

Thank you very much for agreeing to act as a judge at the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Final Showcase. We hope you enjoy watching the culmination of the hard work that students have put into the programme.

Your opinions and constructive feedback are much appreciated and will help the students refine their skills. In this pack you will find a brief description of YPI; some information about the judging process; and a copy of the judging sheet you will be asked to complete for each presentation.



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What is the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)?

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

YPI is the biggest independent initiative being delivered in Scottish education. 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 devolved, locally driven grant-making. YPI is managed and principally funded by The Wood Foundation. A dedicated team works in partnership with all participating schools to fully realise the opportunity for their settings.



290

schools
delivering YPI



£7.6M

has been granted
to charities across
Scotland



350,000

students
engaged in YPI

Outline of the Process

One of the strongest attributes of YPI is the flexibility of the programme with respect to delivery timeline, participating year group and academic timetabling. With this in mind, we are not prescriptive in terms of how YPI aligns with the broader curriculum as this is very much dependent upon each school context.



YPI LAUNCH

Students learn how the programme works and explore the concept of philanthropy through a year group presentation.



FORM TEAMS

Students are placed in or form groups with classmates.



RESEARCH SOCIAL ISSUES

Teams discuss and research social issues impacting their community.



CHOOSE A CHARITY

Teams select charities they believe best address their chosen social issues.



YPI FINAL

The most persuasive presentations are delivered in front of a panel of judges to compete for their school's £3000 YPI grant.



PRESENTATIONS

Teams prepare and deliver creative presentations focused on their chosen charities detailing the potential impact of a £3000 YPI grant.



CHARITY CONTACT

Teams contact and visit their charities to gain a detailed understanding of what they do, how they operate and their positive impact on the local community.

Your Role as a Judge

As a judge, you will be required to use the YPI Scotland Judging Sheet (on the next page) to assess how well teams presenting in a YPI Showcase event have met the specific criteria. Ultimately as a judging panel, you are required to choose a winning team that will be awarded the £3000 YPI grant. **The winner should ultimately be the best presentation and not what you would consider the worthiest charity.**

Aims of the YPI Showcase

- To provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed and to raise awareness of their chosen local charities.
- To give participating students experience of speaking at a high-profile event in front of an audience.
- To determine which team of students will be given the opportunity to grant £3000 to their chosen local charity.



On the next page, you will find the judging sheet. You will be given one sheet per finalist team, and this outlines the YPI judging criteria. All presenting students are aware of the criteria and have prepared their presentations accordingly. A member of The Wood Foundation team will be present to support and facilitate the judging process.

Important Information:

You are not assessing which charity you believe could most benefit from the grant or which you think is most worthy – all charities are deserving. Your task, as a YPI judge, is to assess which group of students have put the best case forward for their chosen charity using the judging criteria.

There are likely to be sensitive social issues addressed during the presentations. If you have any reservations or concerns, please feel free to inform a member of school staff or The Wood Foundation representative who can tell you which social issues and charities will be discussed at the Final.

Here are some criteria to look out for:

- **Knowledge and Connection** – We are looking for students to show understanding of the social issue and to have made a demonstrable connection with their chosen charity. YPI should not be a classroom-based exercise.
 - Did the students meet with the charity or establish meaningful contact with them?
- **Passion** – YPI is an opportunity for students to advocate on behalf of something that they care about. We want to see this passion coming through!
 - Were the students able to put forward a convincing, compelling, passionate case for their chosen charity, while relating this to their chosen social issue?
 - Did the students share how taking part in YPI has impacted upon them and what skills they have developed?
- **Business Case** – By the end of each presentation you should be able to fully understand and appreciate the local impact that the grant will have.
 - Is it clear that the students understand where the money will go and who will benefit?
 - Did students quantify the impact and clearly explain the difference the grant will make?
- **Creativity** – YPI is an opportunity for students to improve their confidence, presentation, and team working skills. We want students to have explored engaging ways to get their message across.
 - Is it clear that the students have used their skills both as individuals and as a team to produce a creative and engaging presentation?

You will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions after each presentation. This is an important opportunity to explore any aspects of the judging criteria that you remain uncertain about. For example, asking for more detail on how the students engaged with their charity, the business case, or how they have been impacted by taking part in YPI.

YPI Judging Sheet

Charity Name: _____ Social issue addressed: _____

To be eligible for a YPI grant, a charity must be OSCR-registered, positively impact the local community, and provide services to people. Does the charity meet the YPI grant requirements? Yes No Not clear

Notes:

- Judges may ask clarifying questions after each presentation.
- It is likely that to cover all the criteria, presentations will be between 6-10 minutes long.
- All team members should be involved in the presentation, but may not all speak.
- Videos and other material used in presentations should ideally be original creations by students. Limited use of professional and charity-produced media is permitted, but whether their use was effective will be at the discretion of the judging panel.
- During deliberations, feedback of what went well and even better if will be recorded.

Very Effective	Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Effective	Not Present
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Knowledge and Connection				
Clear understanding and knowledge of the social issue				
Knowledge of chosen charity and services provided, including an explanation of the positive outcomes for the local community				
Evidence of engagement with the charity				
Passion				
Passionate case for why their social issue and charity are important				
Explanation of what skills they have developed and an understanding of how they were impacted by taking part in YPI				
Explanation of how they have used or plan to use their skills and time to do something helpful				
Business Case				
Clarity on how the £3000 will be used including the local impact – this must be specific & measurable				
Presentation Skills and Creativity				
Effective and well-structured presentation				
Creative elements to the presentation				
Presenting with clarity and enthusiasm and engaging the audience				
Overall impressions/notes for feedback, including what went well and even better if:				

Please don't hesitate to contact the YPI Team by emailing ypi@thewoodfoundation.org.uk if you have any questions or feedback.