



In the Loop: Number 17

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. The **Level Three Certificate in Youth Work Practice** Course being delivered in Partnership with Bradford College and starts on 13th September [Full details](#) [You can apply here](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

Children and young people living in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey are now able to access a new mental health service which aims to provide support in the home. The 'crisis resolution home treatment service' provides help to young people in emotional distress or who may be displaying high levels of risk taking behaviour or self-harm:

["Young people should receive the care and treatment they need in surroundings that best meet their needs"](#)

'Alarming' rise in early deaths of young adults in the north of England – study. Findings highlight the need for increased investment in the north, warn experts, as research into mortality rate reveals the widening north-south divide: ["Team warns that the gap in premature deaths is growing larger"](#)

Rural isolation in North Yorkshire holding back young people. "Rurality is seen as a barrier to accessing learning opportunities, especially when many of the opportunities are in the visitor economy where pay is low and hours "unsociable" and not matched to public transport provision."

[There "may be scope" to improve co-ordination of transport arrangements](#)

New figures reveal 70 per cent fall in child arrests in Yorkshire and the Humber. It marks a significant reduction since 2010 when the total stood at 29,458 and the charity began campaigning nationally to keep as many children as possible out of the criminal justice system:

[Research shows that the more contact a child has with the system, the more likely they are to reoffend](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

The amazing Yorkshire & Humberside UKYP representatives from our region posing at the Annual Sitting at Liverpool University two weekends ago:

[Oh Yorkshire and Humber](#)

Young people to evaluate NYA's flagship money education programme. The NYA are looking for young people to help assess their innovative money know-how programme: [Apply now](#)

National News

Britain's young suffer as austerity continues to take its toll. "The decimation of most youth services and young people's drop-in support provision can be directly linked to the provision of funding for Cameron's flagship **National Citizen Service**, leaving thousands of vulnerable young people without year-round support": ["Many young people are now marginalised and isolated within their own communities"](#)

Young People should spend more time online to 'save the country', says former head of GCHQ. "Britain is lagging behind when it comes to cyber skills. We need young people to explore this digital world just as they explore the physical world".
[The country is "desperately short of computer scientists and engineers"](#)

Older people who voted for Brexit have "comprehensively shafted the young", Sir Vince Cable has said. "The old have had the last word about Brexit, imposing a world view coloured by nostalgia for an imperial past on a younger generation much more comfortable with modern Europe."
["There is an undercurrent of violence in the \(Brexit\) language which is troubling"](#)

Landlords are turning young people away from renting for fear of late payment. A study suggests landlords are increasingly unwilling to let to young people in receipt of housing benefit or universal credit:
[Research conducted by Sheffield Hallam University](#)

Scottish Youth Parliament member condemns anti-young people 'mosquito devices'. Calls for an end to security systems that have been criticised by the United Nations:
[A "gross and awful breach of young people's rights."](#)

English schools excluded 700 children for sexual misconduct in past four years. Press Association research reveals children as young as five have been disciplined for abuse, assault and sharing indecent images:
[Hundreds of children, including some as young as five, are being expelled](#)

Councils are overspending on their children's social care budgets by more than £600m a year as they look to protect vulnerable groups amid cuts in central government funding. The Local Government Association has found that growing demand for social care services, coupled with funding cutbacks, are forcing three quarters of councils to overspend on their children's services budgets: [The full story](#)

CYPN article regarding the Network of Regional Youth Work Unit's response paper regarding the promised three-year strategy for young people: [The Children and Young People Now article](#)
[What the original response document actually said](#)

Reports and Publications

More young people spending longer out of work and education, report claims. The number of 16 to 24-year-olds not working, training or studying for a year or more is on the rise, an analysis shows:
[Rose to around 811,000 - an increase of 13.6%](#)

Practitioners lack confidence in tackling radicalisation, study reveals. Many children's services professionals lack the skills and confidence to respond effectively in cases of radicalisation:
["An uncomfortable area of practice for some staff"](#)

In a new report, the Education Policy Institute has examined the progress made in closing the gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. The analysis considers how that gap varies across the country and how it has changed since 2007: [Read the report](#)

