



## In the Loop: Number 18

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 **13<sup>th</sup> September** [Full details](#) [You can apply here](#)

### Yorkshire & Humber News

**Champion of young people dies.** A community champion who received the MBE and won York's first Community Pride Person of the Year award for his work with young people has died, aged 82:  
[Eddie Benson was Haxby Youth Club leader for 36 years](#)

**Mum of drug addict shares heart-breaking story to help others.** Recent drugs raids on Grimsby's East Marsh prompted a mother to come forward and share her harrowing story of life as the parent of a drug addict: ["She only gets a good night's sleep when her child is in prison"](#)

**The handling of an investigation into the woman who first revealed the child sexual abuse scandal in Rotherham is to be examined.** Jayne Senior has been investigated by Rotherham Council, after a number of complaints. It is understood the Local Government Ombudsman has now said it will look into her treatment: ["They want to attack Jayne's character and discredit the work she has done as a whistle-blower."](#)

### Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

**Young People from North Yorkshire launch their *Make Your Mark* ballot.** *Make Your Mark* is a national ballot running until 30 September in which people aged 11 to 18 across the country can vote on the issues that matter most to them. North Yorkshire's Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) are urging young people across the county to take part:  
["Yorkshire and Humber is the only region in the country where the Make Your Mark vote is increasing"](#)

**Young people given opportunity to plan prestigious annual event.** *Child Friendly Leeds* is encouraging young people, aged 11 to 19 years (or 25 with additional needs), to apply to be part of the team that will plan and present next year's Child Friendly Leeds awards:  
["It allows you to have your own say and helps you develop new skills."](#)

## National News

**Are young people still scared to be Goths?** Sophie Lancaster was just 20 when she was kicked to death by teenage boys - all because she was a Goth. Ten years on, have attitudes changed or are young people scared to be different? ['I remember the look they gave her'](#)

**"Poor political education" is causing young people to completely misunderstand phrases used in Parliament**, a survey suggests. Two-thirds of 18 to 25-year-olds polled by the youth news platform *Shout Out UK* believed "filibustering" was a slang term to describe a sex act: ["Most 18 to 25-year-olds aren't engaged or educated in politics enough."](#)

**Right-Wing think tank says Tories will win youth vote by scrapping 'Ibiza Tax' on flights.** Labour ridicules Adam Smith Institute over 'partying' tax cut. A right-wing think tank has faced ridicule after suggesting the Tories will win back the youth vote from Jeremy Corbyn - by cutting taxes on flights to Ibiza: [A new 12-point "Millennial Manifesto" will make the youth vote soar](#)

**The story of 12-year-old Firdows**, a young girl Jon Snow met two months before she was killed in the Grenfell Tower disaster [Jon Snow's link with Firdow](#)

## Reports and Publications

**Even cautious teenagers over-share on social media and risk damaging their job prospects, a University of Plymouth study has found.** Posting drunken photographs and personal rants on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter are associated with impulsive behaviour, but study finds that: [Sensible young people are just as likely to post risky things online as their more impulsive peers](#)

**Where is the world's most dangerous country for young people?** The widening gap in youth mortality between the developed and developing world is down to traffic accidents, violence and disease, new analysis shows: [One young person in every 150 there is estimated to have died in 2015](#)

**There has been a 61 per cent increase in calls to the NSPCC helpline** about child neglect over the past five years. The charity said that in 2016/17 the charity's helpline dealt with a record 19,448 calls and emails about child neglect, up 7,338, or 60.9 per cent, on the 2011/12 figure of 12,110: [The full story](#)

## Health

**Doing meth raises the risk of strokes in young people.** People who use methamphetamine are almost five times more likely to have a stroke caused by a bleed in the brain, many of which are fatal. "We can add stroke to the list of terrible and devastating things that methamphetamine does," [The drug can lead to psychosis, and has been linked to anxiety disorders and depression](#)

**Why going dry is the new high for Young People.** The proportion of 16-24-year-olds who are teetotal increased by more than 40% between 2005 and 2013. Today, 1 in 5 is teetotal. ["It is definitely not as cool to be drunk as it was before"](#)

