

# How to make the most of mentoring

a helpful resource designed for students

YPI empowers you to make a difference in your local community while developing vital skills such as communication, teamwork and confidence. To enhance your learning experience, you may be given the opportunity to work with a mentor. Mentoring sessions will be planned for you and will support you with your YPI journey.

## What is mentoring?

Mentoring can play an influential role in supporting you to further develop key skills and confidence, and make you feel more informed and empowered. To enhance your experience of YPI, mentors will provide support and guidance to help you with your presentation ahead of the YPI Showcase Final.

## Who is a mentor?

In YPI, a mentor can be a business representative or a young person who has completed YPI. Mentors will be experienced and can provide valuable insight into how you can use the skills you are developing in the world of work.

## How does YPI mentoring work?

Your mentor session will be in your classroom or online. You will have the opportunity to get to know your mentor and find out about the work they do within their organisation/experience they have gained since completing YPI. You will have time to ask questions to your mentor and get feedback on how you can best prepare and improve your YPI presentation.

## How can I make the most of the mentoring sessions?


Preparation is key! Your mentor will want to know what stage you are at in YPI. Introducing yourself to your mentor and providing them with an overview of your social issue, charity and business case will give them a better understanding of what stage you are at.

We recommend you create a list of questions to ask your mentor to ensure you get the most from the mentoring sessions. Here are some suggestions of things you might want to ask:


1. What is your job and what does it look like on a day-to-day basis?
2. What has your career path been like since leaving school?
3. How does the work we are doing through YPI relate to the world of work, for example, team work, communication and research?
4. How best can we share roles and responsibilities within our team?
5. Do you have any tips for creating a memorable presentation?
6. How do you structure a presentation?
7. Do you have any experience you can share for calming nerves when presenting?
8. Can you provide us with any help to make sure we include everything needed for the presentation?
9. What is the best way for us to professionally engage with our charity and ask the right questions to make sure we get the information we need?


Remember, mentors want to support you as much as possible, so please make the most of the opportunity and enjoy the experience!



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