

# Teacher Testimonial - Understanding the Impact of COVID

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## SPEAKERS

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### **Kalisha Mohammed** 00:05

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All my students, you know, whether it be firsthand or observing in their community, they've all seen the impact of, of COVID. All different arenas, how cool is it impacted, you know, people, I feel like you know, despite us being online and the engagement being a little bit different, how YPI is really different. It almost made it more meaningful, because like I mentioned in all of their activities that they did, and all the research they did, they were able to apply how COVID has impacted their their social issue, and we've met so many different resolutions that add all kinds, and they're able to make make that connection. And because like you mentioned, we're going to this collective thing together, even if they aren't experiencing it firsthand. They're recognizing, seeing that connection between you know, COVID, and whatever it is that they're researching whatever issue it is that they're researching, and is powerful, because for my students, trying to get them from being politically apathetic to more empathetic and more understanding and, and YPI really helped with with that

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### **Chef** 01:07

YPI has been extra important for the kids during the pandemic, because it pushes them at least the way that I organized it. And I'm sure it's the same for most teachers, it's all about working in groups, it's think about getting together, it's about having meaningful discussion, it's about learning to listen to each other. It's about learning to know your community, get out there, walk around, take a look who needs what, all of that sort of stuff. So if if you've got a group of students who are, I won't say stuck at home, but stuck out of school, because of the requirements of the of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. It doesn't matter, more or less, where they are.

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**Dan Mckean 01:48**

During a pandemic year, like maybe for the whole year, only a quarter of the students talk to a live voice. But I think even for those quarter of those students, like anyone that had more human interactions was just valuable because, you know, our, our quote of what we need to keep our morale high or well being everyone's was depleted. And so just just talking to another live voice was in some way gave like a human experience for people. So that was that was useful and valuable.

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**Kalisha Mohammed 02:23**

This year under the COVID model. We're still all my students have been no every class I've done it with. They've really loved it and they've really, you know, made them get involved. And they saw their efforts come alive and seeing what what work and action they can do amongst themselves. That's YPI for me.