



In the Loop: Number 20

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 **Wednesday 14th November 2018**: at our Annual Conference at Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane Leeds.

Green shoots? Are we beginning to see the Youth Work policy vacuum being filled? What chance for new funding and resources? Are we seeing the development of much more effective National Leadership in the Sector?

Filling the Vacuum 3 – Wednesday 14th November
Annual Conference and AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber

Central Leeds. [Book Your Place Here](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

A study that will assess the effect of arts education on young people's lives is being launched by partners including Leeds Playhouse and Northern Ballet. Four Yorkshire-based organisations, which also include Leeds Young Film and arts museum the Hepworth Wakefield, will deliver work in eight schools over the course of four years: [Learn more](#)

Three paedophiles a week are looking for help in East Yorkshire. They are asking for help to stop them searching for pictures of child abuse. A campaign and helpline set up by a charity, aims to prevent child sexual abuse by encouraging abusers and potential abusers to seek help through online resources and helplines: [Nationally, 36,443 people contacted the organisation in 2017](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Are you interested in equality and inclusion? Do you have an opinion on how young people and marginalised groups participate in democracy? Do you want to see how young people in Europe are

organising to make change? If so, come join the British Youth Councils for **Equality for Us, Inclusion for All. Friday the 26th of October 2018:** [You can book right here](#)

Convention 2 of the UK Youth Parliament. We will be joined on the day by Paul Blomfield MP, members of the **People's Powerhouse** and the **regional CiCCs** - who will have their own programme. We will also be sharing the region's **Make your Mark** results, so please bring these with you: **Saturday 13th October** [Here is where you book for Convention 2](#)

Brexit – what next? An opportunity for young people from across the Y&H region to come together and discuss Brexit, get informed, have some myths busted and hear what will still be available post April 19. Key Note speaker: Paul Bloomfield MP. **Saturday 27th October:** [More details and how to book](#)

Transport: An opportunity for young people from across the region to meet with **Transport for the North** and the 64 transport providers to raise awareness of issues and find solutions. More info from: theunit@youthworkunit.com

Y&H Youth Mental Health Awareness event 31st October. An informative and interactive afternoon aimed at bringing together young people, commissioners and service providers. Young People can attend independently if they are 16 years or over. Under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult: [More details](#)

The People are the Powerhouse Convention. 20 November 2018. Northern Commercial Stadium, Bradford City FC. The People's Powerhouse is a movement which exists to shape the debate around the Northern Powerhouse, to ensure that people and communities are at the heart of the Powerhouse plans, not the periphery; [Book now](#)

The British Youth Council are looking for new trustees to join its board. You can now apply to be a Trustee. We are looking for people with a diversity of skills, experiences and background. Don't overthink it - if you're passionate about Youth Voice and interested in the challenge of running a charity get in touch. Deadline for submissions: **Monday 15 October 2018** at 23:59: [Here's how](#)

National News

Young people are rewiring capitalism with their McStrike. A precarious and exploited workforce has had enough: young employees are joining unions and demanding to be heard. A mere 8% of workers under 25 are Union members. The day McDonald's workers walked out on strike was the best day of Shen Batmaz's life: ["It was the most powerful I'd ever felt in my life."](#)

Did Taylor Swift really cause a voter registration spike? Campaigns may spend piles of money and devote thousands of volunteers to register people to vote. But, it's possible that just one Instagram post from Taylor Swift has been just as, if not more, effective: ["So many intelligent, thoughtful, self-possessed people have turned 18 in the past two years"](#)

Young people with deposits still cannot buy homes. About 40% of young adults cannot afford to buy one of the cheapest homes in their area even with a 10% deposit, according to a new research. House prices in England have risen by 173% over two decades: ["For young people, it's a depressing outlook."](#)

This Black History Month, let's teach young people how slavery interrupted a rich and powerful black history. Our young people should be taught about the horrors of the slave trade so that we never forget, but they also need to understand that their ancestors came from some of the most civilised societies: ["It's an opportunity to have our history told in a positive way"](#)

Afraid to go out, afraid to eat: The young people living with severe food allergies. Young people with allergies are going to lengths to avoid putting their lives in someone else's hands ["I don't want anyone to think I'm just being fussy."](#)

A drug dealer has been jailed for 14 years in the first successful prosecution under legislation to tackle "county lines" crime, in which gangs exploit vulnerable children to establish drug networks: [Gangs exploit children to set up drug distribution networks to rural areas, market towns and coastal areas](#)

Reports and Studies

Nearly 30% of young people in England do not drink, study finds. Research shows greater proportion of 16- to 24-year-olds shunning alcohol entirely. Researchers said abstaining from alcohol was becoming “more mainstream”. ["Norms around drinking appeared to be changing"](#)

Media coverage of terror attacks and extremism can leave young people anxious and with an exaggerated fear of becoming victims, say researchers. A study of the attitudes of 11 to 16-year-olds found that terrorism was seen as a bigger worry than issues such as bullying, racism, cruelty to children or worries about getting a job: [Young People are showing "staggeringly high" levels of concern](#)

Segregation of young offenders rising in institutions, says report. Children’s commissioner also finds length of time people are locked up alone has doubled. ["The average length of segregation periods doubled from eight to 16 days"](#)

Health – World Mental Health Day Special

Mental illness: Why help ends at a milestone birthday. Every year thousands of mentally ill young people find the help they are receiving comes to an abrupt end when they hit a significant birthday; a point reached somewhere between the ages of 16 and 21, marking the moment at which care from children's services comes to an end: [What can be done to improve things for them?](#)

