$30,000 up for Grabs in Pan-African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education

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UK based charity ***Teach A Man To Fish*** *and their partners* ***The Saville Foundation*** *have launched the* ***Pan-African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education 2016****. The competition* ***opens on the 16th of May and closes on the 15th of July 2016*** *and is a way to reward organizations that contribute to Africa's growth and development through an entrepreneurial approach to education and training. There is a* ***top prize of $15,000, two runners up prizes of $5,000 as well as a Partner Award that those selected for the final shortlist could win****.*

According to the United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs whilst populations across the world are stabilizing in size both Africa and Asia are in the midst of substantial changes in size of their youth populations. By 2030 it is predicted that the number of youth in Africa will have increased by 42%. According to the same report many of these countries experiencing rapid growth amongst their youth are at risk of ever increasing youth unemployment. It is against this backdrop and with empowering young people to be agents of progress and entrepreneurship in mind that the Pan African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education exists.

The aims of the Awards also include changing the attitudes of young people so that they begin to leave the education system as the job creators of the future rather than job seekers.

The most recent Winners of the Pan African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education include Imagine Scholar, Join the Pipe and Sawa World from South Africa, Kenya and Uganda respectively. Imagine Scholar enables young people in South Africa to become responsible social leaders in their communities. Students are encouraged to engage in the most pressing issues in their community and bring about positive social change.

CEO Nik Kafka said of the Awards, “This is a great opportunity for organisations operating in Africa who are fostering a culture of entrepreneurship among young people. It is important that young people learn early on that they have the power to be leaders in business and job creators of the 21st century.”

The **deadline for entries is July 15th 2016**. To apply, visit the competition website http://teachamantofish.org.uk/pan-african-awards - and complete the simple online application form. Application is free of charge and is open to all countries in Africa.

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