first camp is a half-day camp held June 24-28 between 9 am and 12.00 pm here in our Williston location and specifically focuses on technology education and various technology topics. The other camp is a full-day camp, also held here in our Williston location, July 8-12 between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm and will be a comprehensive STEM camp with sessions on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. You can read more about our <u>classes and camps</u> on our <u>STEM Academy</u> website.

Global Outreach and Online Education

Technology for Tomorrow is excited to move into the space of global outreach and remote, online education. We just ended a live, online pilot course the titled Introduction to Social Media Marketing

to a group of learners in Tacloban City, Leyte, the Philippines, the same city that was devastated by <u>Super</u> <u>Typhoon Yolanda</u> in 2013. The class met online every



Wednesday morning Eastern Standard Time (EST) for five weeks, which is in the evening



in the Philippines. We used a variety of delivery tools such as video, audio, screencasting, a virtual classroom, and a chatroom. The pilot course was recently featured by <u>media in the Philippines</u> as an innovative and new education project providing new learning opportunities for Filipino learners.

As a result of this exciting pilot program and development, we are scheduled to host a remote, online pilot workshop session for the Vermont-based <u>Creative Workforce Solutions</u> (CWS) group to see if this model can be launched in the state of Vermont for individuals

who need technology education but cannot access such at a physical location for various reasons.

Due to our successful remote pilot class, we are now also a member of the <u>Outschool</u> community where we offer live, remote classes for learners in the entire United States. Our first course starts in May and is on the topic of <u>Social Media Marketing</u>.

Meet Emily Gaynor: Our Newest Board of Director Member



Emily Gaynor is Business Manager at Bee's Wrap in Middlebury, VT. She's worked on community development with AmeriCorps in Milwaukee, expanded the financial capacity of a nonprofit social enterprise in Washington, DC, and focused on business development strategies for organizations around New England. Cross-sector collaboration, intercultural communication, and human-centered innovation are integral to how Emily approaches her work, and approaches she is willing and eager to bring to T4T. Emily graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BA in International Studies and concentrations in

Women's Studies and African Studies. She holds a Masters degree from SIT Graduate Institute in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management.

In Closing

We also want to thank all our generous donors during whose help is enabling us to maintain our current programs as well as developing new, exciting ones. Please be encouraged to make a donation to our organization. In particular, we want to recognize the <u>New England Federal Credit</u> <u>Union</u> (NEFCU) for providing us with a grant to fund our program to bring our mobile laptop lab and provide technology education to several classes for New Americans (refugees and immigrants). We also want to thank <u>Logic Supply</u> and <u>NRG Systems</u> for funding several scholarships to help students in under-served communities attend our upcoming summer STEM camp.

Make sure to visit our social media channels and website as we regularly post updated information about our developments as well as our calendar of events that keeps filling up.

We graciously thank you for your support, and we look forward to unveiling even more programs throughout 2019!



Sincerely, The Technology for Tomorrow team

Thank you to everyone who has donated to support our mission of technology education for all.

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Thank you!



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