



## **In the Loop: Number 3**

### ***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**

We are delighted that Christine Smith from the University of Hull is joining our Board of Trustees.

#### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Official: Sheffield is the best place to live in Yorkshire and the Humber if you are young.** How good is your part of the region for young people? [Use this interactive tool to find out](#)

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

**Dan Jarvis, Mayor of Sheffield City Region: Young people are not Yorkshire's future – they are the present – and they deserve to be heard.** "This is why I have launched the Sheffield City Region's first Youth Combined Authority – to give young people a say in how we build our communities"  
["18 young men and women will come together to form Sheffield City Region's Youth Combined Authority"](#)

**Do you know a young person in Doncaster who deserves recognition for their achievements or success?** Whether they have made a difference to their local community or school, used their voice to champion the rights of young people, or made achievements in areas such as sports, music, drama or culture, nominate them for one of the six Civic Mayor awards: [You can nominate right here](#)

#### **National News**

**Children's Commissioner publishes a statutory Duty of Care for online service providers.** "The internet giants are realising that they can't just arrogantly dismiss the fears of parents or the many children struggling to cope"  
["There is no longer excuse for delay: the tragic case of Molly Russell should be a spur for real action"](#)

**The number of young people in the UK who say they do not believe that life is worth living has doubled in the last decade, amid a sense of overwhelming pressure from social media which is driving feelings of inadequacy, new research suggests.** [Anxiety on the rise among the young](#)

**Here come the girls: teenage tech founders on the future they want.** From the freedom to fail to more gender-balanced offices, inventive Gen Z girls hope to transform the tech industry  
["We teach women from a young age to be perfect and not brave"](#)

**MPs to debate starting school day at 10am to help tired teenagers.** Petition calling for pupils to get a lie in attracts more than 176,000 signatures. A debate will be opened by Daniel Zeichner MP, a member of the Petitions Committee, on Monday February 11. ["Sleep deprivation in adolescents is a real problem"](#)

**More than half of young people in jail are of BME background.** David Lammy says record proportion in England and Wales is similar to that in US. The proportion of BME boys and men behind bars in YOIs in England and Wales is nearly four times the 14% BME proportion of the wider UK population: ["This is very alarming. England and Wales are now hitting an American scale of disproportionality "](#)

**Why police don't understand how to stop young black men stabbing each other.** Young black people do not feel any less oppressed if the person searching them is also black. They feel protected in a gang – as police feel protection behind the badge: ["The police reaction is always the same, always knee-jerk"](#)

**'County lines' drug gangs tracking children via social media.** Warnings on coercion and blackmailing over smartphones went unheeded, say experts, as child exploitation spirals. "Social media and smartphones made kids easy pickings for drug gangs" ["The trade has grown into a £500m industry"](#)

## Reports and Studies

**Young people drowning in a rising tide of perfectionism.** "This epidemic of perfectionism in modern western societies is a serious, even deadly, problem. Perfectionism is robustly linked in the research to anxiety, stress, depression, eating disorders and suicide". [Report from York St John University](#)

**Young people struggle with online 'consent confusion' research highlights.** Young people are increasingly dependent on being online but many struggle to follow rules around consent when posting to social media: [51% think their friends should ask permission before tagging them or sharing a photo or video of them](#)

**Young people who play video games have higher moral reasoning skills** **Young gamers have higher levels of moral reasoning skills than those who do not play video games, study suggests.** [Male participants displayed significantly higher moral reasoning scores](#)

Responding to an identified gap, the Office for National Statistics, in partnership with the Children's Society, has **published research that explores how children and young people experience loneliness:** [Analysis of children's and young people's views, experiences and suggestions](#)

## Health

**One of the largest mental health trials launches in schools.** To mark **Children's Mental Health Week (4-10 February)**, the Education Secretary Damian Hinds announces that up to 370 schools in England will take part in a series of trials testing different approaches to supporting young people's mental health: ["Services like these can lessen the anxiety, pain and anguish"](#)