Child mental health services will not meet demand, National Audit Office warns. Spending watchdog says even promised £1.4bn extra would leave ‘significant unmet need’. “Auditors have discovered “significant weaknesses and unreliability” in the government’s data.” ["Will fall well short of meeting a growing demand for help"](#)

Free online resources on young people and mental health have been made available to mark **World Mental Health Day**. “There is an unprecedented crisis in young people’s mental health today. More than half of children are not getting the help they need from a mental health professional”. [Access the resources](#)

Stigma deters children from discussing mental health with teachers. Children remain reluctant to discuss their mental health with teachers, even after school staff receive training on how best to provide support a study has found: ["Stigma and taboo associated with mental health remained a barrier to speaking openly"](#)

Loneliness should be recognised as a problem for all age groups, says Tracey Crouch, the minister about to reveal England's first loneliness strategy. She says there needs to be a "national conversation" to end the stigma. "The government can't make friends for us," she told a conference in London. ["It's a common misconception that it only happens in later life"](#)

Events

In the Service of Youth 2018: Making Waves in Youth Work. This year’s **Institute for Youth Work** annual 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. An opportunity for Young People from LGBTQ+ Youth Work Groups from across the Yorkshire and Humber region to get together and share their experiences and have fun: [Places can be booked right here](#)

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](#)

Children & Young People’s Mental Health. Digital Innovations Shared Learning Event. **31 October 2018** 1pm – 4pm, Venue: 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

The People’s Powerhouse is a movement which exists to shape the debate around the Northern Powerhouse, to ensure that people and communities are at the heart of the Powerhouse plans, not the periphery. The 2018 Convention is to be held in Bradford on **20th November**: ["Nowhere did it mention anything about people. Our aim is to change that"](#)

Making it Authentic: Creative Consultation with young people. Ensure your projects for young people are dynamic and relevant by embedding their expertise from start to finish with the help of this one-day course: ["Tried and tested creative ways of consulting with young people"](#)

Supporting young people in the present, ambitious for the future. On **31st October** the NYA will welcome the sector to Westminster for the **NYA Youth Work Summit 2018**. "The Summit brings together youth workers, voluntary and statutory organisations, government agencies and supporters, alongside senior politicians and policy-makers: to strengthen the cause of youth work"
[Details and access to a booking form](#)

What is youth work? An IDYW dialogue event, 2nd November. All welcome to their next event. **Friday 2 November, 12:15 – 4.45.** Birmingham Association of Youth Clubs, £10 (students £2).
["All welcome, whatever your views"](#)

SAYIT 2018 AGM. Thursday 25th October 2018, 6pm. Adelphi Suite, The Crucible, Sheffield, S1 1DA
info@sayit.org.uk

Blogs and Comment

If Labour has "captured the mood of the times", the Tories have captured the mood of the "old-timers". Sorry, Theresa May, Labour's offer to young people is irresistible. The Tories have nothing to offer those in their early 20s. For us, the state of Britain requires something more radical:
[Tories are "trying to mend a leaky tap in a burning building"](#)

What young people can learn from the Kavanaugh hearings: "Young People should challenge any suggestion that abusive behaviour (whether engaging in it or being subject to it) is to be expected at their age". "It's a good time to engage in complex discussions with young people about law and responsibility".
[The question is "What was the right way to behave?"](#)

Vacancies

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

Resources

The Centre for Youth Impact has received over £607,000 of National Lottery funding through the Big Lottery Fund to lead a three and a half year (Apr 2018- Sep 2021) test and learn project for a ground-breaking quality improvement initiative. **They are looking to recruit 12 pilots.** Read the proposal and get in touch with the Youth Work Unit in the first instance if you are interested:



YPQI pilot - site
flyer.pdf

Top 5 ways young people can make themselves more employable. Students are realising that qualifications are no longer enough to secure them a position, especially when up against other young people with similar GCSE, A level grades, apprenticeships or degrees:
[Last Summer, there were 14 million graduates in the UK competing for similar jobs](#)

Groundwork's 'Green Leaders' programme, part of the #OurBrightFuture, is an initiative for those aged 14-19 who are interested in running their own environmental or sustainability project throughout West Yorkshire from idea to completed project.
[Contact Groundworks for more details](#)

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](#)

Take part in the Eurodesk Survey 2018 and participate in a draft to win a gift card of your choice!

Are you between 13 and 35 years old? Tell us about your experience searching for information about opportunities abroad and help us improve mobility information: [Take part here](#)

Time to Move Event– The opportunities available to young people to study, work and volunteer abroad. How will Brexit affect European Funding in the future? [More details and how to book](#)
[Watch the "Time to Move" promo](#)

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](#)
[Watch a short video about the event](#)

Design a t-shirt to win a rail pass. Young people are invited to design a T-shirt representing the spirit of *Time to Move* and share it with us. All techniques accepted: a photo, a digital illustration, hand drawing on paper or simple text; 13 to 30-year-olds can enter with anything creative! [Enter here](#)

Consultation

Thank you for taking part in the consultation process. Youth services do a vital job in our communities. The benefits they provide for young people are real and long-lasting. We want to hear your ideas on how the next Labour government should tackle the challenges our country faces, and build a more equal Britain.
Closing date: 12th Nov. [Consultation on the provision of Youth Service to young people](#)

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