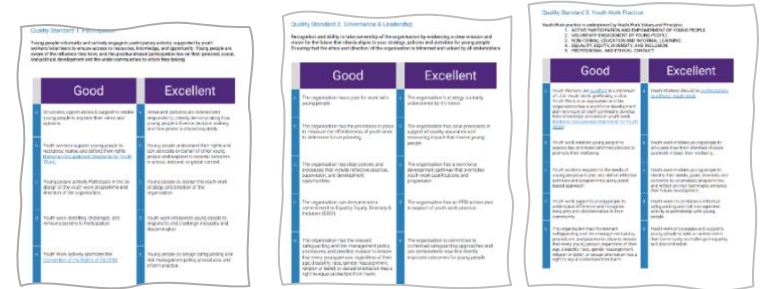


## Congratulations on your YIF successful bid!

Here you will find many useful links and hints to help you through your grant process.

You should already be aware of our Quality Standards by now, but if not don't worry, you can find them [here](#).

The standards are the benchmarks you are aiming to achieve and evidence over the next twelve months.



Once you have your Grant Agreement in place, a National Youth Agency Youth Work Specialist will contact you.  
**You will receive:**

A copy of your answers to your self-assessment and feedback from the Quality Practice Panel and Young Assessors.

Identify areas for improvement	Priority	Action (what are you going to do in response to this self-assessment?)	By when?	Outcomes/Progress (what happened as a result?)
1. Participation				
2. Governance & Leadership				
3. Youth Work Practice				

A Quality Standards Final Statement Template (Final Statement). This is like your self-assessment, with some additional questions. It is designed to steer you to evidence the Quality Standards

**Youth Investment Fund Youth Work Quality Standards Statement**  
 To be completed within 12 months of grant agreement.

**Start to consider when completing:**

1. Are you a 'Youth Work Specialist'?
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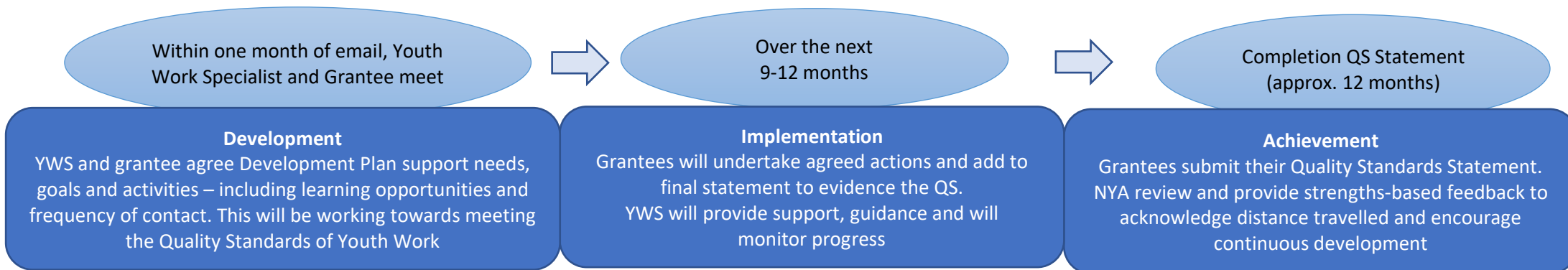
A Development Plan template. This is a working document or action plan. You will add to it to outline what needs to be done to achieve and/or evidence the Quality Standards.

Area	Key Messages	What's Next (Quality Practice Panel)
Participation		
Governance & Leadership		
Youth Work Practice		

The statement will include feedback from the Quality Practice Panel, offering advice on development, or outlining good practice. Remember the QPP can only assess what had been written in your self-assessment.

- RED:** We like it, and we want to help you develop it
- AMBER:** We like it, but we need a little more
- GREEN:** We like it – lots of lovely evidence in place.

**Timeframe** – usually a year, but may be longer for some organisations depending on need and build status



<b>Support and frequency of contact</b>	<p>This will depend on where someone is in their youth work world. Grantees that already have good youth work and governance practice in place may only need signposting to resources and/or access group development opportunities such as CPD and webinars on a particular topic. Organisations that are at the start of their youth work provision will have 1-2-1 support from Youth Work Specialists periodically as well as the above. This period will typically last between 9-12 months.</p>
<b>Additional Support is available to all Grantees. Here are some useful starting points:</b>	<p><a href="#">NYA Safeguarding and Risk Assessment Hub</a> - A freely accessible online resource providing guidance, support, advice, and access to training resources about safeguarding and risk management for organisations and individuals working with young people.</p> <p><a href="#">Access to NYA Training</a> - A wide range of resources and training to support Youth Services and Workers develop their practice. Grantees will have access to a range of free opportunities within this offer and can choose to utilise some of their resource grant funding for specific interventions such as the Hear By Right framework or the Level 2/Level 3 qualifications in Youth Work Practice.</p> <p><a href="#">Tea breaks/Supper clubs</a> - A reflective platform to enable practitioners to come together and explore common themes which impact their practice daily. An informal learning set, bringing together youth work practitioners to engage in critical thinking and dialogue. Each session has a specific theme, and the discussions are very much led by the participants.</p> <p><a href="#">Youth Work One /Knowledge Hub</a> - Online portal signposting to training and resources developed by the youth sector across England.</p>

**Evidencing  
the Quality  
Standards**

The Quality Standards Statement will be supported by evidence provided by the grantees. This may include Operational Plans, Session evaluations, Policies, or Case Studies. This will be discussed with the YWS.  
The boxes highlighted in yellow will need to provide evidence from the young people in the project as well as from the Youth Workers/Project Leads



For any queries about the Development Plans or Quality Standards please email:  
[yifenquiries@nya.org.uk](mailto:yifenquiries@nya.org.uk)

**Last little bit...**

(always read the small print!)

- Organisations should identify a lead person from within their organisation – ideally the person leading their youth provision - who will implement their Development Plan.
- Partnership/collaborative bids must have a designated lead partner organisation responsible for coordinating the implementation of their Development Plan across the partnership.
- Where delivery of youth provision is provided by organisations other than the organisation making the application, delivery partners should be included in the Development Plan and Final Statement.
- An initial meeting should take place within one month of the grant agreement being signed to confirm the areas of practice the support will focus on and over what duration, meeting dates should be regular and set in advance.
- Youth Work Specialists and Relationship Managers will continue to work collaboratively throughout the grant period, keeping each other informed on the grantee's progress and identifying any areas for development early so that they can work together with the grantee to resolve them.