

How we work in the UK

Sourcing computers and preparing for shipment

- Individuals, businesses and schools donate computer equipment to ITSA
- The computers are refurbished, a process that involves checking the equipment, making repairs and wiping the hard drives
- To ensure secure data protection, hard drives are wiped with specialist software. CESG approved erasure is available on request.
- The computers and monitors are packed on pallets, shrink-wrapped and loaded on to a shipping container
- The computers are then shipped to Africa and on to their final destination, which takes approximately 8 weeks

ITSA Computer Refurbishing Programme

IT Schools Africa's computer refurbishing centre was opened in June 2007 at the charity's headquarters in Leckhampton, Cheltenham. We work with employment agencies and other charities; the Job Centre, Prospect and the Prince's Trust, helping to support and train people currently out of work.

The centre helps these students develop their employment prospects by improving their IT and communication skills and levels of literacy and numeracy. In addition, we teach computer refurbishment and IT skills to disadvantaged and disabled people on work experience placements.