



In the Loop: Number 1

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.

Youth Work Unit Y&H - Stringer House, 34 Lupton Street, Leeds LS10 2QW.
Office open: Tues, Weds & Thurs. ☎0113 270 3595, theunit@youthworkunit.com
Web: www.youthworkunit.com Twitter: [@YouthWorkUnit](https://twitter.com/YouthWorkUnit)

9th January 2019

Please share *In the Loop* with your colleagues and partner organisations

Youth Work Unit News

A very Happy New Year to all our partners and supporters in the Yorkshire and Humber Region and beyond. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout 2019.

Yorkshire & Humber News

Youth work and after school programmes are some of the tools being used to protect Bradford's young people from grooming. Sessions for boys looking at ideas of masculinity and sessions for girls who display "inappropriate sexualised behaviour" are part of efforts to prevent child exploitation:

["Work being done to help young people falling prey to sex abusers in the first place"](#)

A lack of careers advice and barriers posed by expensive transport options are among issues faced by Bradford's young people, according to new research. The study by the Health Foundation found that the availability and publicity of local youth services, a lack of teaching of practical life-skills were also key areas of concern: [Lack of opportunities at a local level is putting many young people's future health at risk](#)

Former Rotherham children's chief awarded CBE. The council chief who was credited with turning around Rotherham children's services following the borough's child sexual exploitation scandal, has been awarded a CBE: [Ian Thomas described his task as "the most difficult job in Britain"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Calling all 18-20 year olds who weren't old enough to vote in the 2016 referendum. ITN are holding a debate on Thursday in Leeds (tomorrow) and want you to take part. Email brexitinbetweeners@itn.co.uk if that's you. [More details](#)

National News

Young people are increasingly losing confidence in receiving a state pension when they are older, with many not thinking it will exist at all, new research reveals. One in seven (14%) people think the state pension won't exist by the time they retire – going up to one in five (20%) of 18 to 24-year-olds:

[Young people do not think the state will provide much for them](#)

Thousands to benefit from multi-million pound boost to youth organisations. More than 6,000 uniformed group places are being created for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds across England. Further to new places, more than 1,000 adult volunteers will now also have the opportunity to join local groups, enabling them to expand their services: [Nine organisations are benefitting from the fund](#)

Schoolchildren to be offered sleep lessons after rise in disorders. The move follows concerns about 'hidden health disaster' of sleeplessness among young people. A recent paper suggested that sleep has an greater impact on an adolescent's mental wellbeing than bullying, physical activity and screen time: ["Sleep issues are a huge problem ... it's a hidden public health crisis"](#)

Two new railcards in 2019 should mean cheaper fares for millions of young people in Britain. The long-awaited 26-to-30 railcard offers a third off most leisure fares. A new 16-to-17 railcard, to be launched in the summer, will offer 50% off all fares. The idea is to help students travelling to school or college: [However, there is a minimum fare of £12 for journeys that start before 10:00](#)

UK's nightclubs suffer as young people seek less hedonistic pursuits. Games, food and even gyms are becoming more popular than hitting the dancefloor. An estimated £200m has been wiped off the value of the UK nightclub scene as partygoers desert the dancefloor in search of new pleasures: [More clubs closed in 2018 as people swapped thumping bass for alternative entertainment](#)

Rise in children taken into care pushes 88% of councils over budget. Local authorities overspent on children's services by an estimated £807m in 2017-18. Almost nine out of 10 local authorities in England overspent on children's social care in the last financial year, as the rising number of children taken into care put extra pressure on budgets: [The number of children being taken into care stands at a 10-year high](#)

Reports and Studies

Labour faces a massive risk with young people if they continue to back Brexit. What is clear from campaigning across the country is that young people feel entirely let down by Labour. There is growing momentum for a **People's Vote** across the United Kingdom, with 53% backing a vote on the Brexit deal: [86% of Labour members \(and higher still for young members\) back a People's Vote](#)

One in five young people paid less than minimum wage – study. Illegally low pay leaving many in England and Wales unable to afford basics, says charity. The figure was higher among young black people, at 25%: ["Paying young people less than the minimum wage is not just illegal, it is immoral"](#)

Nearly half of young people in the UK are risking their future personal online safety thanks to a rising trend of 're-data-ships.' A Government-funded cyber security programme found that young people have regularly shared their passwords or PINs with boyfriends and girlfriends: [36% would share some personal data with an organisation they didn't know](#)

Health

A survey of 1000 UK GPs found that 99% feared that young people may come to harm while waiting for specialist mental health treatment from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The survey found that 78% of GPs were worried that not enough of their young patients could access treatment for mental health: [90% thought that mental health services for young people had deteriorated over the past two years](#)

