



## **In the Loop: Number 4**

### ***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**

**Closure threat to Young People's Centres in Rotherham.** Rotherham Council, stripped of its powers after a series of child sexual exploitation (CSE) incidents, is still waiting to have its authority reinstated over its children and young people's services. Now the authority has announced plans for a consultation into delivery of services which could see the number of youth centres cut from 11 to 6.

["People will be able to access services through street-based youth activities"](#)

**UCAS blames Northern schools for lack of 'aspiration and attainment'.** UCAS chief executive says regional gap in university applications is down to schools, 'as simple as that'.

["There is a huge differential. Why is that?"](#)

**The number of recorded offences by children under 10 has shown a huge increase since 2012, figures from West Yorkshire Police reveal.** There were 181 such crimes recorded in 2012 but this had risen to 1,002 in 2016 - the last year with full figures: [The most common offence was violent crime](#)

**Bradford's young people 'leading the charge' in bringing about positive change.** "The reason for the rise in hate crime in Bradford is because people feel they can report it. It is that more people are seeing the importance of reporting it, rather than standing by and letting it happen."

["Bradford's diversity, its multiculturalism, is in fact one of its greatest strengths"](#)

#### **Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News**

Youth voice interview in our region with Arqam & Samuel: Interview starts at 1.08. Sylvia & Harry: interview starts at 02.22 [Radio interview](#)

#### **National News**

**Labour makes statutory youth service pledge.** Labour's shadow chancellor has said he wants to include a commitment to making youth services statutory in the party's manifesto for the next general election:

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**More than half of children in England and Wales bullied about appearance.** A survey finds most bullying focuses on weight and body shape and has major impact on victims. 40% are targeted at least once a week: [Sixty per cent said they had tried to change their appearance as a result](#)

**What makes young people carry knives? It's not drill music for sure.** If disenfranchised teenagers feel compelled to arm themselves, we have failed as a society. Their musical taste is not to blame. How are knives becoming normalised among children? What role is social media playing? [For many disenfranchised groups of young men drill is the soundtrack to local life](#)

**Schools will receive £600 for every additional pupil who takes an advanced maths qualification.** The **Advanced Maths Premium**, is a new fund to help schools and colleges increase the number of students studying maths after GCSE. The premium will also support institutions to increase the number of girls and those from disadvantaged backgrounds taking advanced maths qualifications from September: [The £600 premium is equivalent to 15% of the base funding per student](#)

## **Reports and Publications**

**More needs to be done to ensure that all young people can find rewarding employment.** ONS today (1 Mar) published their NEET statistics for young people not in education, employment or training quarterly brief: [NEET statistics October to December 2017](#) Kirstie Mackey, Head of LifeSkills says "We must ensure our young people are equipped with the right transferable, future-proof skills: [LifeSkills provides free support to help improve access to work](#)

**Charities' 'shock' at levels of self-harm among young people.** A poll of 1,000 youngsters found a third had self-harmed. The poll, released by *Self-Harm UK*, *The Mix* and *Young Minds*, also found that only 46% would be confident knowing what action to take if a friend did open up to them about their self-harm: ["It is shocking that self-harm remains so prevalent among young people"](#)

**Study finds that one in four young people have received sexts**, and one in seven reported sending them. The research included data from 39 separate research projects conducted between January 1990 and June 2016, with a total of 110,380 participants, all of whom were under 18 -- with some as young as 11: ["Age specific information on sexting and its potential consequences should be provided"](#)

**Meeting, mixing, mending how NCS impacts young people's social integration.** Evidence that NCS fosters greater understanding and integration between 16-17 year olds from different backgrounds, especially those who have lower integration before completing the programme: [Read the report](#)

**Social media firms are failing to protect young people a survey has found.** A Cyberbullying inquiry has found the mental health of young people is severely affected by online abuse. Almost half of young people have experienced threatening, intimidating or abusive messages on social media, pushing some to the verge of suicide in the most extreme cases: [Respondents said they felt let down by social media platforms](#)

**Young people are helping each other with depression by leaving kind messages.** "A few friends and I built something to help other 21-year-olds like us who suffer from depression". 'It was a simple site which just let you describe your friends anonymously in three words and then have you do the same for other people: [A new website called DescribeMe](#)

## **Blogs**

**The impact of disability upon young people:** "They excitedly informed me that 'This is the soundtrack to my life!' and as I listened to the lyrics it made the hairs on my arms stand on end": [Social media is empowering individuals to embrace their conditions](#)

**Star Power: Does politics need celebrities to engage with Young People?** Here in the UK, it could be argued that celebrity involvement in politics is viewed negatively. Screaming at us to vote without telling us how society and politics works seems a little premature: ["In the wake of yet another mass school shooting, America's youth has thrown down the gauntlet"](#)

## Vacancies

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

**Youth Development Workers** (Bristol and Sheffield). Children and Young People's Work Team  
Salary: £27,942 per annum. Contract: Fixed term – 3 years. Hours: Full-time – 35 hours per week  
Location: One worker based in Bristol and one based in Sheffield: [Full details right here](#)

## Events and Training

**An introduction to understanding impact.** Includes an 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 providing evidence. **28th March 10 – 4 pm**. At **West Leeds Activity Centre**, Lenhurst Avenue, Leeds 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. **Louise Atkin will represent the NYA** talking about Level 2 and Level 3 training and the Youth Work Apprenticeship Trailblazer: [Book your free place](#)

The next meeting of the **Yorkshire and Humber LGBT+ Youth Work Network** will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April** from **10am to 1.00pm** at the Orangebox Young People's Centre, 1 Blackledge, Halifax (Next door to the Piece Hall). Open to all those working with LGBT+ young people 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

**National Safeguarding Month starts today.** UK Youth has produced a set of resources. It includes calls for organisations working with young people to review their safeguarding practices and pledge to improve safeguarding policies and standards. [Check out the resources](#)

**Body Confidence Campaign Toolkit for Schools:** [Does what it says on the tin](#)

**Welcome to Open Minds in Calderdale.** If you are a young person in Calderdale this site is for you. It will help you with questions about emotional health and wellbeing, showing you where you can find support: [Open Minds website for Young People in Calderdale](#)

**You should start preparing now for changes that GDPR will require to your current policies and procedures** around data protection. GDPR is not just a tick box exercise and it needs all staff and volunteers to embrace new procedures. To help you prepare for GDPR, NCVO has a range of services that we can offer direct and through partners: [Support regarding data protection](#)

Stonewall's Trans Equality Campaign: [Support the campaign](#)

## 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**

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Civil Society, launches the consultation regarding the development of a Civil Society Strategy. Plans for consultation work with young people are being finalised:  
[Make your contribution](#)

**MPs investigate impact of social media and screens on young people. MPs are looking to hear your thoughts. The Commons Science and Technology Committee has announced an inquiry into the impact of social media and screen-use on young people's health:**  
["We want to determine the scale of the issues"](#)

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