



In the Loop: Number 12

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

Impact Network meeting: The next meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Impact network will take place next **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](#)

Please note that the roundtable event with the DCMS, which was to follow the Impact Network meeting above, on 27th June, in York, has now been cancelled.

Thanks to all who participated in the Creating Spaces for Collaboration in Youth and Community Work which took place this week at Leeds Beckett University, delivered in partnership with TAG.

A message from the Shadow Chancellor to the conference:

[A Labour Government will generate the funds and resources to support a statutory youth service"](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

How my Bill for Fair Wages for Young People could meet the same fate as the Up-skirting Bill. There are many consequences of the 'Friday filibusterers' antics last week - my bill to extend the Living Wage to under 25s stands to be another casualty: [Holly Lynch Labour MP for Halifax questions the system](#)

South Yorkshire teenager wins protection order in forced marriage first. Police issue safeguarding order to protect male victim from honour-based abuse:

[Received threats for not complying to a pre-arranged marriage agreed when he was five](#)

Increase in young people hospitalised for self-harm in York. Figures reveal that York has the highest rate of hospital admissions for self-harm in Yorkshire and the Humber:

["Hospital beds are "full of young people crying out for help"](#)

The true impact of Spice in Hull - and the users it turns into the 'walking dead' Spice is starting to have a detrimental effect on Hull due to the frightening effects it has on users:

[It is a drug that has turned city centres into visions of hell](#)

Former England Children's Commissioner becomes North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board Chair.

North Yorkshire's new chair for overseeing children's safeguarding is the former Children's Commissioner for England, Professor Maggie Atkinson: ["North Yorkshire has a great track record"](#)

Rotherham announces new children's services director. York Council's director of children's services (DCS) has been named as the person to take charge of children's services in Rotherham:

[This is a good time to be coming to Rotherham"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Convention 1 – this Saturday 23rd June – Doncaster.

National News

The Government introduces new Offensive Weapons Bill to tackle serious violence:

The Home Secretary has introduced new legislation to ban the delivery of knives and corrosives bought online to residential addresses: [Making it harder for young people to buy knives and acid online](#)

Young people want the Vatican to be more open about homosexuality. A document published by the Vatican on Tuesday reveals that young people want the Catholic Church to take a more active stance in discussing gender and sexuality: [Phrase "LGBT" used for the first time in a major church publication](#)

Sonic youth: the UK school turning teenagers' lives around. SupaJam is proving a hit with music courses for young people who have fallen out of education:

["Everyone's been telling them how rubbish they are"](#)

Government's flagship programme to help jobless young people has no idea where 15,000 people have gone because it keeps no records. Youth Obligation branded a 'dead duck' after minister admits he has no idea if it is helping youngsters into work - because no data is kept:

[15,300 young people have left, with no information available about what they are doing now](#)

Female scientists and dinosaurs feature on young people's book prize shortlist. A text about the most successful female scientists in history and an innovative dinosaur atlas are among the works vying for this year's Royal Society Young People's Book Prize:

[Celebrates the accomplishments of 50 female scientists throughout history](#)

Young refugees are trying to get an education, find work and start families – against the odds.

According to the UN refugee agency, 51% of the world's refugee population is under the age of 18. That means some 600m young people. [How being a refugee affects young people's transitions to adulthood](#)

World Robot Olympiad: Tens of thousands of young people develop automation & programming skills. Each year, at least 23,000 teams from more than 70 countries take part in WRO's competition:

[100,000 young people, ranging from six to 25 years old](#)

Reports and Studies

'Changes Needed To Narrow' Criminal Justice System for Young Adults. Further reforms are needed to the way young adults are treated in the criminal justice system, according to a new report:

["The Government's response to our report in the last Parliament was disappointing"](#)

Call to get young people 'work ready'. Getting young people ready for work is critical if the UK's economy is to prosper. "Schools have a curriculum given to them by Ofsted, and their one focus is Ofsted. The reality is that school children are not going to be work ready." ["Soft skills are not on the curriculum"](#)

The Great British Sell Off. How we're losing our vital publicly owned buildings and spaces. Forever:

[Launching Save our Spaces campaign](#)

