

Introduction to Young Start

**Young Start - Main Grants
and
Young Start - Small Grants**



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What is Young Start?



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Operating since 2012, Young Start has funded projects across Scotland run for and by children and young people, aged 8 to 24. Since then, £74 million has been awarded to almost 1200 projects.

- Funding comes from dormant assets that no one has accessed for a number of years. It's run by The National Lottery Community Fund with priorities set by the Scottish Government.
- Projects that help children and young people to become more confident, gain new skills and realise their potential
- We now award grants across two programmes: Young Start - Main Grants and Young Start - Small Grants

Young Start – Main Grants



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This programme funds grants of between £20,001 and £150,00 for organisations in Scotland who:

- Work with children and young people aged 8-24
- Meaningfully involve children and young people in a project or the wider organisation

To be funded, projects must meet at least one of four programme outcomes.

Main Grants outcomes overview

All projects we fund must meet one or more of these outcomes:

- Build positive relationships that improve their wellbeing
- Learn more about themselves or other people
- Take action on issues that matter to them
- Learn skills that help them feel more confident for the future

Young Start – Small Grants



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This is a development programme of between £300 and £20,000 for organisations in Scotland who:

- Work with children and young people aged 8-24
- Do not yet meaningfully involve children and young people in a project or the wider organisation

The funding is to help organisations develop their ability to meaningfully involve children and young people.

There are some additional requirements and restrictions:

- Organisations must have a maximum annual income of £500,000
- Organisations must wait three years after their previous Young Start - Small Grants funding has ended before they can apply again
- We are unlikely to fund an organisation who has had Young Start - Main Grants funding previously

Small Grants outcomes overview

All projects we fund must meet both these outcomes:

- Improve how your organisation works with children and young people
- Involve children and young people in ways that benefit them

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