

Teacher Testimonial - Building Meaningful Connections

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Neelam Mal 00:05

I think that for many, many years, we have underestimated what our kids can carry when they're asked to do it thoughtfully and with support. And we don't only talk about heavy things, like, we pair it with silly dog videos, and these sorts of things as well. So it's not as though the whole tone, the whole tone is, is negative, or dark or traumatic. But it's more like, this is the state of the world. And you need to understand that so you can lift it. And I think I think that kids always surprise you and rise to the occasion.

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Marisa 00:38

I think the ideal goal for especially teenagers because they are so focused on what's happening in their own lives, like academics, or, you know, whatever it is, their jobs, etc, they kind of have a, they're very limited in what they experienced and what they know. So YPI really puts them into places that they would never, ever consider. And understand that there. There are resources out there there. And they can make a difference, fundamentally.

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Dan Mckean 01:10

The work that students need to do through this is just a really valuable, like authentic and authentic learning experience and that they have to interact with other humans that are people outside of the school. They're not emailing other teachers or other people that are connected to the school life. So they have to talk to people that are on different working schedules. So everything that the students are required to do for YPI is just really useful tasks and learning opportunities. So you're going to have your students do work that is really meaningful and valuable for them.