



In the Loop: Number 10

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

On 27th June, *The Youth Work Unit*, the *Centre for Youth Impact* and the *Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport* (DCMS) are hosting a roundtable event which will explore the role of, and potential for, **an evidence base for informal and non-formal youth provision**.

Impact Network meeting: The next meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Impact network will take place on **Wednesday 27th June, in York, from 10am to 12.30pm**. **Participants can** be part of a consultation for the LGA on developing the **Framework of Outcomes for Young People**, produced by the Catalyst Consortium in 2012 Hosted by the Youth Work Unit Y&H [Full details and booking in arrangements](#)

Creating Spaces for Collaboration in Youth and Community Work. Leeds Beckett University. **TAG**, in partnership with the **YWU Yorkshire and Humber**. The aim of this seminar is to foster greater levels of collaboration between higher education institutions and practice agencies in the profiling of challenges and opportunities facing youth and community work policy and practice: [Full details and booking arrangements](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

Alcohol education charity Drinkaware is continuing to expand its scheme sending people into bars and clubs to help young people stay safe on a night out. Crew teams have now spread to Wakefield and West Yorkshire, where specialist staff have been trained for five city centre venues: [Supporting young people who may be vulnerable as a result of drinking too much](#)

Gareth Gates holds first 'stammer school' to help young people in Bradford with the condition. The chart topping Bradford born singer and stage star returned to his old school, Dixons City Academy, over the weekend to run sessions for young people with stammers: ["When I was your age, I felt like I was the only person going through this"](#)

How creating a Northern Powerhouse could transform the UK. Hull and the Humber have a central role to play in achieving the aims of the Northern Powerhouse. Our partnership believes that 900,000 northern children and young people can be directly mentored and given experience of the world of work every year: [Cities like Hull must be at the forefront of this powerhouse says George Osborne](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

This year's Youth Select Committee is focussing on work experience .Young people have said that knowing where to find work experience can be a challenge. The current inquiry will explore barriers preventing young people from accessing work experience: Young People can respond here:

[Let the Youth Select Committee have your views](#)

National News

Four in 10 children in foster care 'sexually active by age 12'. Young people in foster care experience poorer sexual health outcomes, with 46 per cent having sexual intercourse before they reach the age of 12, a study has found: [They were also three times more likely to report not using a condom](#)

Young people are leading a growing movement against low pay and precarious work. Strikes have taken place at McDonald's and TGI Friday's restaurants across the UK in recent months. These strikes are the first of their kind in the UK, instigated by a new generation of trade union members **fighting for better** pay and fairer working conditions: [Building a movement](#)

Fewer young people are joining trade unions because they 'don't see how they are relevant'. The Trades Union Congress announces membership levels among those aged under 30 has fallen sharply. Membership levels among those aged under 30 had fallen from 20.1 per cent to 15.7 per cent in the last 17 years: ["We are creating a lost generation of younger workers"](#)

The Children's Society and the British Association for Social Workers are conducting a survey about the availability, quality and improvements needed in support for vulnerable 16 and 17 year olds. [The results of the survey will be shared with the Children in Need review](#)

Crowdfunding platform suspends campaign to distribute 'deceitful' school resources on transgender young people. Transgender children's charity, Mermaids, 'delighted' by decision: ["The resource pack is "deceitful, harmful and damaging"](#)

Government to retain controversial Prevent anti-radicalisation programme. The government's controversial anti-radicalisation initiative Prevent is to be retained as part of a revised counter-terrorism strategy, it has been announced: [Misapprehensions around Prevent are often based on distortions" - Sajid Javid](#)

Reports and Studies

Majority of young people do not feel proud to be English, survey finds. 18-24-year olds are more likely to be embarrassed about their English heritage than those from older generations, according to a YouGov poll of over 20,000 adults.

