



## **In the Loop: Number 2**

### ***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 14<sup>th</sup> 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? Confirmed speakers: **Leigh Middleton; Doug Nicolls; Christine Smith; Paul Fenton; Labour Party spokesperson** – TBC. They will also form a **Question Time** style panel regarding the future of our sector.

**Filling the Vacuum 3 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Annual Conference and AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber**

Central Leeds. Free to YWU members [Book Your Place Here](#)

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Young people's art challenges stigma and stereotypes.** Art created by young people from vulnerable groups across North Yorkshire will be brought together for a one-day exhibition next month. Creating art to challenge and educate both young people and communities about valuing diversity and individual identity and the dangers of prejudice: [Artists and young people who have worked on the project will be present](#)

**19% rise in pupils being taught in oversized classes, data shows.** But alongside a 19 per cent hike year on year in the number of children taught in 'supersize' classes of over 36 students in Yorkshire, MPs are calling for action:

["Four out of five schools in Yorkshire and the Humber have had their budget cut by the Tory Government"](#)

## Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

**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. Meet European Supergirl Madeleine Kay. Key Note speaker: Paul Bloomfield MP. **Saturday 27th October:** [Book now - happens this Saturday](#)

**Rebuilding Youth Services - A young people's consultation. Bradford College Friday 26th October 2018 12:00 – 15:00. (Doors open from 11:30).** Details in the PDF below. [Book here](#)



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**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 Council for **Equality for Us, Inclusion for All**. **Friday the 26th of October 2018:** [You can book right here](#)

**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](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com)

**Y&H Youth Mental Health Awareness event 31<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

**Give young a vote so they can have say in One Yorkshire says Dominic Jones.** "We only have to look at the London Assembly and the influence that metro-mayors such as Andy Burnham, Andy Street and Steve Rotherham have, to see that devolution is needed here in Yorkshire now more than ever". ["This region needs to lead by example and allow 16 and 17-year-olds to have their say"](#)

## National News

**Anonymous crime reporting service *Crime-stoppers* is busier than ever.** Almost half of those who contact it are under 35, and one in five is from black or minority ethnic groups. Why is that? [Some 60% of the reports Crime stoppers sends to police forces - 92,000 cases - are drugs-related](#)

**People's Vote march: Sadiq Khan says young people's voice 'should be heard'.** The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan on why it's important young people's voices were heard at the People's Vote march on Saturday: ["Young People \(will be\) leading the march - and that's right"](#)

**Young People are suing the Trump Administration over Climate Change.** If all goes as planned, Ms. Olson will deliver her opening argument on Monday next week in a landmark federal lawsuit against the Trump administration on behalf of 21 plaintiffs, ages 11 to 22, who are demanding that the government fight climate change: [The youngest of the plaintiffs, Levi Draheim, will be just 33 in 2040](#)

**The Chinese government is trying to hijack one of this year's hottest social trends for its own propaganda purposes.** For months, young people across China have been posting images of themselves pretending to fall out of cars or trip, spreading their expensive belongings in front of them, as if they've just casually fallen out of their pockets: [It's called the "flaunt your wealth" challenge](#)

**More than 120 children's organisations have united to urge the government to stop "ignoring children" and to put them at the heart of spending plans.** They have written to the prime minister and the chancellor, asking them to recognise that support services are "at breaking point":

["Services and support that children and young people rely on are at breaking point"](#)

**Massive increase in children's services statutory responsibilities under Conservative government.**

The number of statutory duties that councils have in relation to children's services has risen by nearly 100 under the Conservative government, it has emerged:

["This is in stark contrast to a 50 per cent reduction in funding for local authorities since 2010"](#)

**PM launches Government's first loneliness strategy.** Prime Minister Theresa May launches Government's first loneliness strategy:

["Loneliness is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time" Theresa May said](#)

**Britain has created a crisis in childhood, says former children's commissioner.** Sir Al Aynsley-Green has written a hard-hitting book that he hopes will shame politicians and spark a national debate:

["Childhood is being ruined and the education system under Theresa May's government is largely to blame"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Vulnerable young people offered financial education cut their debts by 60% - while their peers see borrowing rise by 50%.** Investing in the financial education of vulnerable young people has a dramatic effect on their financial wellbeing, new research has found:

[Every £1 spent on financial education for vulnerable young people created £5.57 in social value](#)

## **Health**

**One in three secondary school pupils 'has mental health problem'.** *Action for Children* said 33 per cent of pupils surveyed have mental health and emotional problems. The children's charity surveyed 5,555 secondary school pupils across the UK aged between 13 and 18:

["Getting help early can help stop some mental health problems in their tracks"](#)

**Young people are more sceptical of vaccinations than older generations, with faith in the flu jab particularly low, a European Commission report has found.** This is compounded by the rapid spread of health myths on social media, are thought to be driving complacency and scepticism:

[Low trust in vaccinations is responsible for the rise in measles outbreaks across Europe](#)

**Baroness Tyler: Lives at risk through Chronic Underinvestment in Children and Young People's Mental Health Services.** Last week *Action for Children* reported that 1 in 3 young people suffer from mental health problems: ["65% of Young People are not able to access the care that they need"](#)

## **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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

**The Young Trustees Project.** A project increasing the quality and quantity of young trustees on boards in England and Wales. The project aims to take a systemic approach with young people and other critical stakeholders to build a movement of Young Trustees, under 26.

[Tuesday evening 13th November. Leeds University](#)

**Ireland and U.K. LGBTQ+ Youth Worker Conference** (Aimed at staff and Volunteers running LGBTQ+ Youth Groups). Organised by The Proud Trust and partners. : MMU Brooks Building, Manchester

[More details and booking arrangements](#)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@sayit.org.uk)

## **Blogs and Comment**

"**Young people won't forgive those who deny us a vote on this botched Brexit.** We refuse to let politicians create a more isolated, insular nation and destroy our futures. We demand a final say":

["At the head of Saturday's march were thousands of people from my generation"](#)

## **Vacancies**

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

## **Resources**

**Modern Day Slavery – Myths and Facts. Modern Slavery is closer to you than you think. A must-read:** [Read and share](#)

**The Impact of Youth Work in Europe: A Study of Five European Countries:** [Read the full report](#)

**Campaign to showcase women change-makers. Award ceremony 29th November 2018: Bradford.**  
[Nominate a Woman Change-maker](#)

## **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](#)

**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? **This Saturday:** [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](#)

## **Funding**

**£5 million fund to deter young people from gang and knife crime.** Families across the country who are vulnerable to the devastating effects of knife crime and gang culture are set to receive more support from a new fund.

## **Consultation**

**Youth services do a vital job in our communities.** The benefits they provide for young people are real and long-lasting. **The Labour Party** 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: 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.** [Consultation on the provision of Youth Service to young people](#)

**Youth Work National Occupational Standards** – consultation. National Occupational Standards (NOS), specify the standards of performance individuals must achieve in the workplace, together with the knowledge and understanding required for roles, for most employment sectors including Youth Work and Community Development. [Contribute to the consultation](#)

**Restrictions in grants and contracts, the Lobbying Act, and attacks on charities for being ‘too political’ have all made it harder for civil society to speak truth to power.** Bond and Quakers in Britain are working with organisations from across the UK to push back against these restrictions and create a more open environment for advocacy and campaigning: **Thursday, November 1, 2018 Manchester:** [Register here](#)

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