



In the Loop: Number 9

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

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. [Young People's Event in York - book here](#)

Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Children in Care and Leaving Care Council's event, 30th May. A follow up to last November's successful full day event. We will hear updates on Pledges made at that event and on what the young people have been doing since. Further details: charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com

Patrick Ambrose and the Youth Work Unit Board Member for Young People, Toni Paxford, will be representing our region at the **European Youth Event in Strasbourg** at the end of this month along with thousands of young people and workers from across Europe. Three days of activities are planned, covering a wide range of topics.

Yorkshire & Humber News

Government announces £28m Life Chances funding for children & young people. **Sheffield City Council will receive £19,294,766**, the largest amount of money from the Life Chances fund. It will set up local projects to help tackle a range of issues from mental health and wellbeing to homelessness and youth unemployment. [The Life Chances Fund is being delivered on behalf of DCMS by the Big Lottery Fund](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Earlier this year the DCMS launched their *Civil Society Consultation process*. A Young People's version of the consultation has been designed and will be used for a consultation event **this Saturday 12th May in Central Leeds** for Young People from across our region. To book places for young people, please contact: charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com

The biggest annual poetry competition for young writers is now open for 2018 entries. Once again the biggest poetry competition for young writers is looking for poems by young people **aged 11-17** from the UK: [Let's bring the prize back to Yorkshire and the Humber this year!](#)

A meeting between **West Yorkshire Transport Authority, bus companies and young people** will be taking place at the end of June in Leeds.

National News

Young People should get £10k each to close the generation gap says the Resolution Foundation.

One of its main conclusions is that every person in Britain should receive £10,000 when they turn 25 to help get on the property ladder, pay for education, and start paying into a pension;

[People in their 20s are more likely to be in insecure work than the generation before them](#)

London crime: 'Angry' young people need more support to stop violence, former drug dealer claims. Quince Garcia 39, from south London said he believes investment in support programmes is the answer to tackling the rise in violent crime across the city.

["The only way they can feel like they can be recognised or gain status is by attacking someone else"](#)

Amnesty International: Police gang database 'racially discriminatory' and breaches international law. The secretive police Gang Matrix database contains the names of thousands of gang members, including children as young as 12:

[13% of the population is black. Figures show 27% of those prosecuted for youth violence are black](#)

Local elections: The young people who were running to be councillors. The average age of a local councillor after previous elections has been just over 60, according to Local Government Association research. But for 2018's poll, some young people were bucking the demographic and standing to represent their local area: [It's an easier thing to do if you're retired, but I wanted to give young people a voice](#)

Tens of thousands of young people across the UK are homeless or facing the risk of homelessness after seeking help from their local council. Just 13% of statutory homelessness requests were accepted by local authorities in 2016-17, according to new analysis released by the youth homelessness charity, Centrepoint: ["These figures lift the lid on the hidden crisis of youth homelessness in the UK"](#)

Former Labour Home Secretary Jacqui Smith is to become an adviser to the children's commissioner for England, Anne Longfield. Smith will be joining the commissioner's advisory board which provides Longfield and her office with strategic advice and challenge:

[In 2005 she was schools minister](#)

The YMCA has called on the government to end funding cuts to youth services and for youth work to be given statutory status. Chief Denise Hatton said "drastic action" is needed to protect remaining youth services. The charity's call comes in response to analysis it has published that shows spending on youth services by English and Welsh councils has fallen by £750m:

["Councils are "choosing to divert spend away from universal or targeted youth services"](#)

Child slavery victim sues Home Office after sexual assault at Morton Hall. Government accused of 'catastrophic failure' after admitting teenager was being held illegally when attacked by immigration centre inmate: ["The 19-year-old was being detained illegally when he was attacked by another inmate"](#)

Reports

Young people – millennials – are waiting longer to have sex than the previous generation, analysts say, as they're worried about intimacy and being humiliated on social media:

[One in eight 26-year-olds are still virgins, according to new research](#)

One in nine young people in Scotland have attempted suicide. While the link between self-harm and suicide has long been recognised, a new study has provided detailed figures and analysis.