["Schools to blame for failing to teach children to have a "sense of pride in the country's past"](#)

Why more and more young people are holding on to virginity. An investigation into whether porn and social media are truly factoring in to why one in eight 26-year-olds are virgins today. "Self-hatred" has prevented some from being sexually intimate with others for much of their youth:

["For me, I broke the curse by downloading Tinder"](#)

99% of councils feel Local Housing Allowance (LHA) cap restricts young people's access to housing. Councils feel their efforts to help young homeless people are being hampered by welfare reforms, research has found: ["Universal Credit makes landlords less likely to let to young people on benefits"](#)

There has been a significant rise in accidental deaths, homicides and suicides among young people across the United States, and experts are calling it a wake-up call. The total death rate suddenly soared 12% between 2013 and 2016, according to a new report:

["Car crash-related injuries, followed by suicide and homicide"](#)

Health

Most young people with cancer struggling with mental health. Eight out of 10 young people find the mental health impact of cancer as hard to deal with as the treatment itself. Yet half of all teenagers with cancer do not receive the psychological help they need:

[Government needs to include this in its plans for children's mental health](#)

Syphilis and gonorrhoea up by one-fifth. The impact of STIs remains greatest in young people aged between 15 and 24 years, with gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men among those most at risk: [Chlamydia accounted for more than 200,000 cases last year](#)

New document launched for psychologists on safeguarding children and young people. A group of psychologists with expertise in the field of child protection have produced a new BPS guideline: 'Safeguarding children and young people: [A professional resource for all psychologists throughout their careers](#)

E-cigarettes should not be sold or marketed to young people, experts warn. Respiratory experts say that e-cigarettes should be included in all smoke-free policies to protect young people and want flavourings to be banned: [E-cigarettes should also be regulated in the same way as tobacco products](#)

Government vows to launch mental health check pilots later this year. Delayed trials of mental health assessments for children entering the care system will launch later this year, the government has pledged: ["The pilots will begin later in the year, once pilot areas have been selected"](#)

Blogs

"Why would young people love a country that seems not to love them? The odds are stacked against millennials. Don't count on their patriotism until that changes. The "gig economy" is a euphemism for chronic precariousness": ["The often noted 'age effect' is actually a cohort class effect"](#)

With 'One Plastic Free Day' we can inspire people worldwide to fight for a sustainable future. 8 billion tons of the stuff already exists, 300 million tons of which is in our oceans: [72 per cent of tap water samples taken in the United Kingdom are contaminated with plastic fibres](#)

Terrifying young people about knife crime is not the answer'. More resources are needed to boost teenagers' confidence and self-belief, says former head of the charity Reclaim ["I see the familiar negative narrative unwinding: condemnation of young people"](#)

Vacancies

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

Communication & fundraising manager. Full Time (37.5hrs), mainly office hours but with some flexible working. Salary Scale pts 4.23 – 5.26 (£21,478 to £23,629) Location: Bradford: [Full details of the application process](#)

Events and Training

Making Natural Play Structures with Jon Cree. Rope swings, rope bridges, rope walks (in fact any rope things for creative play) and other greenwood play structures will be built, along with consideration for health & safety and risk assessments: [Skelton Grange Environment Centre, Leeds, 21st July](#)

Please sign up to the Choose Youth Thunderclap and share with your networks. On the 6th June, we want hundreds of tweets reminding MPs to attend the lobby and support the Youth Service Bill: [Join in by following this link - and share with others](#)

Resources

ACAS guide to Religion and belief discrimination. The Equality Act 2010 makes it unlawful to discriminate against or treat someone unfairly because of religion or belief, or their lack of religion or belief: [Read the ACAS guide to understand your responsibilities](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Are you a Youth Worker, Young Leader or a budding entrepreneur? Want to develop your skills? Join ACT!ON, international Basic Synergy Training in the Netherlands this summer! Apply now and get one of 2 spots for UK participants: [Full details and application process](#)

From 7 May to 11 June: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on #Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities for Young People. Deadline: 11 June: [Opportunity Finder](#)

Are you between 18 and 30 years old? Join the A Sea of Words Contest and tell about your own experience and emotions in relation to Cultural Heritage. Deadline: 1 July: [Sea of Words](#)

Consultation

All Party Parliamentary Group inquiry into Youth Work. The NYA is collecting evidence from the sector until the 27th June 2018. [How to submit your evidence](#)

Grants and Funding

“Essential Life Skills in the Doncaster Opportunity Area: EXPECT Youth, Doncaster Council and the Department for Education are looking for organisations to apply for funding to deliver activities to support Essential Life Skills in the borough. [Full details here](#)

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