



In the Loop: Number 17

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

Please accept formal notice that the AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber will take place on Thursday 18th October 2018: venue to be confirmed. This will also be the date of our Annual Conference, details of which will be circulated shortly. Please put the date in your diaries as we would love to see you at both.

Regional Group of Trainers meeting. This meeting is open to anyone providing Youth Work related training in the Yorkshire and Humber region. University of Huddersfield. **Wednesday 12th September:** [Book a place here for free](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

New £1.6million investment in projects in North Yorkshire. New projects will support young people and their families living on the North Yorkshire Coast as part of the Opportunity Area programme: [Arts and cultural activities for more than 3,500 young people in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey](#)

Meet the leader who aims to help 35,000 young people in Bradford and Doncaster achieve their goals. "Doncaster and Bradford have been designated as opportunity areas by the Government and have been awarded some additional funding"
[She believes the success of the Partnership demonstrates that the private sector can create social change](#)

Next generation of young people gaining the skills Britain needs. Results day marks the culmination of hard work from students and teachers, with reformed 'A' Levels better preparing young people university or the workplace:
[Yorkshire and the Humber has seen the biggest improvement in entries achieving top grades \(A* and A\)](#)

Boost for vulnerable children through trusted relationships. Home Office awards £13 million to local authorities to help young people at risk of abuse: [Rotherham, North Yorkshire, York and Bradford to benefit](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

These three young people want to change the world - but they need you to help them. With the party conference season just around the corner, Hull Live invited three local politicians to explain why politics is important for the younger generation. Here is what they said:
["I knew I wanted to be in politics before I really understood what it would entail"](#)

Young people passionate about West Yorkshire transport, says Youth Council. "Transport is one of the top issues young people are most passionate about," is what the Leeds Youth Council told Bus18 leaders when they met at Leeds Civic Hall last at a meeting in August:
[Over 150 under 19 year-olds helped develop the new ticket](#)

Young people across the UK are being urged to take part in a survey to decide the key issues that youth leaders will debate in the House of Commons later this year. The **Make Your Mark campaign** is running for an eighth year. Young people are asked to choose from a list of 10 the social issues most important to them: [See the full list of topics](#) [Make Your Mark now open - Link to BYC](#)

Developing a Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Platform. Development Day for Young People **29th September – Barnsley.** For more information contact theunit@youthworkunit.com

Brexit – Our Future – Sheffield 27th October. A Youth Voice event for Young People in our region. For more information contact: theunit@youthworkunit.com

National News

New unit to tackle exploitation of vulnerable young people. A new national response unit will be established to help local authorities support vulnerable children at risk of exploitation by criminal gangs:
["To help stop child sexual exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery"](#)

The musicians trying to stop domestic violence among young people. An independent record label is looking to highlight what it feels is the worsening problem of domestic violence affecting young people:
["There is more awareness of domestic violence now than 15 or 20 years ago"](#)

More young people will use Snapchat than Facebook by the end of 2018. According to eMarketer's latest forecast on social network usage, the number of Snapchat users in the UK will reach 16.2 million by the end of the year. Around 31% (or 5 million) will be in the younger age bracket:
[Snapchat's user base will overtake Facebook's among 18 to 24 year-olds in the UK](#)

Vegan Beauty Market booms as Young People ditch animal products. Launches have more than doubled in the past five years - growing by 175%:
[Analysts have put the boom largely down to young consumers - Gen Z and Millennials](#)

Government likely to evaluate National Citizen Service next year. A report on the evaluation options, produced by the consultancy London Economics, looks at four options for tracking the long-term effects on participants: [No evaluation has focused on the long-term outcomes](#)

Reports and Studies

A survey of more than 4,000 18-30-year olds by charity Young Women's Trust found one in five are in debt all the time. A quarter have worse debt levels now than last year and a third don't think they'll be out of debt any time soon, with many borrowing from their parents to get by:
[Young women are more likely to be in a difficult financial situation](#)

"Huge numbers" of young people are struggling to meet basic living standards due to low pay, despite being the "most qualified group of workers ever," the TUC has claimed.
[Launched a new app, Work Smart, which helps young people to progress at work](#)

Are they shouting because of me? Voices of children living in households with domestic abuse, parental substance misuse and mental health issues:
["I wish my mum had gotten help earlier. She knew she needed help"](#)

Health

A Quarter of 14-year-old girls in UK have self-harmed, report finds. "There is a spike in the brain chemical dopamine around the age of 14 which makes people more prone to risk-taking and there are a lot of hormones. It's a crucial stage in a young person's neurological development."
["Self-harm at its root is a coping mechanism like having a glass of wine or smoking a cigarette"](#)

A (very) short film introducing the topic of period poverty:

[Ending period poverty - a positive case study](#)

Study of teenage drinkers and smokers shows 'significant damage' to arteries. Teenagers who smoke or consume alcohol have much stiffer arteries than those who don't, putting them on the path to heart disease and stroke: ["Arterial stiffness indicates damage to the blood vessels"](#)

Events

The Centre for Youth Impact Gathering 2018: Impact, power and change. 18th September 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm. Resource for London (Islington). [Information available via this link](#)
Will focus on the relationship between impact, power and change. The conference aims to provide time and space for those working in the youth sector to reflect, talk openly and learn with peers, and to gather ideas that they can take back to their day to day role and use in practice.

