



In the Loop: Number 22

The World of Young People

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 Local Authorities & 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 a Level Two/Three course 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.

Many thanks to the many organisations who attended our Annual Conference and AGM on Thursday 9th November in Doncaster and for the very positive feedback from that event.

Yorkshire & Humber News

Young people show we have a bright future at Green Summit. Young people from across the region spent a weekend at Malham Tarn Field Centre exploring environmental issues and identifying ways to create positive environmental change at the Green Futures Youth Environment Summit:

[The event was part of the Green Futures programme](#)

Young people 'will inherit a North rich in assets but poor in opportunity', says think tank. Brexit will have nearly twice the impact on the North's economy by 2030 as it will on London's, according to a report which urges the Government to "devolve real economic power" to the region:

['Generation Z', aged 21 and younger, will form the overwhelming majority of the workforce"](#)

Dozens of inspirational young people from across the region were presented with Diana Awards at Leeds college of Music. They were presented by musician Danny Jones of McFly, Paralympic gold medallist Hannah Cockcroft MBE and the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

[Included a Syrian refugee who was forced to flee the war at the age of 10](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

Watch Young People from our region perform in the House of Commons at the Annual Youth Parliament sitting last week: [The morning session](#) [The afternoon session](#)

Get young people on the board. Although the benefits of trusteeship for young people are great, unfortunately only 5 per cent of charity trustees in the UK are under 35:

["Perhaps young people are actually the most able to contribute within these roles"](#)

With the core belief that the child's voice has to be at the centre of everything, the **Chief Executive of Doncaster Children's Services Trust, Paul Moffat, recruited a team of Young Advisors** to help shape services for children and young people in a way that has never happened before:

["Since the trust was established, everyone has been given a voice."](#)

National News

Thousands of young people injured after being 'restrained' by officers in secure facilities. Ministers have been urged to rethink techniques for restraining minors after probe revealed more than 4,800 cases where children were hurt since 2010:

["Officers are trained to deliberately inflict pain on teenagers in young offender's institutions"](#)

More than half of Britons unclear on what constitutes sexual harassment. More than half of respondents to a Sky Data poll say they are unsure where the line is between flirting and sexual harassment: [And Fewer and Fewer Youth Workers to explore the difference with young people](#)

The 107 secret message codes used by Young People on social media that all parents should know about. You might not realise Young People are sometimes talking about sex:

[Didn't they nick "BFN" from us?](#)

William warns social media impacts young people's self-esteem. "Children are tested more than ever before and are being prepared to enter a highly competitive work market," said Prince William. On top of this, there is a sense of being 'on call' 24/7 through social media, and the subsequent strains this can have on relationships, home life and, ultimately, a child's sense of their own self-worth. It can all take its toll.

["Young people are increasingly under pressure compared to past generations"](#)

Head teachers representing more than 5,000 schools across England are supporting a protest letter to the chancellor over "inadequate" funding. The letter, being delivered to Downing Street, warns of schools increasingly having to make "desperate requests to parents for 'voluntary' donations".

[Heads are calling for an extra £1.7bn per year for schools](#)

The Department for Transport has just launched a new scheme that will help train companies make the UK's railway stations safer places for vulnerable children. The Safeguarding on Rail Scheme introduces new safeguarding requirements: [16,500 children are at risk of sexual exploitation every year](#)

Schools have been asked to appoint a teacher to lead on promotion of the National Citizen Service initiative as part of efforts to boost uptake. Guidance published by the Department for Education calls on schools to do more to promote the "life-changing experience" the flagship initiative offers young people:

[NCS needs a little help selling the dream](#)

Jeremy Corbyn's Youth Work week message:

[See and hear Jeremy's message](#)

Domestic violence 'masks' other threats to children, Cafcass finds. Domestic abuse can 'mask' other risk factors faced by children, an analysis of serious case reviews (SCRs) by Cafcass has found:

[In the cases analysed by Cafcass, 28 per cent involved domestic abuse](#)

Premier League announces partnership with Stonewall. The Premier League and Stonewall have today announced a three-year partnership to help further promote LGBT equality in football:

[Section of work to address unacceptable language, including homophobic abuse](#)

Reports and Publications

Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) have collaborated with specialists from the PSHE Association and Girl-guiding to take terrorism safety advice into the UK's classrooms and youth organisations for the first time. They have commissioned the creation of an animated core film designed to teach young people how to react if caught up in a gun or knife terror attack: [See the new film here](#)

Poor broadband killing off rural life as young people flee for the cities, report finds. The *National Housing Federation* has warned that family life is being damaged as children increasingly leave home for university or to work and fail to come back because of poor facilities in the countryside:

["By 2039 half of rural households will be aged over 65"](#)

Health

Regular smoking in young people at record low. The proportion of young people smoking in England regularly is the lowest on record, according to new figures. But there are signs that falls in recent years are levelling off, with the proportion of young people who have ever tried a cigarette similar to figures in 2014. ["We urge the government to prioritise tobacco control so we can achieve a 'smoke-free generation'"](#)

Young people struggling to get 'timely support' for mental health. Problems with disconnected health services and long waiting times are negatively impacting children and young people's ability to access specialist mental health services, according to a CQC report:

[Just 25% of children and young people who need treatment for their mental health are able to access it](#)

Vacancies

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

Events and Training

Online pornography - The Risks - Premier Inn **Brighouse** HD6 4HA **Monday, 4 December 2017.** The Average age of the first internet exposure to pornography is 11. 20% of all mobile searches are for pornography. If you work with people of any age you need to know more: [Eventbrite link](#)

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 week is 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

In Defence of Youth Work: Is the tide turning? Tuesday, 21 November 2017 from 13:15
University of Huddersfield, Lockside Building: [Book your free ticket here](#)

Blogs

A knife isn't necessarily there to damage young people say. "It's for protection". Whitney Iles has spent half her life working to reduce violence among young people. She talks to the Guardian's *Beyond the Blade* project about why children and teenagers might carry knives, and how that behaviour can be changed:

["\(We need to\) recognise the trauma suffered by young people as a result of living in a violent society"](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities

Erasmus+ application deadlines for 2018, along with the latest version of the Programme Guide, have been published by the European Commission. For 2018 there is a budget uplift for the Erasmus+ programme. The amount of funding available to UK applicants increases from 148 million euro (in 2017) to almost 170 million euro: [Full funding details](#)

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](#)

Funding

Current Funding Opportunities. Links to some key funding opportunities in Leeds:
[Start your funding search here](#)

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