



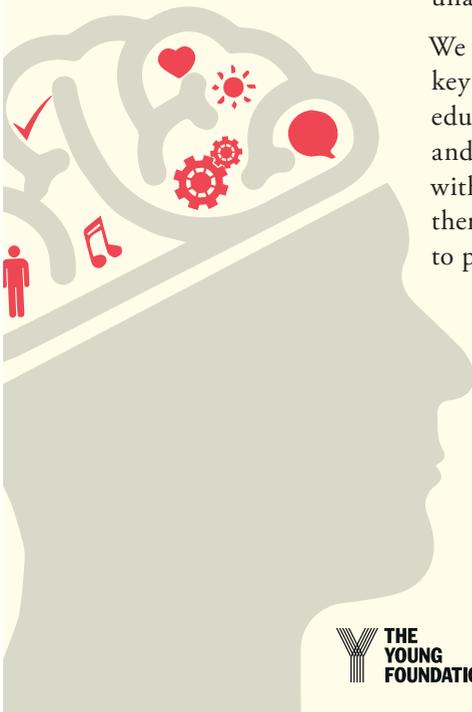
Disruptive innovation in education

Nottingham & Sheffield

The Young Academy supports early-stage social ventures working in the field of education to realise their potential to change the status quo.

We believe that education should be our greatest tool for delivering equality of opportunity yet education inequality in England is a persistent and pervasive problem. In particular, the attainment gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers is unacceptably large.

We work with social ventures that influence the key areas of a young person's life – the formal education institutions they access, their family and friend networks and the communities within which they live. Our focus is on enabling them to demonstrate how their approach leads to positive outcomes for young people.



The tools you need to change the future

Approach

We provide specialist training and investment for social ventures to build their organisational capacity, strengthen their business model, demonstrate their social impact and finance their growth.

The Young Academy offers a unique in-depth learning experience designed specifically for social ventures operating in the education domain. The next programme is open to ventures based in Nottingham, Sheffield and surrounding areas. Programme delivery will take place primarily in Nottingham.

You will have unrivalled access to schools, thought leaders, government bodies, charitable foundations and investors to help shape your venture and procure your services.

Taught curriculum – We offer a combined approach of core workshops and bespoke support that allows you to customise your learning experience. Studying alongside other smart, socially minded entrepreneurs brings unrivalled breadth and richness to your journey, as well as providing a peer support network that you can turn to for advice and support.

Pilot – Rapid market testing with key customers, designed to validate underlying value assumptions and develop the right strategy for growth and investment.

Mentor – Each venture will be assigned a Mentor who will be a seasoned advisor (e.g. head, entrepreneur, investor) to act as a sounding board as you develop your business strategy.

Coach – Each venture will be partnered with a coach from a finance background who will work with you on financial projections, cash flow management and accounting.

Travel expenses – We can help ventures based outside Nottingham to cover their costs of attending.

Access to investment – Up to £150,000 social investment per venture is available from our Education Investment Fund.

The Nottingham & Sheffield class of 2016 starts in January 2016.

Applications open: 30th November 2015. Deadline for applications: 8th January 2016

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