

HOW TO GET STARTED AS A YOUNG ARTS REPRESENTATIVE



1 Role of the Society Young Arts Representative

This is to initiate and carry through Young Arts projects for their Society. Also it is to report to the Society committee and to access funds and publicise their activities to their members. They should be aware of their Young Arts Area Coordinator (YAAC), who should in turn hold an annual YA Society Representatives meeting, so the projects in that Area can be discussed and information shared.

If you have just become a YA Representative for your Society contact the Volunteering Dept at NADFAS House. They can ensure you have all the information you need to get started in the role. They can also give you the contact details of your YAAC.

2 Young Arts Projects

There are many ways to find ideas for Young Arts projects. Here is a selection:

- Young Arts Handbook (in the YA resources page in the members' area of the website).
- YA resources page in members' area of the NADFAS website.
- Summary of YA projects that have taken place in your Area over the last year. If you do not have a copy, ask your YAAC.
- NADFAS Review.
- Young Arts Newsletter sent to all YA Representatives and YAACs by email and online.

3 Places to look at with regard to raising funds for Projects

- Young Arts Handbook
- YA resources page in the members' area of the NADFAS website
- Local radio stations often have funds for supporting young people in their area
- Grants or matched funding may be available from NADFAS. Look on the NADFAS Grants pages on the website for application forms and guidance on eligible projects or email grants@nadfas.org.uk

Other fundraising activities can include

- Funding days within the Society
- Coffee mornings
- Selling YA competition winners artwork as greeting cards
- A small supplement to the members' annual fees

It is also worth noting here that not all projects need funds at all, just a little work from the YA Representative. For example; putting A level/Highers artwork forward for consideration by the Royal Society of British Artists (via NADFAS Volunteering Dept) or organising an art library for schools by asking Society members to donate art books and/or pictures.

4 Raising awareness of YA Projects within your Society and in your Area

- Talk about YA to your committee.
- Get your YA project discussed at the beginning of a committee meeting.
- Talk to the members about YA before a lecture.
- Bring a finished YA project to display at your AGM.
- Go to new members' meetings with information and photos on your current project.

For publicity beyond NADFAS

- Ask for a publicity material from NADFAS House to take to prospective schools or museums etc that might be interested in working with you on a YA Project.
- Send the YA Newsletter as a publicity tool /or email the link from the website.
- Use the NADFAS logo on all your publicity material for the YA projects .If you are working in a partnership insist on being credited by name and use the NADFAS logo.
- Certificates for awards - a template for these can be downloaded from the website.
- Put flyers in your local libraries etc to advertise any exhibitions/events you might be holding.

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5 NADFAS Young Arts support

- Young Arts Projects - Initiated by the Societies or Areas
- Young Arts Groups. These are organised groups for 8-18 year olds, sometimes run through a school or a museum. The child pays a small membership fee and regular arts activities are arranged for them by a small committee of parents (usually). There is a separate handbook for these groups - the YA Group Organisers' Guide.

Church Trails are now run separately from Young Arts. They have their own team / resources.

More information can be found on all of the above on the NADFAS Website

6 National Partnerships

- The Campaign for Drawing - The Big Draw
- Royal Society of British Artists
- TEA (Thinking, Expression Action) a free resource for teachers, artists and students. Find it within the NADFAS website t2.nadfas.net

Societies are encouraged to take part in the national projects for young people. Information about all these can be found on the NADFAS Website.

7 Information available from NADFAS House

There is variety of material available from NADFAS House to help you and your members understand NADFAS and Young Arts. Contact the Volunteering Department for help.

MORE USEFUL TIPS

- Help publicise events. Use NADFAS Area logo or your Society logo and website addresses.
- Always get acknowledgements and feedback from projects. The publicity benefit to Societies may lead to more members and shows current members where their money is being spent and raises profile of NADFAS locally.
- Make use of the NADFAS & Young People pages on the website - there are examples of projects, national developments and podcasts which can be used for publicity, raising funds etc.
- Use your personal contacts to raise the Young Arts profile, this aids funding and can lead to new partnerships and projects.
- Utilise your local LEA Officer. Explain the role NADFAS Young Arts plays in your area as there may be funding available for projects.
- If there is interest make your Society aware of
YA Groups
YA school or museum groups
Consider asking parents to help run the group/s.
More information on these types of groups can be found in the YA Handbook.