

Guidance

Understanding YEFs Red Lines



We fund work in England and Wales that aims to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in violence. Every programme and activity we fund, we'll evaluate. We do this because we want to learn what works, for whom and why. We therefore have a number of non-negotiable rules, or red-lines. We need all grantees to understand these red-lines and agree to them. The table below summarises our red-lines and explains why the rules are in place. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask us.

RED-LINE	RATIONALE
We seek to fund Randomised Control Trials (RCTs). Projects must be prepared to work towards this.	<p>We want to fund the most robust types of evaluation to find out what works best to support children and young people.</p> <p>A randomised control trial (RCT) is usually the best way to see the impact your programme has made.</p> <p>In an RCT one group receives the intervention while the other (control) group doesn't. This does not mean that the control group receives no support. The control group receives the support that would be provided without YEF funding, we call this 'business as usual'.</p> <p>Click here for more information.</p>
<p>We will only fund participants who receive the intervention and take part in the evaluation.</p> <p>Any participants who receive the intervention but are not part of the evaluation will not be funded by YEF.</p>	<p>To find out what works, we need to make sure every child who took part in the intervention is part of the evaluation. If we don't, it will affect the reliability of the results.</p>

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<p>Projects and participants must agree to the data archive.</p>	<p>Click here to familiarise yourself with the data archive.</p> <p>We don't know what works to prevent children from offending. In order to learn, we hold data that allows us to follow up on children in future. This requires collecting and storing some highly sensitive data for a long time.</p> <p>YEF has designed a process with the Office for National Statistics that means data collected will be stored in a highly secure environment.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Individual children will not be identifiable within the data.♦ Laws prevent the use of YEF data to target children♦ Only approved researchers will have access to the data archive
<p>Projects must agree to our core outcome measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)2. Self-Report Delinquency Scale (SRDS) <p>The SDQ and SRDS data must be collected from all participants- those receiving the intervention and the control group.</p> <p>You might also have additional outcome measures to collect, specific to your project.</p>	<p>These are valid and reliable measures that are used across all of our evaluations. Using consistent outcome measures allows us to make meaningful comparisons between projects and build our understanding of what works.</p>
<p>Pilot funding is not a guarantee of continuation funding (e.g. for a full RCT). We will use our regranting strategy to make decisions.</p>	<p>We won't be able to regrant all the projects we work with. That's why it's important we have fair, transparent and consistent regranting principles, outlined in our strategy.</p> <p>We will regrant only when there are good opportunities to continue learning or where we can support an effective project to scale-up.</p>

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<p>Grantees must stay within the agreed project plan and timeframe.</p> <p>The project cannot be changed once it has been agreed with YEF and the evaluator. Activities must be delivered on time, as outlined in the project gantt chart.</p>	<p>So that we can effectively evaluate your project, it's important that the activities don't change mid-way through delivery. If you do need to modify your project in any way, you'll need to discuss and agree with us and your evaluator first.</p>
<p>Grantees must communicate in a clear, timely and transparent way.</p> <p>The importance of this work means that there can be no surprises.</p>	<p>The success of your evaluation will rely on good working relationships with us and your evaluator.</p> <p>We're open and responsive and will support you where necessary. We therefore must understand how the project is going at every stage.</p>