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**YIP MATTERS!**

SHARING PERSPECTIVES:

PART TWO: A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR  
ADULT ADVISORS AND COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS

AN EVALUATION TOOLKIT FOR YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

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# YIP MATTERS!



## SHARING PERSPECTIVES: PART TWO: A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADULT ADVISORS AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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 is getting feedback from grant recipients, feedback from our individual council members, our Adult Advisor(s), our foundation board and staff, and we are examining 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.

The information collected from this questionnaire will be used to help Community Foundations of Canada to better understand the relationships and experiences of adult advisors and community foundations with respect to their Youth In philanthropy Programs. It will also be useful for your YAC and other YACs who are looking to improve the way they operate. Finally, the information may be helpful to community foundations that are thinking about launching a Youth In Philanthropy Program.

Thanks so much for participating in this evaluation process!

## SECTION ONE – A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADULT ADVISORS

Please complete this questionnaire online at [www.yipcanada.org](http://www.yipcanada.org).  
Section One of this questionnaire should be completed by adult advisors.

Date Questionnaire completed:	
YAC name (optional):	
Foundation name (optional):	
Your name (optional):	
Your province/territory:	





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

- More involved                       Still involved                       Less involved  
 Not involved                       Too soon to tell

Comments:

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

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

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

- Yes                       Somewhat                       No

Comments:

3. Please rate the support that you get as an Adult Advisor from the following: (1 = poor, 5= fantastic).

Area	Poor 1	2	3	4	Fantastic 5
a. Your community foundation					
b. CFC/YIP Canada tools and resources					
c. CFC training and conferences					
d. Other YAC adult advisors					
e. YIP Canada website					
Other _____					

Comments:

4. In your view what are the two or three most important characteristics for an adult advisor?



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

1
 2
 3
 4
 5

Comments:

6. What do you like best about your experience with the YAC?

7. What do you like least about your experience with the YAC?

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR YAC

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

<b>YAC Participation</b>	<b>Poor 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Fantastic 5</b>
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 _____					



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

<b>Planning and Implementation</b>	<b>Poor 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Fantastic 5</b>
Developing a work plan including granting, fund development, community leadership					
Implementing the work plan					
Monitoring the plan and tracking results					
Working within a budget					
Other _____					

<b>Connecting with Community</b>	<b>Poor 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Fantastic 5</b>
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 _____					

<b>Relationships</b>	<b>Poor 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Fantastic 5</b>
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. Please choose one word that best describes your YAC and/or tell a story that illustrates the impact of your YAC on a person or an organization

5. We welcome any additional comments.

Thank you for completing part one of this questionnaire. Please have community foundation board and or staff complete part two.



## SECTION TWO: QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STAFF & BOARD

Please complete this questionnaire online at [www.yipcanada.org](http://www.yipcanada.org).

Section two of this questionnaire should be completed by a representative(s) of the community foundation.

Contact person (optional):	
Position within the foundation (optional):	

### Tell us about your foundation's involvement with the Youth Advisory Council / Youth in Philanthropy Program

1. How long have you had a YAC / Youth in Philanthropy program?

- Less than one year                     
  One to two years                     
  Two to three years  
 Three to five years                     
  More than five years

2. Please rate the benefits of the YAC / Youth in Philanthropy program to your foundation

Benefits	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Don't know
A way to engage the next generation					
Brings broader perspective on youth issues					
Raises the profile of the foundation					
Of interest to donors and prospective donors					
Broadens our grantmaking capacity					
Broadens connections with youth organizations and educational programs					
Brings new insights into the foundation					
Brings new energy to the foundation					
Other _____					



3. Please rate the challenges of the YAC / Youth in Philanthropy program for your foundation

Challenges	Easy	Somewhat challenging	Challenging	Very challenging	Don't know
Identifying the adult advisor(s)					
Attracting young people to the program					
Securing financial support for the program					
Partnering on grantmaking					
Involving YAC members in other areas of foundation work					
Getting training and support from CFC					
Other _____					

4. Do you feel that you are well informed about the YAC and its activities and impact?

- Yes                       No                       Somewhat

If not, please provide suggestions on how foundation staff and/or the Board can be better informed of the YAC's activities and impact.

5. Do you feel that there are enough opportunities to meet with the YAC members to work on areas of shared interest or to get to know one another?

- Yes                       No                       Somewhat

If not, and you think this would be a good idea, please provide suggestions on how the connection between the YAC members and the foundation staff and board can be strengthened.

6. Beyond the YAC, are there other ways that your foundation involves YAC members or youth?  
(Check all that apply)

- Committees                       Board                       Internships  
 Community initiatives                       Foundation events                       Other

7. In your opinion, how effective is the YAC in the following areas:

Area	Not Effective 1	2	3	4	Extremely Effective 5	Don't know
a. Grant making						
b. Community leadership						
c. Endowment building/fund development						
d. Recruiting and retaining members						
e. Telling their story						
f. Building relationship with the community						
g. Building relationships with the foundation						
h. Participating in national or regional YAC activities						
Other _____						

Comments:

8. Please share your thoughts as to your YAC's strengths.

9. Please share your thoughts on how any improvements that the YAC can focus on to increase its effectiveness.

10. Please provide one word and /or a story that best describes your YAC.

11. Other comments: We welcome any additional comments and encourage you to provide further information about any of the previous questions.

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.

