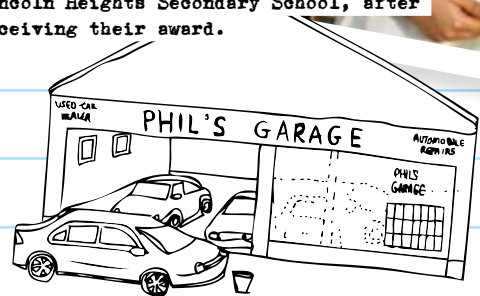


Amenda Blankfield of Afrika Tikkun and Colin Brown from Deutsche Bank with the 2010 winners from Lincoln Heights Secondary School in KZN.



Afroze Bholat and Ashraf Vahed, from Lincoln Heights Secondary School, after receiving their award.



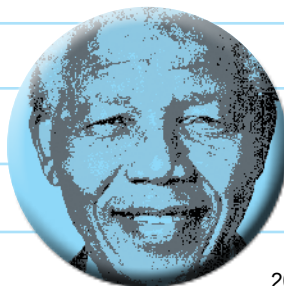
# YOUTH CITIZENS ACTION PROGRAMME GAINS MOMENTUM

**Teenage pregnancy; poverty and hunger; environmental issues; substance abuse; bullying - these are just some of the issues grade 10 learners in all nine of the country's provinces are tackling as part of the second annual Youth Citizens Action Programme (YCAP).**

The Youth Citizens Action Programme (YCAP), run by Afrika Tikkun in partnership with Deutsche Bank, encourages youth to take action in their schools and communities to address issues of concern and relevance in their specific environment. The best provincial projects are then selected to enter a national competition where the winning teams are awarded resources and financial aid to implement their ideas.

The pilot programme took place in 2010 and was a major success in the four participating provinces: KwaZulu Natal, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Gauteng.

The Youth Citizens Action Programme gives youth project management skills that helps them to find problems, understand them, brainstorm solutions and choose the best course of action and then review the impact and results to learn how to improve the next time to contribute to changing their schools and communities for the better. The skills they develop help the youth to become well-rounded citizens who can take action to solve problems without relying on adults.



Heartlines, an NGO that develops tools to promote conversations about putting values into action, wrote the Values booklets that were delivered free of cost to the Provincial Education Departments by RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers to be used by the learners for the programme. On Heritage Day, 24 September 2011, the winners of the provincial competitions will go to Johannesburg

to participate in the National Competition and present their projects to a panel of judges. The winning school will receive R25 000 from Deutsche Bank, while the first and second runners-up will win cash prizes for their schools as well.

Afrika Tikkun Marketing Manager Amenda Blankfield concludes, "The ongoing financial and logistical support from Deutsche Bank is remarkable. And the response from the schools and the support we have received from the Race and Values Directorate of the Department of Education has been fantastic. Some of the projects are truly innovative and we look forward to seeing their impact on the schools and the communities." ★

## About Afrika Tikkun

Afrika Tikkun is an NGO that delivers education, health and social services to children, youth and their families in some of South Africa's most deprived communities.

By drawing on its experience and insight, Afrika Tikkun has developed and implemented its Holistic Development Model which works from the context of family is focused on providing sustainable care and development for children as they grow up. This continuity of support ensures that the changing needs of the children are met as they mature, to become well-adjusted and contributing members of society.

Afrika Tikkun operates from six Centres of Excellence in Gauteng and the Western Cape. Our vision of creating a sustainable future for children in South African Townships is supported by funding, operational and strategic partnerships from within the public and private sector.

We are immensely proud that Nelson Mandela is our patron-in-chief. ★



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