



# Charity resource

## Engaging with young people through YPI

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is the biggest independent initiative being delivered in Scottish education with 280 schools from every Scottish local authority taking part. Each school is responsible for directing a grant of £3000 to a local charity championed by its students through a unique programme of teamwork, research, and competition.

YPI engages a full year-group of students, developing skills and confidence through a contextualised learning experience. The programme raises awareness of social issues and local charities, and is a vital means of enabling devolved, locally driven grant making. YPI is managed and principally funded by The Wood Foundation (TWF). Since the programme launched in Scotland in 2008, YPI has engaged more than 310,000 young people who have taken responsibility for £6.8m of charitable giving.

TWF has a dedicated Charity Zone on the YPI website which has resources, frequently asked questions and much more. Click here to view the [YPI Charity Zone](#).

### THE PROCESS

Young people independently identify social issues impacting their community and a local charity addressing this need. Young people will contact their chosen charity, teams are encouraged to meet their charities either at the school or in the charity's setting. This can also be done virtually if necessary. Young people will collate information about the charity, services and agree on a business case of how the £3000 grant would be spent in the local area. Each team of young people will prepare a presentation to present to a panel of judges. One winning team per school will be awarded a £3000 unrestricted grant to award to their chosen charity. You can view an in-depth process of YPI online via the [YPI Charity Zone](#).

### JUDGING CRITERIA

At a YPI Final Showcase, a YPI Programme Officer will brief a panel of judges. Judges are not assessing which charity would most benefit from the grant or a charity's worthiness. The YPI judges assess which group of students have presented the most creative and compelling case for their chosen charity.

The criteria includes knowledge and connection to the social issue and charity; how they have engaged; their passion in terms of advocacy; the business case; and creativity. The judging criteria is shared with young people to support them in preparing their presentations.

You can view the judging criteria by [clicking here](#).

### £3000 BUSINESS CASE

For a charity to be eligible for a YPI grant, they must be OSCR registered. The young people advocating for the charity must be able to tell the judges the impact the £3000 grant will have on people in the local community. TWF asks young people to be clear and specific on what the funds will be spent on, who will benefit, and, where possible, quantify the impact the grant will make.

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