



In the Loop: Number 11

Welcome to the YWU's fortnightly bulletin aiming to keep members up to date with the latest developments. This is e-mailed to staff in member LAs & voluntary organisations.

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Youth Work Unit News

Training – talk to us about your training needs or watch this space for further updates on our expanding training offer. We will be announcing shortly the dates for our Level Three Certificate in Youth Work Practice Course being delivered in Partnership with Bradford College.

Yorkshire & Humber News

Two young people from our region are hosting an event on the 6th/7th July 2017 in Rotherham. They are survivors of CSE and DVA and want to share their experiences to raise awareness of these issues. The subjects that will be discussed will include the grooming process, abuse, mental/physical health, education, policing, social care, family court and the justice system. [Full details and booking process](#)

Inspirational Sheffield student wins award after launch of project raising awareness of mental health
[Aimee Browes, 18, launched the Happiness Bootcamp on social media](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

Thursday 29th June - Youth Participation, Voice and Influence Regional Network meeting, Bradford College, 2.00-5.00 pm. A regional network for those organisations and individuals who work with young people to ensure they have an active voice in their communities. The aim is to hear what is happening, share good practice, and build a network that can support Workers and if appropriate provide opportunities to develop or support wider campaigns: [Full details and how to book a place](#)

Young people in South Craven could be given a greater voice on issues that matter to them. North Yorkshire County Council is seeking more Young Advisors. As part of the role, volunteers aged 16 to 24 will advise local authorities, housing associations and other organisations on matters from a young person's perspective. ["The Young Advisors have proved a valuable asset"](#)

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2017 is now open. Once again the biggest poetry competition for young writers is looking for poems by young people aged 11-17 from the UK and beyond. **You're a poet. And you know it. Show it.**
[Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2017](#)

National News

Young people 'most likely to go abroad without insurance' About 40% of young people go abroad without travel insurance, risking medical fees of thousands of pounds if they are taken ill, a survey suggests. [Those aged 18 to 24 were the most likely to go abroad without insurance](#)

Passengers and staff on the UK's railway network have been called on to help identify and protect vulnerable children. Charity *Railway Children* and the British Transport Police have joined forces to develop the Safeguarding on Transport campaign:

[The five train stations to have recorded the highest number of child safeguarding incidents in 2016](#)

Young children's maths, English and communication skills improve if they use iPads in school on a regular basis. That is one of the key findings of the most in-depth research of its kind ever carried out in Northern Ireland: [iPads helped young children to be more motivated and engaged in class](#)

Election News

For young people, Labour's tuition fees pledge is a real game-changer. As an 18-year-old Labour candidate, I know our policy to lift the debt burden off students has politicised my generation, and electrified the campaign: ["It's impossible to overstate how big an issue this is for my generation"](#)

On the same day young people were brutally attacked, a quarter of a million did something amazing. **Almost a quarter of a million under-25s signed up to take part in democracy** by registering to vote in a single day:

[Dramatic surge in voter registrations sees more than half a million under-25s sign up to vote in a week](#)

Green Party accuses Conservatives of 'waging war' on young people. Raft of promises to woo younger voters and concerned parents made on tuition fees, rent control, internships and benefits:

[The Tories are "conspiring to make life harder for young people"](#)

Here's a handy at-a-glance round-up of the political parties' manifesto pledges affecting young people put together by the NYA: [General Election 2017: Party Manifestos – policies for young people](#)

Reports and Publications

The most recent figures from the Survey of Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use among Young People in England show that around **90,000 children aged between 11 and 15 are regular smokers and 240,000 have drunk alcohol in the past week.** These figures are the lowest they have been since the survey began in 1982. [Around one in seven 11 year-olds is drinking alcohol](#)

Resources

Leapfrog Toolbox: Working With Young People. A collection of award-winning, flexible, ready-to-use tools that can help anyone to engage young people in creative, inspiring and effective ways. Watch the video, and download the tools for free: [Leapfrog Toolbox](#)

Volunteers Week 1st – 7th June. You make the Difference. Get the resources here: [900 events across the country](#)

Vacancies

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Shantona women's Centre. Youth Worker Salary: £21,288 - £23,063 pro rata. Hours: 17.5 per week. This is an exciting opportunity to work with and support girls and young women from South Asian communities aged 11-18 years.

