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What is YPI?

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a skills-based active citizenship programme which provides a unique opportunity for young people to actively participate in their communities. Each participating school each year is responsible for directing a £3000 YPI grant to a local charity addressing a social cause through a unique programme of teamwork, research and competition. YPI is about creativity and passion and supporting the issues which young people care about most.

Since its launch in Scotland in 2008, YPI has engaged more than 140,000 young people channelling grants of £3.2m to small charities. In the 2018/19 academic year, 255 schools and 34,000 young people across each of the country's 32 local authority areas will take part in YPI channelling grants totalling £765,000.

The programme is principally funded and managed in Scotland by The Wood Foundation.



“The range of skills and attributes that young people are gaining through YPI are of great benefit and value to them within their education and in their lives which in turn helps them to make a contribution to our society.”

JOHN SWINNEY | DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND

Aims of YPI

- To engage a full year group of participating students (S2-S6) through a curricular based programme.
- To develop the next generation of responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- To develop the skills and confidence of young people through a real life, hands on experience of philanthropy.
- To raise awareness of social service issues and the work of local charities, and channel funds to them effectively.

YPI Scotland has been recognised in a number of HMIE Reports as an example of best practice, with specific reference made to the programme's ability to develop wider achievement and enrich the life of the school. It is becoming increasingly clear that YPI very much supports the type of learning that Curriculum for Excellence aims to foster.

"It was easy for us to make a difference through YPI. We just had to be ordinary people doing something extraordinary."

YPI ALUMNI | PERTH HIGH SCHOOL



“What impressed me most was the genuine interest from the team in the work we are doing. It is clear that YPI is more than a business and marketing process: it is helping charities such as ours engage young people in very serious topics.”

STUART MCCALLUM | FALKIRK'S MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Growth & impact of YPI

The first decade of YPI

Grown from 10 to
230 schools

Engaged more than
140,000 students

Awarded
£3.2million in grants

Worked with over
5,000 teachers

2018/19

A further £765,000

will be directed to local
Scottish charities

255 secondary schools

will take part across Scotland

34,000 students

will participate

32 Local Authorities

engaged in the programme

- **100%** of schools report a positive impact on student employability skills development.
- **100%** of charities would recommend supporting students participating in YPI.
- **80%** of young people have a better understanding of social issues.
- **75%** of young people say YPI developed decision-making, teamwork, presentation, organisational and research skills.

“Those moments of ‘lump in the throat’ just remind us of the reasons that we continue to encourage our pupils to engage with YPI and in their local community, building most valuable life skills and compassion for others.”

The YPI Process



#1 YPI Launch

Students learn how the programme works through a year group assembly or class based introduction.



#2 Form Teams

In small teams, students identify the social needs of their local community.



#3 Research

Teams research and analyse a number of local charities in their community.



#4 Choose

Teams select the charity they believe best addresses their chosen issue.



#5 Contact

Teams contact and visit their charity to gain a detailed understanding of what they do and how they operate.



#6 Presentation

Each team then prepares and delivers a presentation focused on their chosen charity, detailing what impact £3,000 would have on the service they provide.



#7 YPI Finals

The most discerning teams then deliver their presentations and compete for the £3000 YPI grant in front of a panel of judges at their YPI school final.

YPI Scotland Team & Support



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The Wood Foundation aims to support the effective introduction and embedding of YPI through the provision of a fully realised and resourced programme which includes:

- A dedicated network of YPI Regional Facilitators across Scotland
- A suite of annually updated resources and support through our website
- A national focal point for YPI through our central team and our annual National Event
- A programme of Regional Shared Learning Events



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