

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 their student's employability skills 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

"For many students the charity they represent has personal significance and this link encourages students, who are not always engaged in their learning in other departments, to thrive in the YPI environment."

YPI Lead, Leith Academy

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Operational Manager and Principal
Funder of YPI in Scotland

WHY SCHOOLS GET INVOLVED

Mapped to the curriculum

YPI is mapped to the Curriculum for Excellence, helping schools deliver the four contexts and young people develop the four capacities. It aligns with national awards, including SQA and SCQF credit rated youth awards and accreditation.

Facilitated support and resources

A dedicated team from The Wood Foundation supports each school to deliver an impactful programme, including collaborative planning, facilitating launches and supporting at finals. A comprehensive suite of resources are available.

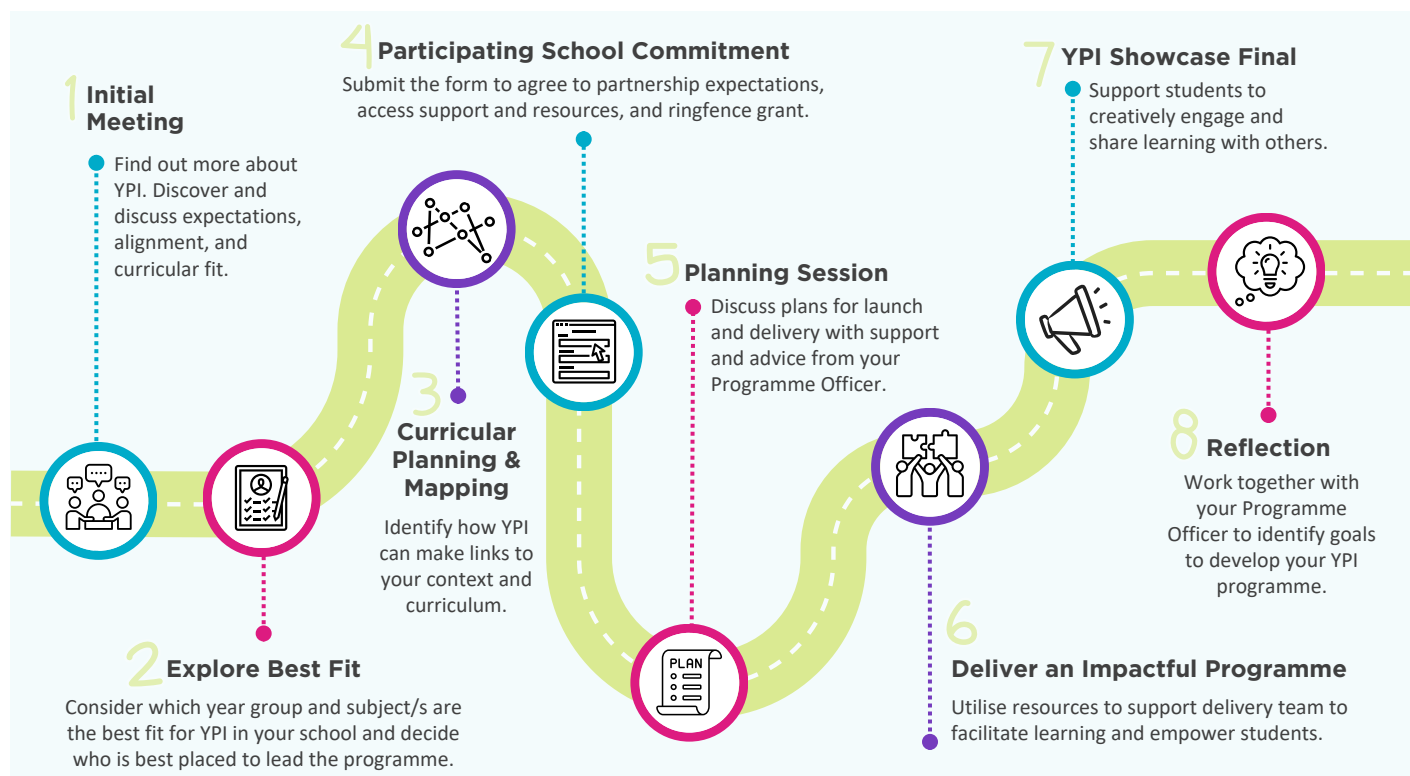
Building connections and lasting legacy

Opportunities to build positive partnerships within the local community, including future fundraising, mentoring, volunteering and collaborative projects. YPI also delivers ongoing professional learning to connect like-minded YPI educators.

Supports educational priorities

Realising the full potential of YPI supports many other priorities, including linking to school values, the National Improvement Framework, DYW career standards, HGIOS4 and opportunities for interdisciplinary learning.

A TYPICAL YPI JOURNEY FOR SCHOOLS



NATIONAL EVENT

All winning teams are invited to attend.



"Thanks for organising such a wonderful YPI National Event 2025 – it was a fantastic day and showcased the brilliance of the whole YPI concept so well. As always, I was so inspired by the young people we have in our communities."

Morag Neville, DC Thomson

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