The very latest **Youth Work related vacancies** in Yorkshire and the Humber: [Jobs in our region](#)

CYPN jobs page for Yorkshire and the Humber [More jobs](#)

Youth Worker – LGBT Young People - yOUTH (Youth Out) Project Kirklees. £26,822 – £28,485 per annum. **Closing date: 9am Friday, 9th June 2017.**

[The Brunswick Centre is a Calderdale and Kirklees based charity](#)

Job title: Outreach Worker (Youth and Community) Location: North East Lincolnshire. Responsible to: Community Development Manager. £21,000 p.a. (pro-rata, job share considered) [Closing Date: 18 June](#)

7 X Youth Facilitators required to support the role out of The Diana Award Mentoring Programme in Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham and York. £20,000 pro rata. [Closing date: 11 June 2017](#)

Events and Training

On Thursday 15th June, Barnardo's will be hosting the next Yorkshire and Humber LGBTQ Network meeting. They will also be launching the Positive Communities Project and you are invited to join them from 1.00pm. You can book in here and get full details:

[Yorkshire and Humber LGBTQ Network Meeting & launch of the Prouder Communities Project](#)

Wednesday 12th July – Impact Network Meeting, York St John University 9.30am – 1.00pm. The majority of the morning will be a workshop on SROI– Social Return On Investment for those interested in understanding how this impact tool works, its uses and limitations. There will also be an introduction to the Wakefield Resilience Framework and a discussion on future training around impact for the sector in Y&H: [Book here](#)

The University of Huddersfield offers full and part-time degrees within the field of Youth and Community Work to help you get the qualifications needed to work alongside young people, adults and their communities. Their courses are endorsed by the **National Youth Agency** and offer significant placement opportunities to help you gain the skills required by employers. Places are available starting in September 2017. To find out more visit their [website](#)

Health

What does pansexual mean? It's a relatively new term, and like all new terminology around sex, it's got many people confused. Miley Cyrus is pansexual. Gen up here:

[What DOES pansexual mean?](#)

Number of young people receiving mental health support rises to 240,000. Figures published by the NHS show that at the end of February this year, there were 240,020 under-19s in contact with mental health services:

[A particular increase in the number of young people seeking help for eating disorders](#)

Facebook and Twitter 'harm young people's mental health' A poll of 14- to 24-year-olds shows Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and Twitter increased feelings of inadequacy and anxiety:

[Only YouTube was judged to have a positive impact.](#)

Young people's co-designed event in association with Bradford City and District CCG, NHS England and the West Yorkshire & Harrogate STP. Growing the capacity of young people to take control of their health and make informed choices is a challenge that we're all faced with. Using the evidence in creative and engaging ways as we work with young people requires inspiration. **Saturday 8th July, Bradford City.**

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities

Eurodesk has created this survey on Youth Information. By filling out this survey it would help them to better understand what sources, advice and information are most needed for use of the service.

[What do you want to know about working with partners in Europe?](#)

On February 1, 2017, the new Youthpass website was launched. Users unfamiliar with Youthpass can now learn about the most important facts on the revised start page, a restructured navigation makes it easier to find your way around, and generating the Youthpass certificate became more user-friendly overall:

[SALTO Youth: Youth Pass Website](#)

Consultation

A list of all parliamentary committee inquiries, many of which concern young people, where the initial call for evidence is still open: [Contribute your thoughts and experiences](#)

Grants, contracts tenders and funding

[The 7stars Foundation](#) was established to grants to help under 16-year-olds who are facing difficulties achieve their potential. The main areas prioritised for funding are homelessness, addiction, abuse, and child carers. Grants of between £200 and £2500 for projects that could make a discernible difference to a young person's life.

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