



Youth Endowment Fund

Yorkshire Funders Forum - 24 November

Who are we?

- A ten-year fund, founded in 2019 with a £200 million Home Office endowment for England and Wales
- A What Works Centre with an ambition to build a movement to put what we learn into practice

OUR MISSION

We're here to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence. We do this by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice.



Children, Violence & Vulnerability Report 2022

Our nationally representative survey found that:

- 14% of teenage children had been a victim of violence in the last 12 months
- 39% of teens had been a victim or witness of violence in the last 12 months
- 55% of teens said they'd seen real life acts of violence on social media in the last 12 months. 24% said they'd seen children carrying, promoting, or using weapons.
- 65% of teens said they'd changed their behaviour to keep themselves safe from violence in the last 12 months. 14% had been absent from school out of fear. A further 14% said it caused them to lose concentration, because of worry. 16% avoided going to a social event. And 2% even said that their fear had led to them carrying a weapon.
- 26% want to see changes to policing (such as more patrols) to address violence, alongside more youth clubs and activities (15%) and drug and alcohol services (10%).



Children, Violence & Vulnerability Report 2022

Our review of national statistics shows that:

- Violence was down in the years before the Covid-19 pandemic. 0-17 knife related hospital admissions fell 7% between 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- During the pandemic, violence fell; robberies decreased by 34%, homicides by 20% and 0-17 hospital knife related hospital admissions by 14% between 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- As restrictions eased, some forms of violence have returned to pre-pandemic rates while others haven't. Robberies remain 27% below the rate in 2019/20 but homicides of 13-17-year-olds in London are higher in 2021 than in 2019.
- Black children are increasingly overrepresented in the criminal justice system. Black children make up 4% of 10–17-year-olds, 15% of arrests, 18% of children stopped and searched and 29% of children in custody up from 17% in 2011/12.



Prioritising our focus areas

- 1. Diversion
- 2. Family support
- 3. Focused deterrence
- 4. Neighbourhood
- 5. Trusted adults
- 6. Therapies
- 7. Presence in school

We will FUND GOOD WORK



We will FIND WHAT WORKS



We will
WORK FOR CHANGE

Grant rounds:

themed, place, targeted

World leading research:

data analysis, wider causes, current evidence

Understand young people's lives: peer research, youth voice



Evaluation reports: whether a funded

whether a funded programme worked

Guidance reports:

what works in each focus area

YEF Toolkit: all that is known about what works



Connect people with the evidence: service leaders, frontline

Create coalitions to implement YEF guidance reports

Build support for change: policymakers media, influencers







Youth sector



Education



Police



Local authorities



Funding good work

Programme evaluations

- Themed grant rounds
 - Another chance
 - A supportive home
 - A safe, positive place to learn
 - A trusted adults
- Multi-site trials
- Targeted projects
 - S.A.F.E and AP Taskforces
 - Step Together

Research

- Peer Action Collective
- Secondary data analysis
- Evidence and Gaps Maps and systematic reviews
- Systems research poverty and race



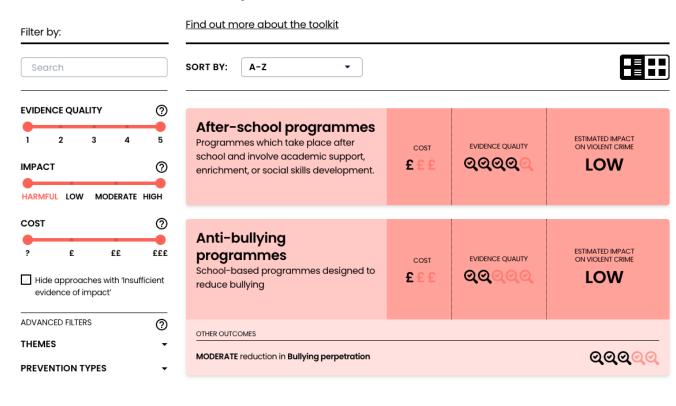
About evaluation

Why and how we evaluate projects



YEF Toolkit

An overview of existing research on approaches to preventing serious youth violence.



