



In the Loop: Number 24

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

To receive a copy of our **Annual Report and accounts**, which were approved at our AGM, please email: theunit@youthworkunit.com

Yorkshire & Humber News

Health Foundation research reveals Bradford young people are being held back. A lack of careers advice, teaching of practical life skills, and the availability of **Youth Services** have been revealed to be among the key issues facing young people in Bradford:

["The health and wellbeing of young people in Bradford is already being eroded"](#)

Young people spread cheer in the region. Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association in South Yorkshire are out and about during the festive period to spread seasonal cheer to vulnerable members within society.

[Helping to feed the homeless in South Yorkshire, at venues in Doncaster and Rotherham](#)

North Yorkshire Police's commitment to tackling hate crime among young people: one year on. In January 2018, North Yorkshire Police pledged to tackle hate crime among young people, one of the priorities of a new Children and Young People strategy:

[1500 young people took part in the Youth Commission's first "Big Conversation"](#)

'County Lines' gangs ruining young lives in district by luring young people into being drug mules, meeting hears. "The "County Lines" phenomenon, where criminals invade smaller towns and force vulnerable people to help them, is destroying lives"

["Just like those who are sexually exploited – they don't have the opportunity to walk away"](#)

The services that **Leeds City Council** provides for children and families have been rated as '**Outstanding**' by Ofsted in a report out today: [Read the full report](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

This animation was created by **York Youth Council** and **Digifish Media** to promote the work of York Youth Council and encourage young people to get involved:

[Be the 21st person to watch this animation!](#)

Consultation aimed at LGBT+ Young People in the Yorkshire and Humber region. All information that you give will be used sensitively and help make a picture of what the region looks like. Put together by the Young People's Steering Group:

[Enter the survey here](#)

National News

One in four young people in UK admit going to work drunk. Just under a quarter (24%) of 18 to 34-year-olds in the UK have said they have gone to work still feeling the effects of boozy nights out, a survey has found. Half of these young people admit to having driven to work while still under the influence:

[Only 11% of employees said their employer provided health advice about alcohol consumption](#)

Only 20% of landlords would consider letting property to young people who have been homeless. Unwilling landlords and shrinking social housing is forcing would-be renters into life in a hostel or back on the streets: ["Young people are at real risk of repeat homelessness"](#)

Road accidents are the biggest killer of young people by far. Car accidents are now the leading global cause of death amongst children and young adults aged five to 29 years old, a report says:

["These deaths are an unacceptable price to pay for mobility"](#)

Question Time audience member tells David Davis young people are 'being held to ransom by a Brexit they don't want' She asked the former Brexit secretary David Davis whether democracy was just a 'one-time thing': ["Why is democracy a one-time thing, isn't it a continual process?"](#)

Richard Jordan: Young people need to be told the real story about careers in the arts. Arts and media courses are at risk of giving false hope to students because of the "mismatch between the number of students taking the courses and the employment prospects at the end". The X-Factor pushes a dream of instant stardom: [Many do not convey any true reality of life working in the arts industry](#)

Reports and Studies

People under the age of 25 are least likely to see the value in apprenticeships, according to research from the government's Social Mobility Commission. Young people aged 18 to 24 are also the most pessimistic about moving up in society, with only one in seven believing their generation has the most opportunity to do so: ["If we fail to act, too many young people will continue to face challenges"](#)

Health

LGBQ young people four times more likely to self-harm. Research also finds that 18-year-old LGBQ people are twice as likely to fulfil criteria to be diagnosed with clinical depression.

[LGBT+ young people had depression symptoms as early as 10-years old](#)

5 Young People on their experience of loneliness. Forty per cent of people aged 16-24 feel lonely often or very often. It's time we started talking about it. Here, five people under the age of 35 speak about what it feels like to be lonely and what they do to make it better:

["I want to join in, I can't; I'm stuck to my seat and no one can see me"](#)

Fewer young people in treatment for drugs yet more admit to use. Public England reports 5% fall in under-18s in therapy but substance abuse found rising, along with concern at cuts:

["There were 15,583 under-18s in drug treatment in the year to 31 March 2018"](#)

