

The National Performance Framework What does it mean for the third sector?



Case study Youth Theatre Arts Scotland



Youth Theatre Arts Scotland (YTAS) is the national development organisation and umbrella body for Scotland’s youth theatre sector. We provide direct services to young people, youth groups and their leaders through a combination of youth theatre projects, training and professional development, and information and advocacy. We are a Scottish Charity SC035765.

How we used the National Performance Framework (NPF)

YTAS and our Members have been looking into ways we can collectively improve how we evidence the impact of our work on non-arts priorities for Scotland. We were inspired by the NPF and draft Culture Strategy during these discussions. Working with our Managers Forum we considered the NPF indicators we feel our work influences - see below.

Potential Indicators YTAS and its Members could affect include:

Indicator	Outcome(s)
Participation in a cultural activity	Culture, Human Rights
Attendance at cultural events or places of culture	Culture
People working in arts and culture	Culture
Growth in cultural economy	Culture, Economy
Child wellbeing and happiness	Children and YP, Health
Children have positive relationships	Children and YP
Children's voices	Children and YP
Young people's participation	Children and YP, Education, Human Rights
Confidence of children and young people	Children and YP, Education
Child social and physical development	Children and YP, Health
Resilience of children and young people	Children and YP, Education
Educational attainment	Children and YP, Education, Human Rights
Perceptions of local area	Communities, Environment
Places to interact	Communities
Social capital	Communities
Engagement in extra-curricular activities	Education
Skills under-utilisation	Education, Fair Work and Business
Carbon footprint	Environment, Economy, Human Rights
Employee voice	Fair Work and Business, Human Rights
Employees on the living wage	Fair Work and Business, Poverty, Human Rights
Gender balance in organisations	Fair Work and Business, Human Rights
Pay gap	Fair Work and Business, Human Rights

Indicator	Outcome(s)
Work related ill health	Health, Fair Work and Business
Work place learning	
Mental wellbeing	Health, Human Rights
Physical activity	Health
Scotland's reputation	International
A positive experience for people coming to Scotland	International, Human Rights
International networks	International
Contribution of development support to other nations	International

We have since used this work on the NPF to guide YTAS's new company Logic Model and Evaluation Plan, that we have been developing throughout 2019 with support from Evaluation Support Scotland and The Robertson Trust's Funder Plus programme.

In the medium-to-long-term, YTAS would like to use these frameworks to support applications for funding as well as developing new tools, models and practices for our charity and sector.

What was the benefit?

The NPF is a clear and concise framework that can be discussed, used and adapted across different sectors as well as multiple levels of beneficiaries and stakeholders in our own sector.

What would we like to see happen next with the NPF?

Funding, programmes and support available alongside the NPF which enable charities, like YTAS and our Members, to enhance, extend and embed the work we've begun in relation to the NPF. It's hard for small charities like us to prioritise the time for this kind of developmental work alongside other business and funding challenges.

We also think that third sector organisations would benefit from support to make connections across local and national government and the private sector, in relation to the NPF, to establish new ways to effectively deliver and measure impact together.

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For more about the third sector and the NPF please see this [blog](#).