



Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Scotland

This pack is just for you!



Hello,

Thank you so much for reaching out to The Yard as part of your YPI Project! We've put together this information pack, which we hope will be helpful for you.

If you'd like to arrange a chat with our team to ask more questions or learn more about what we do, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We hope this pack gives you a better understanding of our charity's work, but remember, the YPI judges are just as interested in how you present and talk about us as they are in the facts you share. So, get creative! Think about how you can make your presentation stand out.

In the past, students representing The Yard have done things like creating interactive games, incorporating fun visuals, or using quotes from families who use our services to show the impact we make in the lives of children with disabilities.

These are just some ideas to get you started. If anyone on your team has a personal connection to The Yard and feels comfortable sharing their experience, that can be an incredibly powerful addition to your presentation.

Good luck, and we're cheering you on!

The Fundraising Team
The Yard

Supporting disabled children and young people through **adventure play**

The Yard is a Scottish charity established in 1986 to create spaces where disabled children, young people, and their families can play, connect, and grow together. Our mission is to build strong, supportive communities that help families navigate the challenges they face and enrich the lives of all who come through our doors.

We provide adventure play, respite, and family support through our centres in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Fife. Beyond play, we empower families by offering opportunities to learn from each other, share experiences, and build lasting relationships.

We've been working with families for nearly 40 years, and our goal is to make sure that every child has the chance to experience the joy and freedom of play.



What makes us different?

We take a child-centred and inclusive approach – but what does that really mean? It means that everything we do is shaped by the experiences and needs of the children, young people, and families we support.

We understand that every child is different, and so are their needs. There's no "one size fits all" when it comes to providing care and support. Instead, we offer personalised play and support that meets children and families exactly where they are, helping them thrive in their own way.

Whether it's creating a safe and fun place to play, offering parents some much-needed respite, or connecting families with each other for advice and friendship, we're here for as long as it takes.

Our vision is a world where all disabled children, young people, and their families can feel understood, supported, and empowered to truly thrive.

In the last year:



Some of the ways we help



Family sessions

Inclusive play sessions for children aged 0 – 18 and their families.



Early Years

Inclusive play tailored to children aged 0 – 5 and their families.



Youth groups

A space for young people to socialise, make friends and gain important life and social skills



Family Support

Support, advice and guidance to every family that comes to The Yard for as long as they need it.



Kinship service

A space for kinship children with a disability and their families to meet, play and share experiences.



School sessions

Term-time play sessions, welcoming students from special schools, speech and language units, support bases, and mainstream schools.



Training

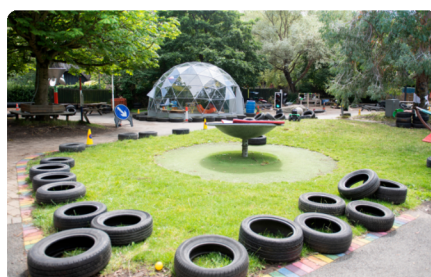
Our training programmes help families and professionals learn about disability awareness and how to be more inclusive.



Our centres

Our centres provide a safe and inclusive environment where children and young people can explore, build confidence and have fun.

Each centre has a variety of areas set up for different types of play. These include areas for art and creative activities, large open spaces for active play, outside space for climbing and running, accessible bikes and trikes, a sand and water play area, and a quiet sensory space.



If we win, where will the funds go?

The Yard is dedicated to supporting disabled children, young people, and their families. If you win the £3,000 for us, these funds will go directly to our core services, helping us create inclusive play opportunities and continue making a real difference to families across Scotland.

Right now, the demand for our services has never been greater. We welcome eight new children to The Yard every week, and many of the families who join us when their children are very young stay with us until adulthood. This means the need for our services is always increasing.

Your donation will directly support over 2,600 children and help ensure that every child has the chance to play, feel included, and be part of a supportive community, while giving families the guidance and space they need.

The difference £3000 could make



Could provide 31 families membership for a whole year through our membership assistance scheme.



Could pay for 60 play sessions at The Yard.



Could buy 250 high quality sensory toys.



Could cover the costs for 3 of our legendary family events like our Christmas parties and summer fairs.



Thank you!

From all the team at The Yard, thank you so much for choosing to talk about our work. If you have any further questions at all, please email us at fundraising@theyardscotland.org.uk

You can also learn more about The Yard, our history and the work we do by visiting our website - www.theyardscotland.org.uk

We wish you the best of luck!