Give children more legal rights over mental health treatment, urges review. Children with serious mental health problems should be given a greater say over their treatment, according to an independent review into the Mental Health Act:

["Young people aged 16 or 17 should not be admitted or treated on the basis of parental consent"](#)

Events

Date for diaries: Calderdale **Pride 22nd June 2019 – The Piece Hall, Halifax**

Foster Family Fun Day: Creative Arts Inspired by Michael Morpurgo. Wednesday, 20 February 2019 between 10am-2pm. Leeds City Museum. [Spaces are limited so please book now](#)

Blogs and Comment

Tim Peake: 'Too many young people believe their communities don't care'. The space expert called for businesses and the Government to reduce the risk of young people becoming disengaged: ["The onus is on all of us to reduce the risk of young people becoming disengaged and isolated"](#)

More Apprenticeships for Young People and Young Adults, Please! Now we need stability and, where appropriate, some changes to the current approach to make the system work for employers and younger apprentices: ["Employers taking on 19- 24 year olds should be exempt from making co-contributions"](#)

A young person's guide to the failure of feminism. Hilarious spoof blog. "We need you to be brave and rebellious and to challenge the systems and beliefs which you have been taught in your schools and maybe your families. Because no less than the survival of Western civilisation depends on your doing so". ["It's a fallacy that patriarchy is an oppressive, exploitative system"](#)

According to mental health charity stem4, children and young people in the UK are currently facing a mental health 'epidemic'. As a result, there is a growing need for the organisations working with young people to incorporate mental wellbeing into their work, and Leap is no exception: [3 in 4 mental health problems are established in young people by the age of 24.](#)

Vacancies

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

The Centre for Youth Impact are recruiting for a **Research and Learning Manager: Salary: £32 – £38k**
[The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Wednesday 9th January 2019](#)

Opportunities for young people: Kickstart your career and stand out from the crowd with a British Heart Foundation volunteering role. Full information on **apprenticeships in Retail** can be found on their careers website: [An Approved Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

Resources

Backpacker death – this was an extremely rare event. Don't let it put you off travelling alone. Meg tries to put it into context: ["I'll say it again louder for the people in the back, this was not her fault."](#)

Two videos released aiming to reduce incidents of young people being reported missing. Highlighting the impact of staying out late without telling family members where you are going have been distributed to young people across West Yorkshire:
[The campaign has already reached over 16,000 young people](#)

Cardinal training. Diversity and Well-Being Training Specialists. Cardinal Training is a small business, offering bespoke workshops, presentations and consultation services, centred on diversity and well-being.
[New for 2019: How to talk about sex and consent with children and young people](#)

Patrick is interviewed on Real Talk Radio – People First, Keighley and Craven about his life as a Youth Worker (You need to listen from 29:00 minutes) [Hear a recording of the show](#)

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](#)

Help **Eurodesk UK** improve mobility information for young people. Experienced in looking for information about opportunities abroad? Take part in **Eurodesk's** survey and be in with a chance of winning a prize:
[Take part here](#)

Would you like to gain a set of new skills and add to your CV? Are you keen to become a fully-fledged member of the **EuroPeers** network? Join us in Liverpool. February 7-11 2019 for a **EuroPeers** training course: [Full details](#)

Training



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Level three certificate in Youth Work Practice – Bradford College

St. Michael's Youth Project (Hull) has a new course starting in January for **Level 2 and Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice**. They have monthly study days. Self-directed learning is done during the month with the support of tutors by email, Skype and phone. jlorenz@stmichaelsnorthhull.org.uk

Scope Role Models. We hold presentations in schools, colleges and youth centres to educate young people about disability. We also have a "Role Model" – someone who is disabled themselves – at these sessions for the young people to talk to and ask anything. The purpose of these sessions is to help de-stigmatise disability in society by educating young people. Emma Gavillet emma.gavillet@scope.org.uk

Consultation

North Yorkshire: Review of services for young people - the healthy child programme:
[Contribute to the consultation](#)

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Funding

As part of the wider **Government strategy to improve safeguarding practice** across the voluntary sector in England, DCMS in partnership with Big Lottery Fund are investing a total of £1.14 million to improve access to training, support and advice: [Find out more and apply here](#)

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