



TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Career Accelerator
Name of the project TFN funded:	Career Accelerator
Date Funded by TFN:	29 June 2017
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>The funding I received as part of the YFN allowed me to run a pilot programme at Ark Globe Academy. As part of this programme I worked closely with 10 year 12 students over 4 months. Fortunately the programme went well and received strong positive feedback from students and employers. This has allowed me to scale to more schools and businesses in the next academic year.</p> <p>The funding also went towards my start up costs such as getting office space, business insurance and covering transport costs. As a result I was able to focus on setting up my venture and I am now in the fortunate position where I have won places on 3 accelerator programmes (Cambridge Social Ventures, Teach First Innovation Award and the Young Academy) to scale Career Accelerator and impact more young people. However none of this would have been possible without the financial support I received from YFN to launch my venture.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	80%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	10
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	20
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	I secured 2 employer volunteers for my pilot programme who volunteered approximately 10 hours each. I also secured a fantastic business adviser who I speak with every few months. I additionally received a number of introductions to established digital businesses which was helpful for market research purposes.
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without YFN



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objectives?	funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	Won places on 3 accelerator programmes (The Young Academy, Teach First Innovation Award, Cambridge Social Ventures). Sold to another school.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	I am hugely grateful for having had the opportunity to go through the Young Funding Network process. The staff were extremely encouraging and helpful to my peers and I at Year Here which is really vital for start up entrepreneurs operating in a really challenging sector. The application process was well designed and helpful and the Crowdfunder evening was a very useful and enjoyable experience which I'll treasure forever. Because of the generosity of The Young Funding Network, Career Accelerator is now scaling to more schools and digital businesses across the UK and is being incubated by Teach First, Cambridge University and The Young Foundation. I can't thank The Young Funding Network enough.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	It was a privilege being able to work with 10 talented young people from diverse backgrounds during my programme and expand their horizons by exposing them to companies like LinkedIn, Capgemini and RBS and show them what is achievable to them if they work hard.