**India threatens Philip Morris after they allegedly push cigarettes to young people.** Advertisements at kiosks, the free distribution of Marlboro smokes at nightclubs and bars, and the use promotions on TV screens are breaches of the law, Indian authorities say: [Cynically killing Young People in exchange for money](#)

**Young people will be offered mental wellbeing support** as part of the National Citizen Service (NCS) initiative, Prime Minister Theresa May has announced: [Another well-thought-through initiative from our Prime Minister](#)

## 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](#)

**Applications are invited for a full-time, funded PhD scholarship in Social Policy (Childhood studies/ Education).** The student will be based in the School of Education and Professional Development (SEPD) at the University of Huddersfield where they will undertake a PhD aligned to the Erasmus+ funded initiative 'CyberSafe Generation: Digital Education by Design' ([CyGen](#)). [The closing date for applications is 4pm, Monday 4th September 2017](#)

**Trans Programme Assistant.** Focussed on supporting the delivery of a comprehensive programme aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of members of the Trans community, including reducing isolation and improving resilience: [Closing Date: Monday 11th September 2017](#)

**Leeds MindMate Ambassadors.** Can you use your digital skills to help get messages out, to support young people with their mental health? You need to be between 16 and 24 years old: [Closing date 15th September 2017](#)

## **Events and Training**

**Bradford Thursday, 9 November and Hull Wednesday, 15 November:** The **Stand Out in a Global Market** event series inspires young people to kick start their careers by gaining experience abroad. Free one-day events are held around the country and are open to sixth formers. The events demonstrate the range of opportunities available, from vocational courses to international exchanges. [Full details of the Bradford Event](#) [Full details of the Hull Event](#)

**Date for your diary: Yorkshire and Humber Region LGTB+ Young People's groups get together. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**ChooseYouth AGM September 4th 2017.** To be held at the Guildhall at 11 am in room 11, north wing entrance. [Full details and booking arrangements](#)

**Student Sexual Health and Well Being.** Working in Partnership to Improve Sexual Health Services for those Attending University or FE Colleges. In 2016, over 1.4 Chlamydia tests were carried out and over 128,000 diagnoses were made amongst young people aged 15-24: [Conference Wednesday 29th November 2017 How to book](#)

**How to handle disciplinary issues in the workplace.** Find out more about these pitfalls and avoidance strategies at ACAS Mock Disciplinary events in [Hull](#) 12th September & [Wakefield](#) 11th October, or, view their full disciplinary training [here](#)

## **Blogs**

**Britain is failing young people in custody.** The neglect of young people represents state-sanctioned child abuse, argue Deborah Coles, Prof Joe Sim and Prof Steve Tombs from Inquest: ["A litany of systemic neglect, violence, institutional complacency and short-sighted policies"](#)

**"Social housing providers have a duty to take a hard look at the reality of housing options for young people."** From April 2019, both housing benefit and the housing element of Universal Credit will be capped at the Local Housing Allowance for people living in social housing. Under this system, young people will be restricted to the shared accommodation rate (SAR): [Housing crisis for Young People](#)

## **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: [The Time to Move campaign - a preview](#)

**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**

**Girls and social media: do you feel pressure to be perfect?** Social Media is awash with airbrushed images of celebrities and models, taken from specific angles and with camera filters that wildly distort reality. But what impact does the consumption of these images have on our perception of ourselves?  
[The Guardian wants to know what young women think](#)

**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**

Youth organisations are increasingly **prioritising projects that help young people have a greater say** in local and national policymaking, according to analysis by a leading grant maker. One of the fastest growing themes to emerge from recipients is empowering young people in society: [Power of Youth Voice](#)

**A £1.7m fund to help young people engage with their local communities has launched.** The #iWill Take Action Fund will support opportunities for 10- to 20-year-olds in the North East of England to volunteer, fundraise and campaign on issues of interest to them: [How to apply](#)

**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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