

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative

Information for Judging at a YPI School Final

Thank you!

Thank you very much for agreeing to act as a judge at the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) school final presentation event. We hope you enjoy watching the results of the hard work pupils have put into the programme. Your opinions and constructive feedback are much appreciated and will help pupils refine their presentation skills.

In this document you will find:

1. A brief introduction to YPI
2. Information on the Judging Process and your role

You should also have been sent a copy of the judging sheet which details the judging criteria.

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative

YPI is an active Citizenship competition for secondary school students through which they learn to tackle social problems, engage with their community and develop the skills needed for effective giving.

Pupils work in small teams to research and discuss the social needs of their local community and identify the local social service charity they believe is best placed to make a positive contribution. They visit and build relations with representatives from their chosen charity and work together to create a presentation about their charity and the reasons it is deserving of support. The group judged to have made the best presentation in each school is granted £3,000 to award to their charity. During this process, pupils develop teamwork, communication and presentation skills as well as an awareness of the needs of their local community.

YPI was founded in 2002 in Toronto, Canada by the Toskan Casale Foundation and now operates in 380 schools across Canada, USA and the UK.

YPI is operated by the Toskan Casale Foundation in Canada and the USA and by the Wood Family Trust in Scotland. In Northern Ireland YPI has been set up as a local charity, and is being funded by some generous corporates and individuals. We are

always on the look out for some new partners so if you are interested please do contact us.

This year 15 schools in Northern Ireland are participating

The reaction to YPI in the UK has been very positive from teachers, pupils and charities alike:

- One teacher described teaching the pupils YPI as being like “*watching the pupils come alive.*”
- A participating pupil wrote that YPI has, “*given us the confidence boost we need to be able to start a conversation with somebody new, to be mature about it, to ask sensible questions and to show respect.*”
- A charity representative wrote that, “*As a local charity, supporting local children and families, it is very heartening to see how this new initiative can benefit both young people and local community organisations.*”

If you have any questions about YPI please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Lamberton by email on lauren@goypi.org or by phone on 07725588255

The Judging Process

There are three main aims of the YPI Final Presentations:

1. To provide pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed during YPI and to raise awareness of their chosen local charities.
2. To give participating pupils an experience of speaking at a high profile event in front of a large number of people.
3. To determine which team of pupils will be given the opportunity to grant £3,000 to their chosen local charity.

To be eligible for a Youth and Philanthropy Initiative grant charities must be social service charities that will benefit people in the local area.

Depending on specific guidance from the YPI Lead Teacher you may wish to follow each team’s presentation with a couple of questions to clarify some details. After the judges have deliberated we recommend that each team is given some



constructive feedback about their presentation before the winners of the grant are announced and the cheque awarded.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the presentation event starts to meet a member of the YPI team and the rest of your judging panel.