Health

Young people 'see cannabis as safer than alcohol'. Results showed 24% of the 11- to 15-year-olds interviewed said they had tried recreational drugs at least once in their lives - a nine percentage point rise on the last survey conducted in 2014:

["My generation see cannabis as safer than drinking and safer than smoking"](#)

Sex, drugs and A&E: 10 charts on how the under-30s use the NHS. 15- to 29-year-olds have less need for longer-term treatments. In 2016, for example, this group accounted for under 2% of new cancer diagnoses in England: [Today, the biggest killers tend to be injury or self-harm](#)

Hubbly hooking lots of young adults on tobacco. While much attention has been paid to the dangers of e-cigarette use among teens, new research shows that **more than half of all tobacco smoked by young people comes from hookah:** [Researchers say that it takes about 10 to 12 puffs to smoke one cigarette](#)

Fact checking: A report by the Health Foundation says "The gains made as a society in improving the health of previous generations may well be eroded by the precariousness and instability of the lives some young people are facing." [Claims tested](#)

Think-tank urges fast-track graduate scheme for school mental health specialists. A major programme to recruit high-performing graduates to work in schools as mental health specialists should be introduced as part of efforts to tackle wellbeing among pupils, a think-tank has urged: ["A new role is needed to reshape specialist support in schools"](#)

Blogs

Knife crime: "I spoke to young people who carry blades – and they want to stop the violence". I travelled around London and Yorkshire for over a year to do this and spoke to children and teenagers in Youth Offending Service offices, schools, churches and council run youth groups: [He pulled a knife out ... I actually stood there and went "go on"](#)

More money will not fix our broken welfare state. We need to reinvent it. Adolescence was a concept that did not exist when the welfare state was designed, and yet today we know that these in-between years are a vital time of development: ["I fled with my new friends to the youth centre. I wanted to listen and to think about what could be"](#)

Do young people have the critical literacy skills to tell if news stories are real or fake? "Only 2% of children and young people in the UK have the critical literacy skills they need to tell if a news story is real or fake, according to a survey published by the National Literacy Trust: [The truth is out there](#)

Vacancies

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

Community Development Worker – Scarborough (22.5 hrs) Yorkshire MESMAC is a group of independent community based sexual health and social wellbeing services that are committed to developing and delivering services that are responsive to the needs of our communities. [Full details](#)

Events and Training

Youth Work Apprenticeships – Bradford College. This qualification provides apprentices with the core knowledge and skills needed to work as a Youth Worker. Apprentices will need to complete mandatory and optional units, a range of assignments, and an electronic portfolio of evidence demonstrating their competence and knowledge: [Read the Flyer](#)

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](#)

Resources

A couple of short films about OnTrak in Bradford. A Community Enterprise operating from a full commercial working garage and passing on skills to young people who are NEET: [The work of OnTrak](#) [And the bike project](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Transformative Youth Work: International Conference. 4th September - 6th September. Plymouth Marjon University are pleased to announce the hosting of an International Conference on the Impact of Youth Work, in association with our partner universities in Estonia, Finland, France and Italy:
[Will showcase the latest research on the Impact of Youth Work in UK, Finland, Estonia, Italy and France](#)

Eurodesk Opportunity finder. Find your next opportunity to travel abroad. Don't miss out. Look at the range of current opportunities: [Learning, volunteering, travelling and working](#)

What is *Discover EU*? Are you 18 years old? Are you up for an adventure? If yes, get ready to explore Europe by joining *Discover EU*, an initiative of the European Union allowing around 15,000 young people to receive a travel pass for this summer. Seize this chance to experience freedom of movement, understand better Europe's diversity, enjoy its cultural richness, make new friends and ultimately, discover yourself.
[Full details](#)

Consultation

Every now and then, someone on the In Defence of Youth Work Facebook page brings up the subject of mapping youth provision around the country. So now they have decided to try to do this. This involves everyone with knowledge of open access provision to drop pins onto a google maps shared document, accessed here: [Help to build a map of provision](#)

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

£20 million investment to help tackle loneliness. Charities and community groups will get £20 million of new funding to help isolated people and those suffering from loneliness:
[Funding will support charities and community groups to bring people together](#)

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