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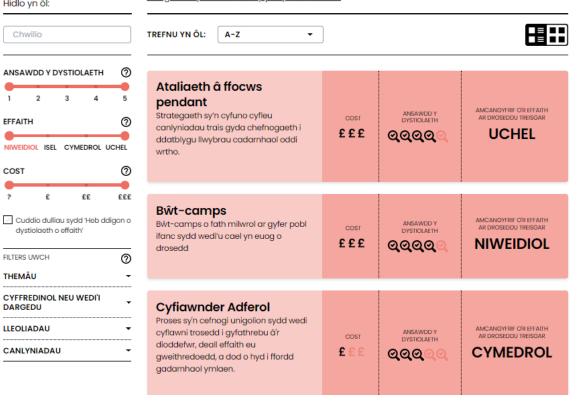
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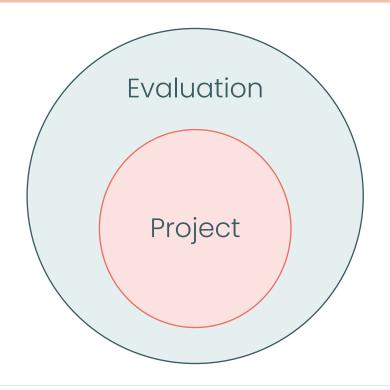
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Evaluation of YEF funded projects

Each YEF project has two equally important elements. These elements are two parts of an indivisible whole

- A promising project which we hope will help to prevent young people from being involved in violence; and
- 2. An independent evaluation of how effective the project is at achieving its intended outcomes.





Why evaluate?

Because providing the best care for children and young people means learning what works, for whom, when and how.



To evaluate whether programmes have the intended impact and check that programmes **aren't harmful**



To **support grantees** to improve progammes and make the case to children, families and potential funders



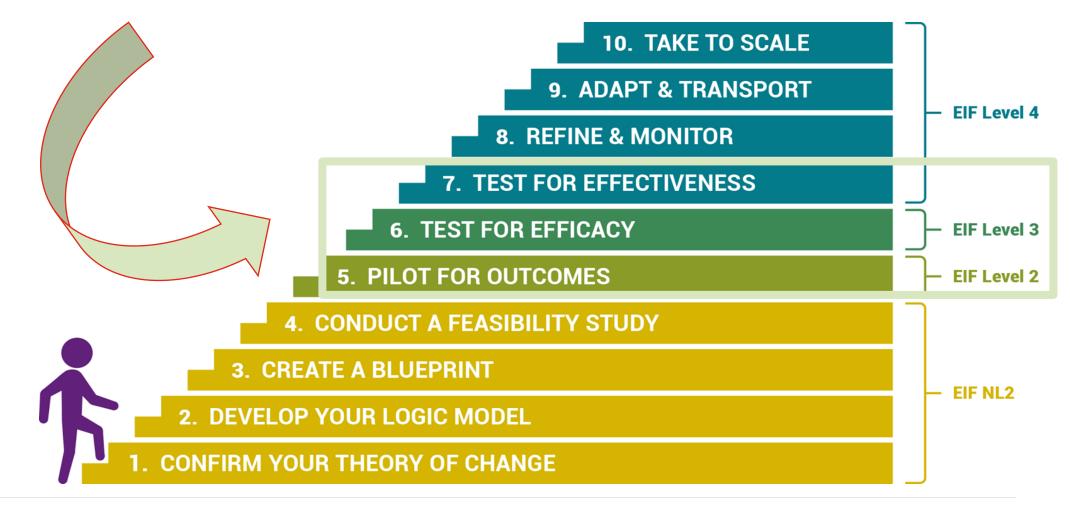
To make sure we're building the evidence base



To share best practice, scale what works and **make change for children and young people**



We expect most projects to be ready for rigorous impact evaluation or an earlier stage pilot study





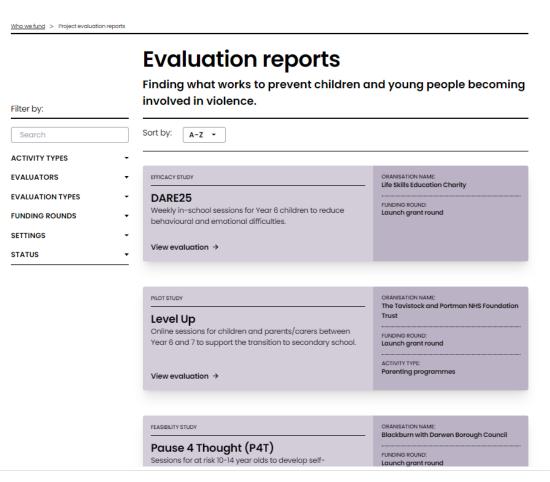




About us Youth voice Funding Projects & Evaluations Evidence & Insight Change

Our reports

- So far, we've had the results back from one impact study
- Another chance programmes are still in delivery
- More are being set up





Final Thoughts for Funders

The importance of unrestricted funding

 Collaboration with other funders on funding and developing shared practice

Supporting the sector to build



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Questions?





