

YF Internship:

Project name: Realising Ambition

Realising Ambition is funded through the Big Lottery fund. The programme will eventually provide £25 million to support 25 community based organisations working across the UK, to lead projects which replicate proven practice in diverting children and young people away from pathways into crime.

Over the five years of the programme, it is anticipated that some 250,000 children 8-14 year olds will benefit. Realising Ambition will build the evidence base of what works, aiming to make the case for future investment in evidence-based approaches.

A consortium of four organisations has been appointed by BIG to manage the programme. The Young Foundation is part of this consortium, led by [Catch 22](#), and also including the [Social Research Unit and Substance](#). The Young Foundation will work closely with delivery organisations during the grant period, concentrating on building their organisational strength.

The Realising Ambition portfolio is an exciting mix of projects – from those based in large charities to those working with much smaller organisations. Projects are working with children, young people and their families, in schools, therapeutic settings and in the community.

The Realising Ambition programme was launched in May 2012. The Realising Ambition prospectus, containing more information about the projects receiving funding through the programme, is available [here](#).

For an intern, there is the opportunity to help shape the support that is offered to delivery organisations and projects. Likely tasks include :-

Designing and/or maintaining a Linked In Group and an Information Hub, to help them to promote their work, keep up with relevant research and learn lessons with each others' work.

Taking an active part in meetings, including team meetings, consortium partnership meetings and possibly support meetings with individual projects.

Helping to set up and run support sessions for the projects (UK wide) eg by arranging links with local experts who can support training sessions.

Administrative duties, including note taking, filing and arranging calendars.

There is also the possibility of an intern designing his or her own piece of work, for which they take lead responsibility and have the chance to develop and demonstrate leadership and presentational skills.