Vaping by young people remains a burning issue among health experts. Despite much debate in UK and US there is still little agreement over how safe e-cigarettes are. Are e-cigarettes creating a new generation of nicotine users, and will these vapers become the smokers of the future? ["Nicotine is not the harmful substance in tobacco \(it is the thousands of other chemicals in cigarettes\)"](#)

SCR Mayor Dan Jarvis officially opens Sheffield Futures Health Zone for young people. The Health Zone space has been transformed thanks to funding from the Department of Health's Places of Safety capital grant and sits within Sheffield Futures emotional wellbeing service for young people aged 13 – 25: Door 43: ["The work that is done here, by Sheffield Futures is incredibly important work"](#)

Home Office doubles charge for migrants to use the NHS. The move that has been criticised for its impact on NHS workers and young people who have been in the UK since childhood: [Young people struggle to get UK citizenship due to £1,012 cost](#)

Cautious welcome for young people's mental health plan. A "long overdue" government pledge to boost mental health support for young people has been cautiously welcomed by charities who say it must go further: [Promises to help 345,000 more young people through community based services](#)

Constant cravings: is addiction on the rise? From sex to sugar to social media, people are in the grip of a wider range of compulsive behaviours. But what is driving them – and what can be done? Children's Commissioner Anne Longfield wrote that "some children are becoming almost addicted to 'likes' as a form of social validation": ["The dopamine system is becoming hyper-sensitised"](#)

Summary of the NHS long term plan. This summary sets out the key things you can expect to see and hear about over the next few months and years, as local NHS organisations work with their partners to turn the ambitions in the plan into improvements in services in every part of England.

[What the NHS Long Term Plan will deliver for patients](#)

Events

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

Young People's LGBT+ network group: The next meeting will be in Huddersfield on **Saturday 23rd February**. An Evenbrite page link will be sent out shortly, but please put this date in your diaries.

Yorkshire and Humber Children in Care Council: Young People's networking event. Open to Young People in Care and Care Leavers. **Wakefield 16th February**. Details: theunit@youthworkunit.com

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

Why the term 'snowflake generation' insults the intelligence of young people. If "resilient" means being able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions, I'd argue that the millions of young people who are in education, work or training are just one piece of evidence to suggest that we're doing a pretty good job: ["Being less resilient and more prone to taking offence than previous generations"](#)

Brexit will impact young people like me so much. I feel like part of my future has been taken from me. I wouldn't exist if it wasn't for freedom of movement bringing my parents together – the idea of leaving the EU has been a body shock:

["I've always aligned myself with being European more than just being either British or Italian"](#)

Globalization, technology, expanding webs of trade and commerce, automation and the rise of artificial intelligence are changing labour markets at a rapid, uneven pace around the world. We must ask ourselves: are we preparing the world's young men and women for this changing world of work?

[Globally, six in ten children and adolescents do not achieve minimum proficiency in reading and maths](#)

Vacancies

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

Resources

Becoming a Youth Worker – The NYA guide. Everything you need to know about becoming a Youth Worker in one place: [Start here](#)

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](#)

Calling all UK youth organisations! Access **Erasmus+** funding or **European Solidarity Corps** now for **professional development** for youth workers and life-changing, confidence-boosting **international experiences** for young people. You can also work on exciting projects with partners abroad.

In 2019, more than €10 million in Erasmus+ funding is available for UK youth organisations.

Apply now: [Get more details and apply here](#)

Consultation

The Department for Education is consulting to inform the development and dissemination of a **draft voluntary safeguarding code of practice for out-of-school settings (OOSS)**; and accompanying guidance for parents setting out the key questions they may wish to consider when choosing an out-of-school setting for their child. [Consultation closes 24 Feb 2019](#)

Healthwatch Leeds is an independent organisation, here to listen to people's experiences of health and social care services. Healthwatch Leeds wants to know your views about support for mental health crisis in Leeds: [Make your contribution](#)

Funding

The Government are looking for organisations to run community-led projects seeking to celebrate, commemorate and educate communities about the history of the **MV Empire Windrush**: [Apply for funding](#)

Creative people urged to apply for funding of up to £10,000. People working in creative businesses with a vision to expand are being encouraged to apply for funding of up to £10,000 as part of an initiative aimed at encouraging young people to work and live in the Dales: ["We want to see ideas which test and explore new initiatives"](#)

The government has awarded £11.5 million to organisations aiming to tackle loneliness, including £2 million for those working with children and young people: [A list of recipients of the funding](#)

Obituary

We are sorry to report that over the Christmas break Joe Collins, former Principal Officer of Calderdale Young People's Service passed away. A service will be held on **Wednesday, 16th January**, at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland, West Yorkshire. HX5 9HZ. [Messages of condolence can be left here](#)
[Park Wood Crematorium directions](#)

**YWU is a charitable company limited by guarantee Registered in England and Wales
Company number 4435334 Charity number 1096951
Patron: Richard Earl of Scarborough**