

# Teacher Testimonial - Amplifying Student Youth Voices

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## SPEAKERS

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### **Kalisha Mohammed 00:06**

You know, for me as an educator, like my, my goal is youth engagement, youth voice, student voice, student action. And I think as an organization, you all have that same value, and that same goal, and it really shows and all of your materials, so all of your educator resources, resources, student students are really reflected in that, and they're engaging in that way. And then even in the whole YPI assignment, right, making it use LED student led, just giving them that power, it reflects those values as well, too. So it's pretty wonderful.



### **Dan Mckean 00:41**

That's probably the most valuable part of the solid is students getting the ownership of, of this decision making more that they realize, like, oh, it, it's my opportunity to figure out which charity to select and where this money will go, because I think any charity that that exists in Canada could benefit from any amount of money they receive. For YPI. That's the brilliant part of the whole architecture of it is that it's the students that get to pick that understanding or that that concept is so far, and like it's a really novel idea that the selection of where the money goes is this is such a cool aspect. YPI that's a great aspect of the work that that goes into this the student led decision making,



### **Neelam Mal 01:32**

The world is theirs. They don't need to wait until they're 18 to share their voices and and to look at democracy is only voting. They are living in the world and they see what is happening in a different way than than we ever can through all of our filters and biases. And I think that it offers it offers a view on the world that we might otherwise ignore.

**C** **Chef 01:57**

YPI means opportunity. It means opportunity for kids to start to learn that they count that they matter and YPI offers kids that opportunity. And me frankly that opportunity to do really good guided conversations. So that ramifications, community understanding can be created and develop, nourished, nurtured and hopefully spread.