

# Global Minimum

## INNOVATE THE CAPE 2013



*Global Input.  
Local Output.*



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*Innovate The Cape* offers to high school students the unparalleled opportunity to dream of their own solutions to their own challenges and to freely receive advice from local and international expert mentors from highly reputed institutions, and up to R15,000 in financial support to kickstart their idea. *Innovate The Cape* is a competition open to all high school students in the Western Cape, and plans to expand to all of South Africa in 2014. Our dream is to inspire a cohort of home-grown problem solvers, actively improving their community with home-grown ingenuity. Students must send us ideas to the email address below by **1 July 2013**.

*Innovate The Cape* is part of the larger *Innovate XYZ* movement, which grew out of the great success of the Innovate Salone competition in Sierra Leone in 2012. *Innovate XYZ* is an initiative of GMin, an NGO based in the US with strong links to professionals and students at MIT and Harvard. The strength of *Innovate XYZ* lies in being able to draw expertise from this international network, and in partnering with local champions to provide high-quality mentors and support for students. In addition to the financial support offered to the best ideas, the winners of the competition also receive valuable exposure to opportunities at reputed institutions, including our own Innovate Fellowship programme. In 2012, one of the winners of Innovate Salone became the youngest ever visiting practitioner at MIT, where he was resident at the Media Lab. Other finalists have been invited to give Tedx talks and to participate in the prestigious SciFoo at the Google headquarters in California.

We believe that the solutions to Cape Town and South Africa's challenges are best grown at home. We want to move away from *Aid in Africa*, to *Made in Africa*. If you are interested in learning more, or if you want to get involved in any way, we look forward to being able to welcome you on to the team. We are looking for anyone willing to help, from spreading the word to high school students, to offering financial support, to helping us mentor our bright innovators. Visit [www.innovatethecape.org](http://www.innovatethecape.org) to learn more, and please feel free to contact us using the information below.

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