



## **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**

For copies of our annual report please email the [unit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:unit@youthworkunit.com)

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Channel 4 News hosted a young people's debate about Brexit in Leeds last week. Brexit:** Sophia is 19 and wants a People's Vote. The only way we're going to get out of this with more jobs and without a massive hit to our economy, I think, is to remain, but who knows if that would happen," she says: ["Young people aren't as solidly Remain as people think - it's complicated"](#)

**A Leeds charity is helping young people with autism and Learning Difficulties into the world of work.** Statistics show that young people on the autistic spectrum have just a 16 per cent chance of employment nationally. **Lighthouse Futures Trust** is running a Supported Internship programme: ["Lighthouse is a beacon of hope to young people"](#)

### **Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber**

**Young people in Yorkshire and the Humber: how do you feel about your future?** With 18-year-olds watching the outcome of Brexit unravel in front of them, *The Guardian* wants to hear what you think: [How to take part](#)

**Your UK Parliament Awards 2019:** nominations now open. Last year we launched Your UK Parliament Awards. The awards recognise people who have helped shape our agenda and made Parliament more accessible to people throughout the UK. Your stories will help inspire others to get involved: [See the categories](#)

**Congratulations** to all who took part in the Star Awards event at Convention Three in Leeds last weekend. Photographs from the event can be seen on Twitter. Search using @youthworkunit and #youthvoice

### **National News**

**Sector responds to report on government failings in children's social care.** The children's social care sector has welcomed the National Audit Office's (NAO) calls for government action to ensure vulnerable children are properly supported:

["Councils need more funding to prevent issues from arising and escalating"](#)

**Poetry sales soar as political millennials search for clarity.** Record £12m sales last year were driven by younger readers, with experts saying hunger for nuance amid conflict and disaster were fuelling the boom: [In total, 1.3m volumes of poetry were sold in 2018](#)

**Davos: Thousands of young people have a simple message to the leaders gathered at the World Economic Forum: "We need more jobs and better education."** The urgent message emerged from an online poll of 10,000 young people to bring the voices of youth to this year's alpine gathering of global movers and shakers: ["There are 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24 today"](#)

**Pork Industry spends £2.5 million on adverts as young people ditch meat.** A 2018 YouGov poll found that around one in five adults aged between 18 and 24 think people will stop eating meat completely by 2030. ["Almost 8 million British people- identify as vegan, vegetarian, or pescatarian"](#)

**'People don't want this': Derry rejects violence as old fears return.** CCTV footage showed young people strolling past the rigged vehicle minutes before it exploded on Saturday. "When the young ones were told to evacuate on Saturday they went out to the street and took pictures, they didn't understand the danger," ["Brexit has gifted them their best opportunity since the 1916 Easter Rising"](#)

**Facebook has been working on an app targeted at young people who don't like Facebook.** What's more futile than a 34-year-old badly trying to fit in with meme culture? A 34-year-old badly trying to make his company do it: ["Facebook may have been the go-to place for students when it opened in 2004....."](#)

**The Department for Education must strengthen its governance of school academy trusts** to prevent future damage to children's education and misuse of public money, a cross-party group of MPs has warned. ["The government needs to "raise its game"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Suicidal behaviour among sexual-minority young people: a review of the role of acceptance and support.** Sexual-minority youth have a two to three times higher risk for suicidal behaviour than their peers. They also have increased mental health risk factors, such as depression and substance abuse, and are often victims of homophobia and discrimination: [Read this Lancet published report](#)

**Pressures on children's social care – National Audit Office.** "The Education Department seemed worryingly complacent that nothing could be done to improve children's services more quickly, and it lacked a credible plan to ensure that local authorities were intervening effectively to make a difference to children's lives" ["There is such wide variation between local authorities"](#)

**A National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles poll, suggests a third of young women and a quarter of young men between 17 and 24 feel like they lost their virginity at "the wrong time".**

It also claims many "may not be ready" at 16, the legal age of consent:

["Sex has been normalised a lot. People aren't scared of talking about it anymore."](#)

## **Health**

**Offer digital CBT to young people with mild depression, National Institute for health and Care Excellence says.** Approval has been given for Digital Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, which is delivered on mobile phones, tablets or computers, meaning users can access help quickly, avoiding waiting lists: [Digital Group CBT, group interpersonal psychotherapy and group mindfulness are also recommended](#)

