



In the Loop: Number 3

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.

Yorkshire & Humber News

The rise in knife and weapon crimes in West Yorkshire schools. Schools should not become 'prisons' or 'Fort Knox' style security zones with pupil searches as standard, education chiefs have urged: [Knife crime is on the rise in West Yorkshire's schools](#)

West Yorkshire Police provides opportunity for Disabled Young People to Experience Police ride – along. Disabled young people can now travel in a specially-adapted police vehicle and learn more about policing: [Combined with tours of local police stations in the Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield Districts](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

UK Youth are currently looking for young people to represent the Yorkshire and Humber region. Every year young people from across the UK Youth network get involved in policy work, fundraising, conference organising, programme design and delivery, and campaigning on behalf of their peers: [How to get involved](#)

NHS England has officially launched a brand new Youth Forum. Comprising 20 Young People recruited from all over the country and linked in to a Facebook network of hundreds more young people, the forum aims to provide a voice for young people: [NHS Youth Forum video](#)

The Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Induction Residential will take place on the weekend 13th to 15th April 2018 at Dearne Valley Centre near Doncaster. For a booking form and full details contact the Youth Work Unit: theunit@youthworkunit.com

National News

'Our Future, Our Choice': Campaign launched for young people who want Brexit stopped. Femi Oluwole promises to deliver the 'will of the people' for 'the under 55 population'. ["A majority of young people want to remain in the European Union"](#)

Stabbing deaths among young people hit eight-year high. Police recorded 61 deaths in 16-24 group and a total of 215 fatal stabbings in England and Wales. The number of men and boys killed was 164, the highest since 2009: ["Male victims aged 16 to 24 years and 35 to 44 years have seen the biggest increases"](#)

Young Londoners Fund of £45m to tackle youth crime. It will be paid for through council tax and business rates. Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said the scheme will help bridge the gap after the government "decimated" youth services in the city. 48% of youth worker jobs have been lost: [Hello - North calling. We lost provision too. Hello?](#)

How perfectionism became a hidden epidemic among young people. There is enormous pressure on young people to strive, perform and achieve. And the data indicates that many are struggling to cope. One of the ways in which younger people are acting differently to their older peers is by showing a greater tendency toward perfectionism: ["This the first generation to grow up in a society based on the principles of neoliberalism"](#)

Fears young people are taking knives disguised as credit cards on nights out - to 'protect' themselves. Some people have revealed that they feel like they 'don't have a choice' when it comes to carrying one of the knives - which cost as little as £1.70: ["They're definitely becoming more and more common"](#)

Young drivers could be banned from driving at night under new license plans. Proposal to restrict 17-24 year olds after they pass their test, in a bid to lower the disproportionate number of young drivers killed on the roads. ["A 'graduated driving licence' could be introduced as a probationary period lasting for two years"](#)

Transition period to replace LSCBs to start in May. A 15-month transition period to replace outgoing local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs) with new arrangements is set to get under way in May, it has emerged: [New regulations will be put in place by May 2018](#)

1 in 5 LGBT young people leave education due to bullying, report finds. New report suggests bullying and discrimination are harming LGBT people's mental health and education prospects: [Young people said they had left education due to homophobia, biphobia or transphobia](#)

Minister Nick Gibb refuses to answer times tables questions on Good Morning Britain and Sky as he launched new times tables policy: ["I'm very tempted to but I'm not going to"](#)

More than 1,000 driving bans given to children. More than 1,000 driving bans were issued in 2017 to children not legally old enough to be behind the wheel. The number of disqualifications for children aged 16 and under rose to 1,024 last year, compared with 696 in 2014, according to DVLA figures: [The RAC described the figures as "the tip of the iceberg".](#)

A teenager who took his own life while in foster care was failed by agencies as he prepared to leave the care system, a review has concluded. The boy, from Powys, killed himself three months before his 18th birthday after becoming anxious about living independently. [Poor risk assessment and serious performance issues with frontline services](#)

A recently released guide, targeted at schools about transgender children, has been slammed by LGBT groups, who say it perpetuates myths and could potentially harm young Trans people: ["It perpetuates myths and could potentially harm young trans people"](#)

Reports and Publications

Children's Services are the most immediate pressure for local councils, above Adult Social Care for the first time in three years: [State of Local Government Finance Survey 2018](#)