["Sadly, it's relatively common and that's alarming; that's concerning"](#)

The number of children living in working families in poverty has risen by one million over the last eight years, analysis by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) shows. Families where both parents work in the public sector have seen their income reduce the most since 2010, TUC research suggests. Image:

["Pay freezes and in-work benefit cuts are the key factors for the rise"](#)

Health

Mental health plans 'failing a generation', say MPs. Sally, now 20, believes her mental distress should have been spotted years before she received treatment that helped her. She says she became ill when she first started secondary school. Read her story: [One in four schools to have new provision in place by 2022](#)

A young gay man who says he has been bullied and beaten because of his sexuality is speaking out in a bid to eradicate homophobia. The 20-year-old university student, who grew up in Darlington, shared his experiences as new figures showing that more than 70 per cent of LGBT+ youngsters in the town have been bullied or rejected at some point because of their sexuality. ["The police did nothing"](#)

Blogs

Actually speaking to young people whose lives are affected by knife crime. Stabbings in London have risen by a quarter in just a year – to understand why, *Dazed* speaks to five young people from east London: ["As a 16-year-old it's difficult to watch one of your closest friends bleed out and die in front of you"](#)

"Millennials like me need real solutions, not a £10,000 gimmick. It will take more than a handout to fix structural inequalities that deny young people education, employment and property"
["It would be like putting a plaster on a gunshot wound"](#)

Winning a Statutory Youth Service. Doug Nicholls reflects on the momentous Roundtable event which took place at the Palace of Westminster on 23rd April 2018. He posits that there are shifts towards a new Youth Service with support from key politicians, youth organisations and young people.
[Nicholls suggests a new youth service is both needed and affordable](#)

Mental Health - children and young people want support they can access, from people they know and trust. Schools may soon create designated senior leads for mental health, in accordance with the government's plans – but there's no guarantee this role will be well considered and properly funded:
[How to deliver the mental health services that young people desperately need](#)

How to get young people to succeed in the world of work? Teach them how to listen. The world of work is changing. Due to a range of economic, societal, global and technological developments, the workplace of today is likely to look a lot different in the future: [Importance of Listening Skills](#)

Targeting the attitudes of young working-class people. The perceived lack of aspiration among young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds is used as a convenient explanation for the stagnating levels of social mobility. As a result, the 'raising of aspirations' has become the focus of government strategy over the past 20 years:
["Aspiration' becomes a key characteristic of the ideal, 'deserving' neoliberal young citizen"](#)

Vacancies

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

Events and Training

Taking charge of change. Community First Yorkshire conference, **Thursday 17 May 2018, 9.45am-5pm.** One-day conference for voluntary and community organisations in North Yorkshire and Community First Yorkshire member organisations in North, South and West Yorkshire.
[Programme for the day](#)

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](#)

Young people are taking over Potteric Carr Nature Reserves (DN4 8DB) on Thursday 26th of July from 11am until 6pm. You are invited to be involved. The day will involve: Stalls or activity stations run by youth organisations; Talks and discussions in the Education Centre; Trails and spotting guides around Potteric: [More details](#)

Resources

Youth Work Training: Frequently Asked Questions: All those questions about getting involved in Youth Work which you were afraid to ask. Where to get help; progression routes etc. etc.
[Information from the NYA](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

EU launches free Inter-rail passes for 18 year olds in a scheme that will give 15,000 teenagers a free Inter-rail pass once they turn 18 at the start of 2018. The train ticket, worth up to €510 for a month's travel, grants holders the chance to journey across 30 countries in Europe at almost no extra cost on 32 rail networks. [The Discover EU initiative will open for applications in June](#)

Why Europe matters: Talking policy with the EU's young people. While Europe's young people are keen to develop modern soft skills and entrepreneurial know-how, they also want policymakers and business leaders to listen to them on why Europe matters:

["If you ask me why Europe matters it is because of you young people."](#)

Grants and Funding

The Biffaward Small Grants Scheme offers quick access to lower levels of funding to make these projects happen. You can apply for between £250 and £10,000. Your project must not cost more than £30,000 in total: [Start an application](#)

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](#)

The Care Leavers Foundation: Provides grants to care leavers aged 18 – 29 (although preference given to 21+) to help with education, training, enterprise or employment, emergency living expenses, household costs, and exceptional medical needs. [Full details](#)

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](#)

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