**Will using less of my phone help my mental health?** On Safer Internet Day, Beth considers using her phone less to look after her mental health more. "I've always compared myself to others, ever since I was young". ["The biggest problem? My smartphone"](#)

**Surgeons slam Channel 4 show in which young people plead to go under the knife.** Upcoming series *The Surjury* was announced by Channel 4. *The Surjury* observes young people pitching ideas for their dream surgeries to convince a jury of peers and experts to approve their life-changing operations: [Surgeons have raised major concerns about its approach to tackling these issues](#)

**Lack of sleep link to anxiety in children, study shows.** A lack of sleep is fuelling anxiety levels among schoolchildren, a survey by a mental health charity has found: ["36 per cent of those with sleep issues said that once they start worrying they cannot stop"](#)

**Andy's Man Club** [Andy's Man Club meeting places in our region](#)

## Events

**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)

**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](#)

**Centre for Youth Impact Yorkshire and Humber Network meeting.** Emma Pears from *SELFA*, a children's charity, based in Skipton, North Yorkshire, will be joining us to relate their success story and share good practice. There will also be a training input: *Evaluation & Planning – When and How?* There will be an update on the *Youth Programme Quality Intervention* pilots - an exciting new development: [Book your place here - Free](#)

**This year's Institute of Youth Work (IYW) conference** is taking place in Brighton, it will be an opportunity to celebrate their conference theme: **Coastal Youth Work.2nd march 2019** University of Brighton: [In the service of youth - Making waves in Youth Work](#)

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

**LGBT History Month is Every February. It is now LGBT History Month 2019.** This year the theme is **Peace, Activism and Reconciliation**. The Proud Trust is absolutely thrilled to bring you the LGBT History Month Resource and Education Pack: [Lots and lots of resources for you to use](#)

**2018 is the 50th anniversary of the first publication of Paulo Freire's book 'Pedagogy of the Oppressed'.** Professor Budd Hall 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

**Uncomfortable Conversations:** Unconscious Bias and Disproportionality in the Criminal Justice System This course is for YOS case workers, probation workers, social workers and the wider workforce who work directly with BAME young people involved with the criminal justice system: [Manchester 20th March](#)

## Blogs and Comment

**How knife Asbos will harm, not help, young people.** New government legislation will exacerbate the fraught relationship between young people and police. Breaking the order can carry imprisonment for up to two years: ["No consultation with youth offending teams or those who work with vulnerable teenagers"](#)

**'Our young people will save us – if we let them'.** Teenagers are too often demonised and their ideas ignored, says this educator. "Teenagers know what is right, they seek to fight injustice; they are courageous and bold: ["There was one overarching theme: lack of places for young people to socialise safely"](#)

## Vacancies

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

**Healthwatch Wakefield: Chief Executive Officer.** 37.5 per week – £40,028 to £48,034 – 28 days leave + bank holidays. Closing date for applications 17 February 2019: [Apply](#)

## Resources

**It's LGBT History Month:**  
[Resources for LGBT History Month](#)

## 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](#)

**Better Jobs and Better Future: What can Cooperatives do for Young People?** Employment and entrepreneurial opportunities that cooperatives in industry and services provide to young people across EU: [Cooperatives are riding the wave of changes](#)

**If you're aged between 17 and 30 and would like help make society a little better, register with the European Solidarity Corps.** On 4 February, Parliament's culture and education committee voted in favour of new priorities for the European Solidarity Corps' programme for 2021-2027: ["Aims to be the EU's main entry point for young people wanting to volunteer or work on projects to benefit communities"](#)

**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**

**Vote in the 2019 British LGBT Awards. See the categories and vote for your favourite:**

[Vote here](#)

**Help shape the National Occupational Standards for Youth Work.** Would you like to help develop the national occupational standards (NOS) which are the benchmark used to confirm competence for those working in job roles in the Youth Work Sector?

[The online consultation will be running from now until 12 noon 22 February 2019.](#)

**Aged 14-24? Tell us what you think about study, work and life.** The **Youth Voice Census** will ask a range of questions about you and your experience in education, careers and work experience:

[Share your views](#)

## **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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