

What is YPI?

- YPI is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness amongst young people about philanthropy and their local community.
- Each participating school, each year, is responsible for directing a £3000 YPI Grant to a local charity through a unique programme of team work, research and competition.
- Teams of students research social issues in their local community and select a charity they would like to represent.
- Following a process of active research and direct charity engagement, the most deserving teams go on to present at a school-wide final where a panel of judges determine which team will win a £3000 grant for their chosen charity.

What kind of partnerships?

We have seen many organisations get actively involved in YPI & develop strong school partnerships:

- SMEs
- Larger Corporates
- Rotary Club or Round Table
- Parent Councils
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Local philanthropist

"I personally felt in awe of the vast amount of knowledge the pupils had regarding the whole concept of social issues. I cannot wait to see the journey these pupils take in developing, not only their social awareness and knowledge, but also the fundamental employability skills the programme is encouraging."

Diane McGregor,
HR, Walkers Shortbread

Why become involved with YPI?

- Your organisation could be part of a national programme having a real impact on students, schools, charitable organisations, and wider communities across Scotland.
- You will be supporting schools to create meaningful opportunities for young people to directly interact with, and understand, the local charitable sector; impacting on how young people view their role within the community as active citizens.
- Establishing a school partnership through YPI can support your organisation to deliver on a number of important objectives, including: enhanced community engagement; professional development; targeted local giving; and youth mentorship.
- By becoming an active YPI school partner, your organisation will be duly recognised for their support at school finals and through additional publicity.

Sounds great! What is expected of the organisation?

- There are a number of ways in which your organisation can become actively involved in YPI.
- There's great flexibility and partnership expectations can be developed to suit the needs of your organisation. This can include:
 - 1) Attending & supporting programme launches. Input from external guests at launches adds additional value and is always well received by both young people & teachers.
 - 2) Attend school finals and potentially sit on the judging panel. This allows you to play an active role at a significant school event, and observe the impact that YPI has had on participating young people.
 - 3) Support school/s through sponsorship to fund their contribution towards their annual YPI Grant (Experienced schools take responsibility for a minority portion of the full YPI Grant).
 - 4) Develop a mentorship programme which further supports young people, adding value to their learning experience. This has also proven to be a great personal/professional development opportunity.

After YPI....

100% Teachers report positive impact on students' key employability skills including presentation, communication and teamwork as a result of YPI.

100% Charities would recommend supporting schools and students participating in YPI.

Find out more!

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