



In the Loop: Number 7

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

Thanks to all who attended the **Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Youth Work Trainers** meeting yesterday in Sheffield with Louis Atkin from the NYA. Some very interesting discussions regarding training and Youth Work Apprenticeships in our region.

The next meeting of the **Yorkshire and Humber LGBT+ Youth Work Network** will take place on **Thursday 19th 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:
[Attend the meeting](#)

Yorkshire and Humber LGBT+ Young People's Event Thursday 31st May - York. An opportunity for Young People from LGBT+ Youth Work Groups from across the Yorkshire and Humber region to get together and share their experiences and have fun. This is the second in a series of events bringing young people together in our region, beating isolation and sharing the good work they have been undertaking.
York [Young People's Event in York - book here](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

The Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Induction Residential will be taking place this weekend. 90 Young People from across our region are getting together to share their experiences and take part in training largely delivered by their peers.

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

A better story about Young People's future is possible. Avocados or snowflakes? Neither. Let's take back control of what people are saying, thinking and hearing about Young People and their futures.
Millennifest: Shaping the Future. Sheffield: Saturday 12th May:
[Find out more - Shape the Future](#)

National News

Home Secretary Amber Rudd has rejected claims that young people are drawn into violent crime because they don't have anywhere to go. She said the government was committed to investing money into youth services to divert people away from knives: ["Putting in more money and more targeted money"](#)

Spending on children and young people's services cut by nearly £1bn in six years, figures reveal. Government accused of 'slashing' support for those that need it most after it emerges planned net expenditure on children and young people's services down £956,881,000 in real terms: ["Forced to adopt a 'crisis' firefighting model."](#)

'Social media has poisoned us': young Britons on why they are unhappy. From student debt to loneliness, young people in Britain share their reasons for why the happiness of 16 to 25-year-olds is so low: ["The electorate is dragging this country down the toilet"](#)

Young Eastern Europeans are reporting increased racism and xenophobia after the Brexit Vote. To protect themselves, young people said they started avoiding speaking their home language in public, learnt to put on a local accent or tried to 'blend in' through the clothes they wore or their appearance; [Being told to 'go back' to their country or being called names, such as 'terrorist'](#)

#Bikestormz: Politicians take note, young people will stand against unfairness. Over the last few decades, young people have turned away from Westminster politics. They have either become disengaged, or leaned instead toward other forms of civic engagement ranging from demonstrations to consumer activism: ["Looking at the topic of knife crime, it's not hard to see why"](#)

Almost half of education staff say secondary school pupils have been suicidal because of stress, according to a survey by the National Education Union. The survey of 730 education staff working in early years, primary, secondary, sixth-form colleges and FE colleges found that 45 per cent reported pupils having eating disorders, and 48 per cent said pupils were having panic attacks: [Read the full story](#)

Violence strategy 'provides little' to help council efforts, children's leaders warn. "There is scant provision within the strategy to assist councils in addressing the issue: ["It requires significant, long-term investment across the country"](#)

Housing benefit to be restored for 18- to 21-year-olds after fears young people will be made homeless. 'Young people claiming housing benefit are doing so because they don't have a choice about whether to live at home': [Regulations will be changed to give 18- to 21-year-olds the same rights to help as older people.](#)

Reports

Loneliness more likely to affect young people says a study from the Office for National Statistics. The research found that almost 10% of people aged 16 to 24 were "always or often" lonely - the highest proportion of any age group: [Young People can have thousands of friends online and yet feel unsupported and isolated](#)

"Immaturity means young adults need more support in court" report says. UK's Centre for Justice Innovation argues unfinished brain development 'can influence antisocial decision-making'. The report also argues that changes to "societal norms" have extended the age at which people reach key markers of adulthood: they typically occur five to seven years later than a few decades ago: ["Call for a fresh approach for 18- to 24-year-olds"](#)

According to research by the charity, the Prince's Trust, young people's happiness across every single area of their lives has never been lower. Young people's sense of wellbeing has fallen over the last 12 months and is at its lowest level since the study was first commissioned back in 2009: ["What kind of world are we bequeathing Young People"](#)

Health

Finding help for mental health issues. Whether young people want to know more about the things they're feeling, get information about a mental health condition or know what support is available, these guides can help: [Comprehensive guide to getting help for young people](#)

Blogs

Young people are being cheated of the skills needed to get good jobs. Brexit turbo-charges the need for high-quality technical education. Why isn't the government delivering? The sorry result so far has been a catastrophic drop in apprentice numbers in England
[‘The shortage of construction skills is the worst recorded.’](#)

Young perpetrators of knife crime are victims too. We need to understand them as victims of child criminal exploitation who are subject to coercion by gang elders:
[“Insanity is trying the same thing over and over again and expecting different results”](#)

Vacancies

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

National Youth Association: Practice Development Manager

Location: Flexible (post holder can be home based or based at one of our regional offices in Leicester, London or Newcastle) **Contract:** Permanent Contract. **Salary:** £35,000 – £40,000 per annum

Closing date: Monday 30th April 2018 (12 noon) [Full details and application process](#)

Events and Training

Think Tank: how to engage with BAMER LGBT+ young people: Meeting for organisations to discuss how to better engage with Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic & Refugee (BAMER) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender+ Young People. 10th May 2018, 10am-1pm
Sheffield Town Hall; [Full details and booking arrangements](#)

Development Opportunity for Yorkshire Organisations – Behaviour Management and Youth Arts.

This training will be delivered at **West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds on Thursday 26th April 2018.**

Better your understanding of challenging behaviour & the best ways to cope:

[Behaviour Management and Youth Arts](#)

Resources

Forced Marriage: protective measures for children and young people in the family courts and the court of protection. The principle aim of the law relating to abduction is to protect young and unmarried girls from sexual and financial predators: [A multi-agency approach](#)

Eating disorders in young people. Eating disorders can affect people from any background, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Adolescent men and women aged between 13 and 17 years old have a higher risk of developing an eating disorder:

["It has the highest mortality rate of any psychiatric disorder"](#)

The Home Office has launched the third phase of the Disrespect NoBody campaign which aims to prevent young people aged 12 to 18 years old from becoming perpetrators and victims of abusive relationships. Promotional materials for partner organisations are also available for the campaign which runs to the beginning of May 2018: [Disrespect NoBody Campaign Resources](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Two outstanding outdoor opportunities (one in mountainous Georgia and other in London) which might be of interest. Eurodesk are looking for 4 + 4 = 8 participants, who are 18-30 years old in projects below:

East or West – Outdoors is the Best: 4th -12th June 2018, Georgia

[Further details](#)

Healthy Habits: Active Outdoors and Sports. 27 June – 4 July 2018, London

[Further details](#)

With three weeks to go until the next deadline for youth funding, the Erasmus+ UK National Agency has a range of support to help you submit a high-quality application. You can choose the most suitable support for you from detailed guidance notes, webinars and one-to-one phone calls.

[Access Support here](#)

Grants and Funding

The Women's Vote Centenary grant scheme has two types of funds, approximately 150 Small Grants of between £300 to £2,000 for grassroots projects to run small-scale events and activities to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the vote. Deadline Friday 18 May 2018. [Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme](#)

Consultation

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Civil Society is still consulting regarding the development of a Civil Society Strategy. We really should respond to this in big numbers:

[Make your contribution](#)

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