

The logo for Super Power Agency is a white circle containing the text "SUPER POWER AGENCY" in bold, red, sans-serif capital letters. The circle is set against a background of black, concentric, hand-drawn spiral lines that radiate outwards.

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Impact Report

2023

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In 2023 the Super Power Agency worked with a record number of young people and ran more workshops than in any previous year. Working in under-resourced communities in Scotland, improving literacy skills and wellbeing, we helped over 1300 young people write their story. With the support of our funders, partners and volunteers we produced 15 books of youth writing!

This year we also welcomed a new Managing Director, Claire Heffernan, who has been at the Super Power Agency since 2019. We are also happy to have a number of new board members, who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge.

2023 has been our best year yet, and we look forward to working with our supporters in 2024.

A Note from our Chair, Valerie Lindsay



Super Power Agency by Numbers

1329
young people served in
2023

94%

of the young people
who participated in our
workshops would like to
work with us again

2553
workshop
hours

73% of participants felt
their writing improved

39

partner
schools
across
Scotland

49
books of
youth writing
published...so
far!

160
volunteers

96% of young people loved working with
our volunteers

2023



In 2023 the Super Power Agency ran **2553 hours** of workshops in some of Scotland's most under-resourced areas.



Our Partner Schools and Projects in 2023

Edinburgh Primary Schools

Leith Primary
Lorne Primary
Craigentinny Primary
Hermitage Park Primary
Broughton Primary
Abbeyhill Primary
Leith Walk Primary
Stockbridge Primary
Flora Stevenson Primary
Ferryhill Primary
Granton Primary

Edinburgh High Schools

Leith Academy
Broughton High School
Portobello High School
Drummond Community High School
Tynecastle High School
Currie Community High School
Liberton High School

East Lothian

Musselburgh Grammar School

Fife

Woodmill High School

The Scottish Borders

Peebles High School

Edinburgh Community

The Ripple Project





Summer Programmes 2023

In 2023 we saw the return of our Summer Learning Programme. After the huge success of our 2022 Narrative Design course, we gave young people another opportunity to write and create their own computer game. These free programmes offer an engaging and positive activity that allows the young people to prosper and have fun at the same time.

This year we had a bunny crossing adventure and a classic zombie apocalypse!





What Our Young People's Families Say

"I thank the Super Power Agency for not only unleashing my son's inner voice and creativity, but also helping to support his social development as an autistic young person. I saw his super powers unleashed with support from the Super Power Agency, changing from a severely dyslexic young person who had never produced a piece of creative writing, to a published author performing his work."

S3 Writing workshop parent

*"He was just so thrilled to see his work in print.
Thank you!"*

Summer programme parent

What Our Teachers Say

"Our school is very much a diverse community and last time we worked with the Super Power Agency, we explored this by reflecting on what made us individuals. This time we were able to look beyond the school gates and make connections with [the local community]."

**Ms Tindall, Drummond
Community High School**

"As an English teacher I was obviously delighted to see my pupils so engaged and excited about reading and writing, but even more than that it was just so heart-warming to see how much the whole process actually meant to these students. It was clear that they had never experienced anything like that before."

**Miss Bowerman, English Teacher,
Tynecastle High School**

What Our Young People Say

"Thank you for doing this workshop. I had so much fun and I was able to gain confidence and experience writing."

"Thank you for teaching me to never give up!"

What Our Volunteers Say

"I've been an SPA volunteer for the last four years and it's easily the best thing I've ever done. In my first afternoon at Leith Academy, I helped a boy get started on an essay. At the end of the lesson, the teacher told me she'd never seen him write anything in class."

David, Volunteer since 2019

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Our 2023 Publications

- *Making a Friend - Amazing Pen Pals* from Tynecastle High School
- *Golden Guide to Portobello* from Portobello High School
- *Journey Through Musselburgh* from Musselburgh Grammar School
- *Giving Gorgie a Go* from Tynecastle High School
- *The Grammar Sagas* from Musselburgh Grammar School
- *Currie on Top Non-stop* from Currie High School
- *The Dark Side of Edinburgh* from Broughton High School
- *Based on True Events* from Dunfermline High School
- *Castlebrae Classics* from Castlebrae Community Campus
- *Liberton Horrors* from Liberton High School
- *Walk a Mile* from Ferry Hill, Granton, Stockbridge, Flora Stevenson Primaries
- *These Portals Only Exist if you Read This Book* from Leith, Lorne, Craigentenny and Hermitage Park Primaries
- *What's That About North Bridge?* from Abbey Hill, Broughton and Leith Walk Primaries
- *Stories from the Stones* from Drummond Community High School
- *Letters on Leith* from Leith Academy

Well done to all of our young writers who are now published authors!



Our Funders in 2023

We would like to thank all of our funders for making our work possible this year. The Super Power Agency operates without any government funding. We rely solely on donations to bring our unique learning experiences to the classroom.

Amazon Literary Partnership
Balfour Beatty
Cordis Trust
Co-op Community Good Causes
The Jasmine Foundation
Faithful and Gould
Hawthornden Foundation
Nancie Massey Charitable Trust
The Peter Vardy Foundation
Robertson Foundation
Ryvoan Trust

And all those who choose to remain anonymous.

You are superheroes!





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