



In the Loop: Number 20

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 are currently delivering training in West Yorkshire in partnership with Bradford College and will be delivering in North Yorkshire in partnership with North Yorkshire CC in the New Year.

Please accept formal notice that the **AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber** will take place on **Thursday 9th November in Doncaster**. It will take place during our **Annual Conference: "Filling the Vacuum 2"** [Annual Conference - Filling the Vacuum 2](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

Young people get the chance to chat with NHS chiefs in Bradford as part of a healthy lifestyle event. 'Your Future, Your Health' is the second event of its kind in Bradford and was instigated by young people involved with the children's charity, Barnardos, who wanted a health-themed event focusing on them and their peers. [The opportunity for young people to 'Meet the Leaders.'](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Workers meeting 19th October at Harrogate Library, Victoria, Harrogate. Please make sure that you have the date in your diary.

National News

Around one in 25 young people in the UK identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual, new figures suggest. The Office for National Statistics said 4.1% of 16 to 24-year-olds identified as LGB, up from 3.3% in 2015: [A "statistically significant increase".](#)

Absence of young people rattles Conservatives. Party obsesses over youth vote as **average age** of members rises to **72**. Speakers at fringe events dwelt on the contrast between the near absence of young people at the conference and the tens of thousands of enthusiastic Labour supporters at the opposition party's conference last week in Brighton: [An endangered species: Young Conservatives](#)

Tories will make young people better off, chancellor promises. Philip Hammond opened the Conservative conference with policies aimed at wooing younger voters, but his promises were described as 'mediocre': ["The Labour party will simply outbid us. No question about that"](#)

Almost half of all young people in England go on to higher education. Government's measure of higher education participation reaches 49%, highest level since introduction of £9,000 fees, almost reaching Tony Blair's 1999 pledge: [A 10,000 rise in the number of those going to university for the first time](#)

Brexit is as toxic to young people as Trump's wall, minister warns Theresa May. Phillip Lee also tells the Prime Minister she lacks a 'mandate' for her original vision of hard Brexit - after losing her Commons majority: ["The country's social contract is "fraying" and no longer "works for them"](#)

A fifth of young people are homeless - you just can't see them. People sleeping rough are vastly outnumbered by those whose homelessness we don't see. More needs to be done to reach the most vulnerable: [One in five young people in the UK have sofa-surfed in the past year](#)

Tory MP sparks anger saying jobless young people should take up farm work alongside 'gorgeous EU women'. Craig Mackinlay said British youngsters needed to match the motivation of European workers: ["What's not to like? Get on your bike and find a job" says Mackinlay](#)

Sale of acids to under-18s to be banned, Amber Rudd says. Her pledge comes as more than 400 attacks using corrosive substances were recorded in the six months to April. She also said she would "drastically limit" sales of sulphuric acid, given that it can be used to make explosives: ["Victims never fully recover"](#)

Reports and Publications

Growing social media backlash among young people, survey shows. Almost two-thirds of pupils say they would not care if the technology did not exist and they talk of the negative impact on wellbeing: [56% admitted to being on the edge of addiction](#)

Children's workforce guide to qualifications and training. Entry-level requirements and ongoing professional development for key roles across the children and young people's workforce: [What you need](#)

Young people 'more anxious than ever' due to Brexit and rising debt. Rise in anxiety runs alongside figures showing half of young people, particularly women, struggle to make ends meet. 10% of young people who are facing "dire financial problems": ["Influx of distressed young people seeking advice"](#)

Almost three-quarters of young people 'have witnessed sexual harassment on a night out': Some 79 per cent of woman say they expect some form of harassment: ["They expected to experience inappropriate comments, touching and behaviour on a night out"](#)

Health

Quarter of young people admit to bullying someone online. Over a quarter of young people say they have bullied or insulted someone else online, according to a recent study. Research from *Demos* found that boys are significantly more likely to have bullied someone online than girls: [15 per cent said they had "joined in with other people to 'troll' a celebrity"](#)

Genes may predict how well the flu vaccine will work in young people. Nine genes are like a crystal ball for young people, but not adults: [It's all in the genes](#)

Childhood bullying anxiety declines over time, study says. Anxiety and depression caused by childhood bullying decreases over time, showing that children are able to recover, a study suggests: [Psychiatrists said bullying could have serious effects on young people's mental health for a long time](#)

Vacancies

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

National LGBT Anti-Bullying Project Coordinator. Whilst this role is home-based there will be travel across England involved. A full Job Description, Application Form and Diversity Monitoring Form can be downloaded: [Here](#)

Community Development Worker MESMAC. York. Closing date is: **Noon on Thursday 12th October 2017** [Fixed Term contract 1 year](#)

Events and Training

Yorkshire and Humber Region LGBT+ Young People's groups get together. Saturday 28th October 2017. Central Wakefield. Young People from across the region will meet together to share their experiences and the work they have been doing and have fun: [Flyer for the event](#)
[All participants need to book in here to secure a place](#)

"Filling the Vacuum 2" The Annual Conference of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber will take place on Thursday 9th November in Doncaster. There will be inputs from *In Defence of Youth Work*; the *National Youth Agency* and the *Institute for Youth Work*. You can book here: [Book your place here](#)

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. These free one-day events are targeted at 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](#)

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](#)

This year Anti-Bullying week, co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, takes place from 13 - 17 November. The event shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is **'All Different, All Equal'** and aims to empower children and young people, celebrating what makes them, and others, unique: [About Anti-Bullying Week 2017](#)

Choose Youth are now finalising arrangements for their drop-in evening for MPs and Lords on **November 6th, 2016, between 4 and 6.00pm** as one of the many events taking place supporting Youth Work Week, inviting youth groups and youth workers to be part of the event to inform MPs and Lords of their vital work: [It is possible to book in to the event right here](#)

Yorkshire and Humber Children in Care Councils and Care Leavers Conference. Leeds. 25th November. Aimed at anyone with responsibilities for young people in Care and strategic decision-makers. [Here is the flyer including full details and booking arrangements](#)

A quick reminder of upcoming **Trans and GI** working group meeting at **Leeds Cosmopolitan Hotel** on **Monday of 16th October 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

On 6th December the National Youth Agency are jointly hosting a conference with the LGA on 'A New Vision for Youth Services'. The LGA will be launching their vision for the council role in youth services, and the day will comprise workshops and break-out sessions to look at how partners can work together to provide the best services for young people in their area: [More details](#)

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](#)

Submit the best and most inventive photo using a Eurodesk selfie frame. You can find a frame by checking out which **Eurodesk** UK Partner is situated closest to you, or check out the map of events. Along with a photo, we would like you to tell us what your European adventure would be: [Full details of the competition](#)

Consultation

The government initiated a survey to understand the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) people living in the UK. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 15 October 2017: [Have your say before it closes](#)

Parliamentary Youth Violence Commission: Call for Evidence (Deadline of 13th October, 2017)
sdrowley@cardiffmet.ac.uk

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](#)

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