

Plan For An Effective Charity Interview

Speaking with someone at the organization you choose to research and advocate for is an important part of the YPI Project. Through speaking with someone at your chosen charity, you can learn more about the day-to-day work they do, the people they serve, and how the \$5,000 grant will make an impact to those they work with. As a reminder, an in-person visit is the best way to learn about the organization, but we understand this is not always possible. A phone call or virtual interview is equally as valuable.

Keep in Mind:

- Who is the main contact at the charity, and how will you reach them (phone, email, etc.)?
- How will your team have a meaningful interview and/or visit with your charity?
- How will your team build a strong relationship with the charity and its staff?
- What questions can you easily find answers to on their website?
- If you visit in-person, can your whole group go? Are you allowed to take photos or video? Can you record your conversation with the charity representative?
- Review the rubric & presentation tips documents so you know what kind of information you need to gather.
- Select some of the questions below to guide your interview. This list is not exhaustive, and you should come up with others before you meet your charity contact, and consider others as you go through the conversation.
- Use the space below to create and record your team's interview questions/responses, based on the information you need to collect.

Sample Interview Questions:

- Who does the organization serve? What are the social issue(s) that brings people to this organization?
- When was the organization founded? Where? How has it changed from then to now?
- What impact is the charity making? What are some of the positive impacts the charity is making for people in the community?
- What are the short and long-term impacts on individuals who are affected by the social issue the charity is working to combat?
- How will the charity use the \$5,000 YPI Grant? Are there particular needs the organization has, that can't be met with their current budget?
- What are some myths or misconceptions about the individuals the charity serves?
- How can we use our voice to make a positive difference about the social issue and charity in our community?
- Is there an opportunity to volunteer or give back after the YPI project is complete?
- What is the greatest part of working at this particular charity? What are some of the challenges?
- What sets this organization apart from others in the community?
- What are some future programs you would like to see at the charity?

What we already know:

Interview questions:

Notes from the interview:

Anything we need to clarify:

Remember: send your charity representative a thank you note for their time in meeting with you!