**SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD**

**Link:**

**https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/**

Self Help Africa has been running the ‘Science for Development’ award at the BT Young Scientists event, in collaboration with Irish Aid for the past eight years.

The prize encourages students across a broad range of science subjects to consider the challenges affecting people in the developing world, and present potential scientific solutions to these issues.

The ‘Science for Development’ award presents a €5,000 travel bursary at the annual BT Young Scientists Exhibition to the winning student project. Funded by Irish Aid and implemented by Self Help Africa, the award is adjudicated entirely independently by the judges at the annual BT Young Scientists Exhibition.

Previous winners of the award have included Tara McGrath from Kilkenny, whose subsequent visit to Ethiopia to test her cooking stove was the subject of an RTE television documentary “My Big Idea”, and Richie O’Shea, the 18 year old Cork student who also won the overall national BT Young Scientist of the Year award three years ago.

The winning project team receives a €5,000 bursary to fund a field visit to Africa with Self Help Africa. This will enable the teacher and one student to travel as part of our annual Study Visit, to carry out additional research into the project and engage with the realities faced by the communities with whom we work.

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