Barnardo's Positive Identities project supports young people who identify as LGBTQ, providing a safe space – they also help family members who are struggling with it. They believe a child's future should never be defined by their past. That's why they've launched the **Believe in Me campaign**. They want to transform the lives of millions more vulnerable children in the UK – however difficult the beginning of their story. [See the video](#)

Health

We're failing our young people on mental health provision. "This crisis has been in full view for 20 years". ["They just give up hope and suffer in silence while their problems get worse"](#)

Vacancies

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](#)

Events and Training

Date for your diary: Yorkshire and Humber Region LGTB+ Young People's groups get together. Saturday 28th October 2017. Venue to be confirmed shortly. Young People from across the region will meet together to share their experiences and the work they have been doing and have fun.

Trans and Gender Diverse Identity Awareness Training. Delivered by Barnardo's *Positive Identities*. This half day training course will introduce participants to key concepts and terms around gender identity, as well as exploring gender diversity and transgender experiences: [Details and booking arrangements](#)

The Youth and Policy conference 'Youth Policy: Then and Now' will take place at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, 9th-10th February 2018: [Youth Policy: Then and Now](#)

'Trans and Gender Identity Working Group Meetings' take place once every other month at the Leeds Cosmopolitan Hotel. The next meeting on **21st August** has mental health as the theme. Leeds City Council Chief Executive Tom Riordan will be attending. Refreshments available from 5:30pm. The main meeting will start promptly at 6pm and finish at 7:30pm.

Join **Sheffield Futures** as they celebrate **International Youth Day** on **11th August** at 1pm – 4pm at Concord Sports Centre, Shiregreen Lane, S5 6AE. Fun for everyone. The theme for this year's International Youth Day is **peace**: [International Youth Day – 11th August](#)

Blogs

Conservatives acknowledge that they "offered young people diddly-squat" in the General Election and that they paid the price. "Now is the time to rebuild our trust amongst young people. And there's a lot of work to do" says Jack White: ["You have to win the argument in every generation."](#)

I love working with young people, but it has put me off joining the public sector. I've chosen to work for a charity because I've seen the public sector fail the young people it is supposed to be safeguarding and supporting – and I've come to realise that youth advocates like me are needed to make up for that growing shortfall: ["I don't want to be bound by bureaucracy for the sake of a secure salary"](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities

October for the **Eurodesk** network will be all about inspiring you to get moving to reap the benefits of spending time in another country. For the whole month, **Eurodesk** are going the extra mile to tell you about studying, volunteering, working or travelling abroad. As a **Eurodesk** Partner, the **Youth Work Unit** is here to help: [Read the Eurodesk Newsletter and subscribe to hear about the latest opportunities](#)

There is still time to apply for Erasmus+ funding in 2017 for youth mobility, youth strategic partnerships, and structured dialogue projects. The Round 3 funding deadline is **4th October**. Application details and guidance notes are on the Erasmus+ UK website. [Go for it whilst opportunities are still available](#)

Discover this new mobile app which puts Erasmus+ at the fingertips of young people. An empowering way for young people to access Erasmus+ directly: [Share this with young people - it's empowering](#)

The **European Youth Card** is packed with discounts to access culture, accommodation, travel, shopping and more. They can discover Europe, get useful info and participate in projects. Share this link with young people who are travelling in Europe this summer to enable them to access any of over 60,000 discounts: [The European Youth Card - please share with young people](#)

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](#)

Leeds Councillors want to find out what activities young people 8-17 years want. Have your say & maybe win a prize! [Youth Activity Survey](#)

Tenders, Contracts, Grants and Funding

Preventing hate crime: funding for community projects. Providing funding for projects that prevent hate crime is one of the actions included in the UK government's hate crime action plan: [Apply for funding now](#)

The Yorkshire and Humber Funding Fair. You are invited to the largest funding fair in the region, organised by The Yorkshire and Humber Funders' Forum – 4th October at Unity Works, Wakefield: [Full details of how to get involved](#)

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