

A stylized graphic featuring a yellow silhouette of a person with arms raised, holding a banner. The banner is orange and white, with the text 'YIP MATTERS!' written on it. Below the person is a green wavy shape, and at the bottom is a blue wavy shape.

YIP MATTERS!

SHARING PERSPECTIVES:

PART ONE: A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR
INDIVIDUAL YAC MEMBERS

AN EVALUATION TOOLKIT FOR YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

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PART ONE: A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUAL YAC MEMBERS

YIP Matters is a package of tools designed to help Youth in Philanthropy Programs across the country learn from their experiences and learn from one another. Through YIP Matters, our YAC can get feedback from grant recipients, feedback from our individual council members, our Adult Advisor(s), our foundation board and staff, and we can examine our own ways of working.

Learning From Our Perspectives is a three part tool. **Part One: Questionnaire for Individual YAC Members** helps YACs look at the perceptions and experiences of YAC members. **Part Two: Questionnaire for Adult Advisors and Community Foundations** examines the perceptions and experiences of Adult Advisors and community foundations. This tool: **Part Three: An Analysis and Discussion Guide Focused on YAC Experience** helps YACs look at the data and information collected in the questionnaires and make observations, recommendations and then set priorities for future Youth Council activities.

This is an important learning tool for the YAC and the foundation. It will help us determine if changes need to be made and what promising practices to continue focusing on.

Thanks so much for participating in this evaluation process! A backgrounder on measuring effectiveness has been included for your information.

The questionnaire can be found on the Youth in Philanthropy website and be submitted on-line or through your adult advisor. All information is anonymous. If you have any comments or questions about the questionnaire please contact: Barbara Oates McMillan, CFC's National Consultant on Youth Philanthropy, boates@cfc-fcc.ca.

Date Questionnaire completed:

YAC name:

Foundation name:

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

1. Your profile

- a. Age: 14 or younger 15-16 17-18
 19-20 Over 20
- b. Gender: Male Female
- c. Language spoken at home: English French Both
 Other _____

2. Are you currently enrolled in an education program/school?

- Yes No
If yes, please indicate which type of education program.

- Secondary Post secondary

3. How did you hear about the YAC?

- School Parent Friend
 YAC member Event Newspaper
 Grant Other _____

4. Do you participate in other youth organizations?

- Not at all Somewhat A fair amount A lot

5. What special interests, skills and background do you bring to your YAC experience?

- Arts Science Sports Community work
 Travel Cultural diversity Other _____

6. Why did you decide to participate in the YAC program? (Check all that apply)

- To gain experience/skills To meet new people
 To meet a school requirement To join friends who I know in the program
 To feel part of the community Other _____

7. How long have you been involved in the YAC?

- Less than 6 months Six months to one year One to two years
 Two to three years More than three years



8. What do you like best about your experience with the program?

9. What do you like least about your experience with the program?

10. Please indicate where you see yourself one year from now in terms of YAC involvement.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Still involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Less involved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Away at school | <input type="checkbox"/> Too soon to tell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

11. Would you recommend the YIP program to a friend or family member?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Why?



TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

1. Through your YAC experience what skills have you developed? (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Self confidence | <input type="checkbox"/> Team work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second language | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Please tell us about your most important learning from the YAC / YIP program.

3. Do you feel that you receive enough training /coaching/ support to carry out your YAC duties effectively?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Comments:

4. Please rate the support that your YAC gets from the following: (1 = poor, 5= fantastic).

Area	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
a. Adult advisor					
b. Community foundation					
c. CFC/YIP Canada tools and resources					
d. CFC training and conferences					
e. Other YACs					
f. YIP Canada website					
Other _____					

5. From your perspective what are the two to three most important characteristics for an Adult Advisor?

6. Please rate your overall experience with YAC (1= poor, 5 = fantastic)

1 2 3 4 5

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT IN YAC

1. What activities have you participated in as a YAC member? (Check all that apply)

- Leading team building exercises
- Participating in grantmaking processes
- Raising money
- Chairing YAC and/or committee meetings
- Conducting site visits
- Meeting with other community groups
- Leading or participating in community forums or information sessions on behalf of YAC
- Speaking publicly about YAC at school or in the community
- Training and orienting new members
- Training and facilitating for other YAC members (including national conferences)
- Developing or contributing to our YAC web site or the national YIP Canada website
- Organizing social events
- Organizing refreshments for meetings or events
- Other _____



2. How would you describe your level of participation in YAC meetings and activities

Active Somewhat active Not very active

3. Do you feel welcome and connected to your YAC

Yes Somewhat Not at all

Comments:

4. Do you feel actively involved in decision making in your YAC

Yes Somewhat Not at all

Comments:

5. How do you feel about your level of involvement, for instance, would you like to be more involved, less involved or is there an area that you would like to focus on?

6. What is your current role(s) within your YAC?

7. What do you see as your role in the future?

8. Does your involvement with your YAC give you ...



	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
a. A better understanding of community issues					
b. A better understanding of grantmaking					
c. A better understanding of community leadership					
d. A better understanding of fund development					
e. A feeling that you were making a positive contribution to your community					
f. A feeling that your contribution was appreciated					
g. An increased interest in more involved in your community					
h. An increased belief that your efforts make a difference					
i. A sense of belonging to your community					
j. An increased connection to your community foundation					
k. Contacts or skills that will help you get a job					
l. Other: _____					

9. Do you participate in any other ways with your YAC's community foundation?

Yes No

If yes, please describe.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR YAC

1. How would you rate your YAC in the following areas?



YAC Participation	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
Participation of members in YAC activities					
Content of YAC meetings					
Team building activities					
Attracting new members					
Diversity of membership					
Helping everyone participate in a meaningful way					
Research and brainstorming					
Building consensus and reaching agreement					
Retaining members					
Other: _____					

Planning and Implementation	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
Developing a work plan					
Implementing the work plan					
Monitoring the plan and tracking results					
Working within a budget					
Other: _____					

Connecting with Community	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
Mapping community assets					
Understanding community issues					
Addressing important community issues					
Making community connections					
Connecting with other youth organizations					
Making good grants					
Leading or participating in community events					
Raising money					
Telling the YAC story					
Community leadership activities					
Other: _____					

Continued: How would you rate your YAC in the following areas?

Relationships	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
Connecting with other YACs					
Working with your adult advisor					
Understanding your community foundation					
Working with your community foundation					
Taking advantage of CFC / YIP Canada training and tools					
Other _____					

2. In your view, what are the major strengths of the YAC / YIP program?

3. In your view, what are the major challenges and how would you do things differently?

4. We welcome any additional comments.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