**Young people are at a higher risk of having an asthma attack than any other age group** living with the condition, the charity Asthma UK is warning. The findings come from a poll of more than 10,000 people with asthma, which also found that young adults are twice as likely as people over 60 to need emergency care for their condition: ["People don't realise asthma can be a killer, even when you're young"](#)

**Cancer: more young people in England are surviving.** Mortality and five-year survival rates have improved in a range of different cancers in young people aged 13-24 an overview of cancer trends has shown. "This new report shows for the first time that cancer survival rates are improving in young people," ["Hugely positive shift has occurred"](#)

## Events

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

**Young People's LGBT+ network group:** The next meeting will be held at the University of Huddersfield on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. An event for LGBT+ young people aged 11—25 from across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Meet other young people; share the work you have been doing in your own groups:

[All participants must book a place here. Places are free](#)

**Yorkshire and Humber Children in Care Council:** Young People's networking event. Open to Young People in Care and Care Leavers. **Wakefield 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Details: [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com)

**'Remembering LGBT+ voices from the Holocaust'. Sheffield's Pink Triangle. Sunday 27th January.** Sheffield Amphitheatre. Please bring pink materials to add to this large visual installation from 9am. It can be visited between 10am -4pm. [On this day we remember the victims of the holocaust](#)

2018 is the 50th anniversary of the first publication of Paulo Freire's book 'Pedagogy of the Oppressed'. Professor Budd Hall knew and worked with Paulo Freire at various times and in various places. He will be joining us at the University of Huddersfield in February to share his 'experiences, reminiscences and reflections' about Freire 'in conversation': **Thursday 14 February 2019: [Book here](#)**

## Training

**Staff Training & Resources. Sheffield Futures** provides training and resources for all professionals who work with young people. Their resource packs and training programmes are ever expanding, so keep checking back: [See the latest offers and bookmark the webpage](#)

**Supporting Young People: Workplace Health and Wellbeing.** Equip yourself with the tools and understanding required to promote good mental health in the workplace. Designed to help you negotiate legal frameworks and highlight best practice, this new course places a specific focus on the needs of young people in your workforce: [Book your place online, or for advice and information](#)

## Blogs and Comment

**Born Disposable: Trump's War on Youth.** Rather than being educated, many are being imprisoned; rather than living in communities that are safe and clean, many are relegated to cities where the water is poisoned and the police function as an occupying army: [The Politics of Disposability](#)

## Vacancies

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

**Young Carer Support Worker – 22 hours per week Fixed term contract to 31st March 2020. Salary Scale: £21,962 - £22,658 per annum pro rata.** York Carers Centre is an independent charity that helps unpaid carers in York find the support they need. Closing date: **Monday 28th January**

[Application packs can be found on the website](#)

## Resources

**Digital Youth Work: take 2019 by storm.** Youth workers, organisations, public institutions – we all face the same challenges. How to communicate with young people successfully? How to increase our audience? What kind of activities are both engaging and really cool?

[Digital Youth Work Resources & training](#)

**Spirit Young Performers Company: Bag your part in a new musical.** In February, the programme is debuting an exciting, innovative programme. For the first time, a group of 25 hand-picked young performers will workshop and perform a new musical – a song cycle about the lives of teenagers today:

["Successful applicants can expect a week of high-intensity rehearsals - February 18 to February 23](#)

## 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](#)

**Short Film Competition - Proud of our Heritage, Open to the World.** Take your camera or even your smartphone and express your creativity in a short video: why is your Cultural Heritage significant to you? Why is it important to share it with others? [See the prizes and enter here](#)

**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**

**Open consultation. Education inspection framework 2019: inspecting the substance of education. Your feedback will help Ofsted refine and improve its proposed approach.** They promise to consider all responses carefully before finalizing and publishing the framework in summer 2019:

[Important opportunity to contribute to development of inspection framework](#)

## **Funding**

**National Vegetarian Week 2019.** If you're planning an activity or event for National Vegetarian Week 2019, we may be able to help fund it with a grant. You can apply for a small grant of up to £200 or a large grant for up to £2000: <https://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/grants/>

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