

## Ithala awards budding entrepreneurs

The Ithala Development Finance Corporation held its annual Inkunz'isematholeni Youth in Business Awards at the Elangeni Hotel on 24 November 2016. Ithala launched the project in 2014 as a way to address the unemployment rate by encouraging the young people to consider self-employment as a job option.



Maseru Madlala, Sphethile Mathenjwa and Theresa Reinecke



Martin Ngcobo, Thobile Mbambo and Thobani Mkhize



Zandile Gama, Phumza Vaphi and Thanduxolo Mavundla



Phumza Vaphi, Charmaine Noble, Goodman Mawela and Nomcebo Nkumalo



Natalie Danks and Khulekani Shandu



Nkululeko Khumalo, Zamani Duma, Khulekani Mkhize

This year's winners included Martin Ngcobo from Pietermaritzburg who has developed a way of making instant firewood that once burnt is converted into charcoal and Nkululeko Khumalo from Glenwood, Durban, who has invented a local delivery and transportation bicycle called the 'Take Bike', which has three wheels and is powered by a battery which is charged by kinetic or solar energy.