



YEF research publications policy

Background

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) is 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. To find what works, the YEF evaluates promising interventions and approaches based on the best available evidence. We also commission and publish original research that summarises the existing evidence and derives new insights into the lives of the young people affected by violence and the context in which they live.

The YEF is a What Works Centre – a centre of expertise generating, disseminating and promoting knowledge and practice to transform local and national responses to tackling crime and serious violence in children and young people. This means we are committed to generating useful research evidence from our funding and making findings accessible and freely available to policy makers, service commissioners and front-line professionals. The information produced as a result of our work will allow decision makers to understand the effectiveness of interventions, the issues affecting young people and the best ways to support them.

Researchers (the 'Grantee(s)') entering into a grant agreement with the YEF to carry out research must supply the YEF with the results of their work, as set out in the terms of the Grant Agreement. They are expected to agree to the principles outlined in this policy and referenced to in the body of the Agreement. Any infringement of this policy will amount to a breach of the Agreement and could result in early termination of the grant.

Key reporting principles:

1. YEF will publish the results of all research we commission

YEF will publish the findings from all our work. This will be in YEF tone and branding. As a minimum Grantee branding will include their logo on the inside front cover, along with named authorship. Any further Grantee branding outside of this will be agreed in writing.

Our policy to publish all the research we commission is in line with our agreement with the Home Office. The Grantee must produce a written report that addresses the research question using the methods set out in the Agreement. This will be submitted to the YEF, whereupon YEF will make all editorial and publishing decisions thereafter.

2. The first report published about the findings from the commissioned research will be by the YEF

Grantees must not publish interim or full findings before the YEF. We commit to publishing all research in relation to every research grant made, and these will be freely available on the YEF website. Following publication, we anticipate that Grantees will share the report with organizations and partners they work with.

We appreciate some of our Grantees may wish to produce future journal articles, papers or publications based on the research they have carried out for the YEF. We encourage this but need to ensure that YEF funding and involvement in the original research is fully acknowledged, that future outputs do not contradict the YEF published research and that the YEF is provided with copies of any future outputs pre-publication.

The YEF reserves the right to refuse any publication or presentation if we feel it makes claims about the project which could jeopardize the primacy and authority of the original YEF publication.

3. Grantees may not make claims about the impact of the grant project before YEF publishes the results

No articles can be published, external presentations given or press statements made relating to the research project until one month after the YEF research is published. If Grantees wish to make any materials, reports or press statements about the YEF-funded project public before the YEF research report has been published, or within one month after the original YEF publication, this may only be done with YEF's prior consent.

4. Any article relating to a grant project must be submitted to the YEF prior to publication

After the YEF research report has been published, Grantees are free to publish further articles and reports about the grant project. However, we require that Grantees share any proposed articles or reports with the YEF before their publication. This is particularly important in the time around the publication of the YEF report – any press releases relating must be approved by the YEF. In all cases we request that:

- You discuss the timing, placement and details of external publications referencing the research with the YEF’s Communications team at least 30 days prior to publication
- You inform the YEF of any media communication you have in relation to the research
- You use the correct YEF branding and terminology in all media communication
- You do not use quotes in a misleading way that contradicts the overall conclusions of the research.
- You provide a reference and link to the report on the YEF’s website in any material you publish that relates to the project.
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5. Misleading claims or presentation of findings

YEF will share the final copy–edit version of the research with the Grantee prior to publication. The YEF will welcome any final comments on the report and its conclusions and hope any disagreements can be resolved. However, the YEF reserves the right to publish the final report without the Grantee’s sign-off and with omission of their branding.

In cases where the YEF considers that the future use of outputs from the research have been used by the Grantee in a misleading way, we reserve the right to clarify the original conclusions of the research but would hope to avoid this by communication prior to publication.

6. Any future material published by the Grantee in relation to the research findings, must reference the YEF and acknowledge YEF’s funding and commissioning of the research.

Grantees must ensure that any material published by them (or parties related to them, including employees, students, agents or appointees) in relation to a grant project:

- refers readers to the YEF research report;
- accurately acknowledges the support provided by the YEF in funding the project; and
- does not include YEF's logo or branding other than as permitted under the Grant Agreement.

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