***Congratulations Prof Darrelle van Greunen***

The School of Information and Communication Technology is proud to Congratulate our Prof Darrelle van Greunen and Director of Centre for Community Technologies on successful receiving their EU Erasmus + application.

 The total value of the project is EURO 999 880.00 over the three years (approximately R15.5m).

NMMU CCT is the lead South African partner and thus co-ordinator of the project.  The other South African universities involved in the project are:

* University of the Western Cape
* University of Johannesburg
* Northwest University
* Free State University
* Rhodes University

The primary co-ordinator of the project is Glasgow Caledonian University (Scotland), supported by NMMU.

Other international partners include:

* Haskolinn y Reykjavik (Reykjavik University Centre for Research on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (RUCRIE), Iceland
* Roskilde University (RUC), Denmark
* Universidad de Alicante (UA), Spain
* University of South East Norway (USN), Norway

A short summary of the project below:

General Objectives:

* To create a digital network – Common Good First - to capture and showcase social innovation projects in South Africa, connecting them to each other and to their peers, academics and HEIs around the world.

Specific objectives:

* To grow digital literacy and ICT practice amongst South African social enterprises, through the use of a bespoke digital platform available across multiple devices
* To explore how communities can tell their stories using a range of digital media
* To share social innovation best practice between the projects themselves and develop networks of informal learning and knowledge transfer
* To share community project information with academia for purposes of research, learning and teaching and student community engagement

As a result, the project will:

* Support and develop ICT-based practices at societal and academic level
* Leave a legacy of digital engagement and enhanced ICT skills in South African social impact projects via teaching modules and digital storytelling labs
* Reinforce links between education, research, social business and government in South Africa and Europe
* Grow national and international co-operation among social innovation projects

The project kick-off happens in Port Elizabeth at NMMU later this year.