

# What is YPI?

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a powerful active citizenship programme empowering young people to make a difference in their communities.

YPI engages a full year-group of students, developing skills and confidence through a contextualised learning experience. Through teamwork, research, and competition, young people advocate for social issues in a bid to secure a £3000 grant for their chosen charity.

## THE PROCESS



## WHY IT MATTERS?



### Develops key skills

Including teamwork, independent enquiry, creative thinking and reflective learning, teachers consistently report that YPI is an essential vehicle that supports student's employability skill development.

### Promotes awareness

A generation of change-makers realising their potential to make a difference through understanding and supporting social issues within their communities and subsequently raising awareness of local charities.

### Real world learning

A contextualised and relevant learning experience that empowers young people to apply their existing knowledge and understanding to learn about philanthropy, actively engage with a charity and potentially win them £3000.

### Legacy and impact

By committing to working in partnership with schools, local authorities, funding partners and the third sector, the vision for YPI is focused on lasting impact for all involved.

FROM  
**2008**

MORE THAN  
**390k**  
YOUNG PEOPLE

ACROSS ALL  
**32**  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES

A TOTAL OF  
**£8.5m**  
GRANTED TO CHARITIES

*"It was a real surprise and honour to be approached by pupils from Dunfermline High School, asking us to help them with their YPI presentation, and it was an amazing night to see them win the final. I have to say that all the teams who took part made brilliant (and sometimes quite moving) presentations - any of them would have been a worthy winner. YPI is a superb initiative and we are glad to have been a small part of it."*

Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters Club

**W** The Wood Foundation  
Operational Manager and Principal  
Funder of YPI in Scotland

## WHY CHARITIES GET INVOLVED

### Opportunity to receive grant funding

Each school that takes part in YPI has £3000 available to award to a local charity every year. These funds are not ringfenced and charities are not restricted by how many times they can receive funding awards.

### Raising awareness in the community

Charities will not only have the opportunity to raise awareness of their cause with the young people taking part but also with the parents/carers and wider community who support and attend YPI events.

### Building connections and lasting legacy

Opportunities to build positive partnerships within the local community, including future fundraising and collaborative opportunities. Through taking part in YPI, young people are encouraged to volunteer and consider careers in the third sector.

### Stronger together

Through engaging with YPI, charities may be invited to attend events with other charities, funding partners, local businesses and the wider community. Working together gives us all opportunities to engage, learn and grow.

## LINKING TO VOLUNTEERING

YPI actively encourages young people to engage with volunteering now and in the future. By linking the programme to awards, the importance of volunteering is recognised and is mutually beneficial.



#### Saltire Award

Celebrate, recognise, and reward the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers. Saltire Awards help young volunteers to reflect on, capture and communicate their learning and development gained through their volunteering. YPI has been shown to result in sustained charity contact and volunteering



#### Duke of Edinburgh

The award is split into four main sections including, **volunteering**, physical, skills and expedition. YPI provides students with exposure to, and increased confidence to seek out, volunteering opportunities which can support this aspect of the Award.



#### Volunteering Skills Awards

The SQA Award in Volunteering Skills provides formal recognition of volunteering activity. Through participation in volunteering activities, candidates will develop a range of skills and personal development experiences which will help to prepare them for responsibility, further education, and employment.

*"Our charity did not win on this occasion but we have already had our group spend two days volunteering with us, and I am confident they will be back. The local rotary group are also going to make a donation to each of the finalist charities which in itself shows how seriously it has been taken and how much passion has gone into it."*

Love Oliver

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