



In the Loop: Number 8

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 and contributed to the **Yorkshire and Humber LGBT+ Youth Work Network** meeting in sunny Halifax last week.

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

Grants of up to £2,500 have been awarded to 14 community projects by The Leeds Fund, which aims to improve young people's mental wellbeing and give them the tools to keep their minds healthy: [Confectionery giant donated £20,000](#)

Amazing Hull charity which helps young people with disabilities celebrates 30th birthday - but it needs more volunteers:

[Supports over 1,000 disabled young people across the region regardless of their needs or behaviour](#)

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

Labour to consult on creation of statutory youth service. All local authorities will be required to provide a minimum level of youth services under plans being considered by Labour:

[Total expenditure on services for young people have received a real-terms funding cut of £765m](#)

Labour's policy to give free bus travel to under-25s could save young people up to £1,000 a year: [Jeremy explains](#)

Do young people really struggle with traditional analogue clocks with hands? That's the claim in a debate between teachers - with suggestions that digital clocks are being installed in exam halls for teenagers:

["Young people are much more familiar with seeing the time in a digital format"](#)

Britain may regulate young people's use of social media. Britain's health minister Jeremy Hunt threatened to impose new regulations on social media firms unless they did more to protect young people using their services: ["Groups "turning a blind eye" to the effect social media had on children's well-being"](#)

Tate launches £5 art exhibition tickets for young people. Tate Collective aims to make big-name shows more accessible for 16-25-year-olds. The scheme has been launched by Tate to increase the number of young people going to ticketed exhibitions:

[Currently, 16-25-year-olds make up less than a tenth of the audience](#)

Young people increasingly targeted to launder proceeds of crime. More than 30,000 cases last year, says report from UK fraud prevention body. They have been acting as "money mules" for criminals, according to research that underlines their vulnerability to recruitment via social media;

[14 to 24-year-olds allowing their bank accounts to be used to move the proceeds of crime](#)

Home Office faces court action over asylum children. Government accused of systemic delays and poor treatment of minors 'rescued' from Calais:

[The British government will face legal action today over extensive delays in child asylum cases](#)

Brexit: Young people worried about losing human rights. As the generation who might be most impacted by Brexit, there's one distinct feeling weighing down young people: concern. 79% of those who expressed an opinion would be concerned if they were left with fewer rights after the UK leaves the European Union: ["The Bill is set to significantly reduce human rights protections in the UK" - Amnesty](#)

Nigel Farage has revealed two of his children possess British and German passports, meaning they will maintain their free movement rights in the European Union after Brexit:

["If it comes to a football game, it's pretty clear what side they're going to actually support"](#)

Youth leaders appointed to government's Serious Violence Taskforce. A number of leaders from the youth sector have been appointed to sit on a government taskforce designed to address serious violence, it has been announced: [The Taskforce will have a total of 24 members](#)

Reports

Women and young people most likely to work on zero-hours contracts. ONS report shines light on demographic most affected by precarious work. Estimates suggested that 6 per cent of UK employment contracts were carried out on a 'zero hours' basis in November 2017, equating to 1.8 million contracts:

[66 per cent of people on zero-hours contracts work part-time](#)

Major survey finds 43% of children concerned about air pollution near schools. A major survey has found almost half of our children are worried about the quality of the air they breathe at the school gates:

[43% of children between six and 15 are concerned about the levels of air pollution](#)

Loneliness linked to major life setbacks for millennials, study says. Lonely millennials found to be more likely to have mental health problems and be out of work. Loneliness should be taken seriously as a potential marker for other problems, the team behind the study say:

["Increasing contact between individuals might not be enough to tackle loneliness"](#)

Health

Health warning issued after measles outbreak in Bradford. Public Health England has reported an increase in measles across the country and in other parts of Yorkshire and the Humber during 2017/18. Nine confirmed and three suspected cases of measles have now been seen in Bradford since the end of March: [Anyone at any age can get measles and the illness can be more severe in teenagers](#)

Cyberbullying makes young people more than twice as likely to self-harm or attempt suicide, a major new study has shown. The growth of social media has left many youngsters vulnerable to online bullying, which can include sending threatening, humiliating or intimidating messages or posting hurtful comments or images: [Around one third of young people claim to have been victims](#)

Parents facing 'unfair child abuse claims' over bruising. Parents are being investigated for possible child abuse because of the misinterpretation of guidelines on bruising in babies, it's claimed. Official guidelines from health watchdog NICE for hospital workers suggest such bruising is very uncommon – it's not: ["Having to take decisions based on really misleading interpretations of research"](#)

Party leaders urge Theresa May to act on childhood obesity. Jeremy Corbyn among those seeking curbs on TV advertising for junk food and discount deals: [A ban on buy-one-get-one-free offers on junk food sought](#)

Blogs

Please stop blaming the internet for Young People's loneliness. We need to stop piling all of the blame onto the online world and focus on the more pressing reasons for young people's remoteness. ["There's no need to look any further than our money – or lack thereof"](#)

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](#)

Creating Spaces for Collaboration in Youth and Community Work. The purpose of this seminar is to progress a conversation and foster collaborations for universities and practice agencies in creating meaningful spaces for practice-based learning: **Leeds Beckett University Wed 20 June 2018**
Leeds: [Full details and booking arrangements](#)

Resources

Film - tender drama telling the story of gifted young footballer Charlie who passes up on a lucrative career. His crisis is rooted in gender confusion - Charlie identifies as female and, after years of denial, is finding it difficult to hide her true feelings any longer. This is anathema to her dad Paul, but she gets a more sympathetic hearing from her mum and sister:
[See the trailer - this film is a great resource for work with young people around gender. Out on Sky now](#)

Young people with experiences of homelessness are one of the most vulnerable groups in society and continue to make up approximately half of the people accessing homelessness services in England. Benefit reduction was a cause of homelessness in one in 10 cases: [Read the full report](#)

Volunteers' Week is a chance to say thank you for the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK. It takes place **1-7 June** every year and is an opportunity to celebrate volunteering in all its diversity: [Downloadable Resources for Volunteers Week - Get them now](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Erasmus+ Key Action1-Mobility projects for young people - Youth Exchanges. Organisations active in the fields of education, training and youth receive support from the Erasmus+ Programme to carry out projects promoting different types of mobility: [Full details and deadline dates](#)

Grants and Funding

Loud and Proud Grants are now open. These grants are accepting applications for LGBT+ projects. If you've got a project idea that will help out in your community but need some funding to get you on your way, submit your application: [Loud and Proud Grants](#)

The Leeds Funding Fair will take place on Wednesday 23rd May at St Chads Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds [Full details and information regarding booking arrangements](#)

Consultation

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Civil Society is still consulting regarding the development of a Civil Society Strategy. There have been very few responses regarding services for young people. We really should respond to this in big numbers whilst we have the chance:

[Make your contribution](#)

Share your views on the causes of loneliness in young people. Help us understand the causes of loneliness from your perspective, as a major study says young people are most likely group to experience it: ['Feeling lonely isn't in itself a mental health problem, but the two are strongly connected'](#)

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