Late last year the All Party Parliamentary Group for Youth Employment launched an inquiry into best practice that helps young people furthest from the labour market into employment. [Short version of the report](#) [The full version](#)

Health

Sharp rise in number of young people suffering strokes. Everyone needs to know the warning signs, as it could happen to any one of us at any time - no matter the age or level of fitness:

[A new campaign has been launched, urging people to act quickly](#)

Blogs

Why our Young Labour conference 'excluded' straight, white, able-bodied men. We're helping disabled, BAME and LGBT people and women push for equal representation in parliament, and we'll succeed. Allowing liberation groups, minority groups, and crucially those oppressed and underrepresented in politics to self-organise: [Straight, white, able-bodied men are disproportionately overrepresented](#)

Listen to young people – we need more diversity, more consent and less prudishness in sex education. I was glad to hear that the government was revising its Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) guidance and asking for the public's views – until I read the proposals:

["The most serious problem was with the way consent was taught – or rather, not taught"](#)

Vacancies

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

Generation Change brings together the leading charities and social enterprises that help young people to create social change in the UK. They are currently hiring for 4 exciting job roles. You will be joining an ambitious social venture that is looking to drive social change through collaboration. **Check out the vacancies:** [Can be based anywhere in the UK, with some travel to London expected.](#)

Events and Training

An introduction to understanding impact. Includes introduction to **Theory of Change**. A day to explore Impact in the Youth Sector and how Theory of Change can contribute to organisations identifying their impact and provide evidence. **28th March 10 – 4 pm.** At **West Leeds Activity Centre**, Lenhurst Avenue, LS12 2RE: [Full details and booking form](#)

Funding Change: Making impact measurement work for funders and providers of Youth Services – a regional event targeted at funders and commissioners. Leeds Rhinos, Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR
Wed, March 21, 2018 10am – 4pm

[Full details and booking arrangements](#)

The next **Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Youth Work Trainers** meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th April** at Youth Association South Yorkshire (YASY) in Sheffield between **10am and 1pm**. This meeting is open to anyone providing Youth Work related training in our region.

Choose Youth meetings 2018. Meetings will be held in the North Wing, London Guildhall on the following dates:

Wednesday 2nd May 10.30 to 2.30 room 11

Tuesday 18th September 10.30 to 2.30 – room 10

The ninth IDYW National Conference Friday, March 9th at the Birmingham Settlement, Aston, Birmingham. 'Swimming with or against a turning tide? Where should youth work be heading?'

[Full programme details and booking arrangements](#)

Resources

'Friend or Foe?' is Sheffield Future's newly developed resource and training package designed to equip staff to deliver training to colleagues and young people and help prevent Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). [Full details of the materials and training opportunities](#)

Personal Travel Budgets. Information for Children and Young People who are entitled to receive help to get to their place of learning. A sum of money paid to parents or carers of children and young people with special educational needs and / or a disability who qualify for free school transport:

[Information and Advice from Children England](#)

Summary of is 'the tide turning?' debates which have been held around the Country:

[Feedback from discussion so far](#)

New Your Story Our History films. Watch powerful new Your Story Our History films exploring the equality acts that have helped to change women's lives for the better: [Watch Your Story Our History films](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

New Eurodesk website: redesigned tools for more effective youth information services. Informing all young people about ways to experience the world. A resource for young people and youth workers: [On a mission to raise awareness among young people on learning mobility opportunities](#)

Watch the new Eurodesk website launch video: [introducing the new Eurodesk website](#)

A toolkit on the use of EU funds for the integration of people with a migrant background: [Access to the toolkit for work with young people from a migrant background](#)

Eurodesk Newsletter: [Access the newsletter here](#)

Consultation

Have your say on the Government's proposals for CAMHS. Last December, the Government published a Green Paper laying out their plans for children and young people's mental health services: [Now's the chance for you to have your say](#)

Have your say on the future of Erasmus+ The European Commission (EC) is giving beneficiaries and participants the chance to share their views on what Erasmus+ could look like after the current programme ends in 2020: [Take part in the consultation](#)

Funding

Government support available for organisations considering becoming a Public Service Mutual; [See the video](#) [£1.7 million funding boost to Public Service Mutuals](#)

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