

## Explolabs Award for Expo 2015

More than 60 000 learners from schools in 26 regions around South Africa participate annually submitting their science projects, exhibiting research, design, entrepreneurship, innovation and inventiveness at the regional Expos, with over a thousand learners participating in the national finals. Learners have the opportunity to discuss their work with professional scientists, judges, educators, learners from other schools, parents as well as other interested community members. Not only do learners increase their awareness of the wonders of science but participation in the Expo broadens their knowledge and scientific horizons.

This year, Explolabs sponsored one of the coveted HJ vd Bijl Awards. This is one of a number of special awards recognizing outstanding projects and selected learners are offered the opportunity to participate in international science fairs.



**Maru Atwood made a fine job of constructing and analyzing a Wirtz spiral water pump which she uses to fill a reservoir tank from a farm irrigation trench. According to the judges, her enthusiasm and dedication was really inspiring!**