In the Service of Youth 2018: Making Waves in Youth Work. This year's **Institute for Youth Work** conference is taking place in Brighton, it will be an opportunity to both celebrate Youth Work Week and our conference theme: **Coastal Youth Work**. [10th November 18 - University of Brighton](#)

Yorkshire and Humber Young People's LGBTQ+ event – Doncaster. 1st November. Details and bookings contact: theunit@youthworkunit.com

Public Forum for Education: "Outstanding Culture for our Children and Young People". Thursday **27th September 2018** 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm (buffet from 4 pm). Hockney Conference Room, Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford BD1 1NN To book your place, please email: public.forum.for.education@bradford.gov.uk

Youth Work Week provides an opportunity for youth organisations, youth workers and young people to celebrate their achievements and the impact of their work. This year it will be held from **5-11 November 2018**. The theme for Youth Work Week 2018 will be: **What is Youth Work?**
[More about Youth Work Week and how you can be involved](#)

Emergency First Aid at Work. The objective of this qualification is to support learners in becoming emergency first aiders in the workplace. Meets the HSE requirements for training emergency first-aiders in those organisations that have identified that staff need to be trained to this level within their first-aid needs assessment. [Delivered by Community Matters \(Yorkshire\) - Horsforth Leeds](#)

Children & Young People's Mental Health. Digital Innovations Shared Learning Event. **31 October 2018** 1pm – 4pm, Venue TBC (Leeds City Centre). Join us for an informative and interactive afternoon aimed at bringing together young people, commissioners and service providers. Details: Sarah.Smith128@nhs.net

Blogs and Comment

Logged off: meet the teens who refuse to use social media. Generation Z has grown up online – so why are a surprising number suddenly turning their backs on Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat?
[I just thought: 'This is ridiculous.'](#)

Three reasons our oceans need young people. This is World Water Week. 19-year-old Ben May, Founder and President at **Think Ocean** and a student at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Global Environmental Education Partnership EE 30 under 30 award:
["Young people need to actively start driving change"](#)

Vacancies

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

Senior Youth Worker required in Knaresborough: 4 hours per week. **Youth Workers** required in Knaresborough, Whitby & Tang Hall, York: 2.5 hours per week in Knaresborough & Whitby (Term time only) Up to 6 hours per week in Tang Hall, York. [Closing Date: 5pm Monday 10th September 2018](#)

Resources

New film reveals experiences of LGBTQ young people in care. The six-minute animation promotes the findings of Speak Out - a national study led by researchers at the University of East Anglia's (UEA) Centre for Research on Children and Families

["Young people concealed their sexual orientation from carers and professionals"](#)

Film about young people and knife crime. "After watching this I sat down with my Son and made him watch this with me again. I told him he was better than that. Told him he's smarter than me & will do better in life than I did. It sunk in. Powerful stuff. Great short film" – from comments section:

[A film that looks at the impact of picking up a knife](#)

What does a youth worker do? Short film which explains the day to day work carried out by members of the profession: [What does that actually involve?](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Eurodesk Opportunity finder. Find your next opportunity to travel abroad. Don't miss out. Look at the range of current opportunities for young people and for youth workers:

[Learning, volunteering, travelling and working](#)

Government to honour Erasmus+ payments in event of 'no deal' Brexit. The Department for Education has pledged to honour funding awards through the European Union's Erasmus+ training and study programme for the next two years, even if there is a no deal Brexit:

[The next round of funding is open for applications in October](#)

Stand Out in a Global Market event – Leeds. Inspiring young people to kick start their careers by gaining experience abroad. This free one-day event is open to 16-18 year olds. The events demonstrate the range of opportunities available, from vocational courses to studying or volunteering abroad:

[Wednesday 14 November in St George's Centre Leeds](#)

Europe for Citizens - Democratic engagement and civic participation. Applications for town twinning grants close on September 3rd:

[Opportunities for mutual understanding, intercultural learning, solidarity and volunteering](#)

Consultation

Do the young people you work with have experiences of welfare services they'd like to share and see improved? We'd love to hear how they think the services they rely on could better address everyone's basic need for home; safety; love; health; and purpose:

[Children England's Child Fair State Inquiry](#)

Grants and Funding

Eligible charities and community organisations from across England can apply for up to £80,000 from the **Building Connections Fund Youth strand**, to expand or enhance their work tackling **youth loneliness**:

[The Youth strand will receive funding to explore youth loneliness in greater depth](#)

Trailblazers encourages young people to explore the incredible lives of women from the First World War, to discover Trailblazing women in your locality, and to develop as future Trailblazers. Schools and community groups across the country can research a contemporary Trailblazer in your local community:

[Download the funding application](#)

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