



In the Loop: Number 6

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

Thanks to SELFA, based in Skipton, who made a brilliant presentation at the recent Centre for Youth Impact Yorkshire and Humber networking event in Leeds, sharing their good practice.

Yorkshire & Humber News

The haven in Hull that is saving young people's lives. The *Warren Project* has been helping young people in Hull for more than 30 years. As a result of her positive experience at the centre, Dan, from Hull, hopes to one day work in the same building she sits in now, helping others: [Dan's story](#)

Businesses in Leeds are being called on to make a difference to the futures of young people. The *Give an Hour* campaign is targeting small and medium sized businesses to offer a little of their time to help young people prepare for the world of work:
["In as little as one hour you can transform a young person's future"](#)

Apprentice's ordeal following collapse of training provider is a cautionary tale for our times. "The Government has just rushed to place the students with no regard to distance or if the provider can even take them. "Sarah had done three months' of hard work which included tests, projects and started her portfolio towards her apprenticeship" ["Her work has been wasted due to forces beyond her control"](#)

Young people could be teaching adults about blue bins under new eco-champions scheme to improve recycling. Scarborough Council is to create a young persons' eco-champions scheme and the first job for the youngsters may be to educate adults about what to put in their blue bins.
["New award will be open to schools, colleges and youth organisations"](#)

New figures have revealed Bradford as one of the highest areas in the region for the number of children being hospitalised due to alcohol. Public Health England's 2019 Child Health report shows that 1,155 children were admitted to hospitals across Yorkshire and the Humber because of alcohol abuse:
[Worst drug misuse hospital admissions was Leeds, with 320 young people](#)

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award is now open. This year's judges Raymond Antrobus and Jackie Kay cannot wait to read your poems. It is free to enter to anyone in the world aged 11-17 years old to enter! Deadline 31 July 2019. **We are looking for a Yorkshire winner:** [Details of entry](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

The Y&H Youth Voice induction day, aims to bring young people involved in youth voice together to mix, meet each other, understand their roles as a representative; understand the National, Regional and Local youth voice structures and opportunities; explore the Holocaust exhibition, to challenge discrimination and hate crime; start exploring this year's Campaigns: [Bookings can be made here](#)

National News

How young people are responding to the New Zealand terror attack. Why the whole world is talking about *Egg Boy*. A group of New Zealand students even took part in an impromptu, emotional haka - a ceremonial Maori dance - to honour two of their slain peers.

[More than half of religious hate crime - 52% - is aimed at Muslims](#)

New funding will ensure all charities can access safeguarding training to build safe and strong civil society. Protecting vulnerable people from harm must be a non-negotiable priority for the entire charity sector, Civil Society Minister Mims Davies has said: [£1.2 million to develop new training](#)

Multi-million pound fund to train more educational psychologists in schools. Over 600 Educational Psychologist trainees will receive free tuition and grants – backed by £31.6 million:

["Every child deserves to be happy"](#)

Cookstown dance crush: how to help traumatised Young People. Police have said as many as 400 young people were outside the venue as the tragedy unfolded:

[What can be done to help Young People who have been affected?](#)

Digital push to encourage young people to take domestic breaks. A series of seven 10-second clips are being displayed by *Visit England* on digital billboards across 100 locations including railway stations and shopping centres in England, Scotland and Wales:

[Campaign to encourage younger people to holiday in England](#)

'Don't Stop Me Now' say young people in video. A music video celebrating children with Down's syndrome went viral last year - seen by more than 350 million. So how do you top that? Well, the organisers this year have turned for inspiration to Freddie Mercury and Queen. The theme of the day? 'Don't Stop Me Now': ["Will this latest campaign match last year's?"](#)

Boost youth employment initiatives to tackle knife crime, charities urge. The government must target investment towards employment-focused youth services to address crime at its roots, sector leaders have claimed: ["So far this year 10 Young People have been killed in knife attacks"](#)

Troubled Families Programme 'cuts number of children in care'. The government's *Troubled Families Programme* is cutting numbers of children in care by up to a third, new analysis from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government suggests:

["It has previously faced criticism for its "accusatory" tone"](#)

Youth work academy launches with training to tackle gang crime. Supporting young people affected by exploitation, violence and county lines drug networks will be the first training session to be run by the National Youth Agency's newly launched academy: [Includes an anti-youth violence course "gangology"](#),

Council leaders slam £10m NCS rebrand. Councils have criticised a £10m rebrand of the government's flagship youth social action scheme, saying the money should instead be ploughed into cash-strapped frontline youth services: ["Would be better spent on year-round provision for young people of all ages"](#)

Reports and Studies

Generation Anxious: The rise of *Imposter Syndrome* amongst young people. Nearly half of young people aged between 9 and 21, also known as 'Generation Z', say they are always anxious. Half of them admit to being worried about themselves and a third say they have *Imposter Syndrome*:

["I was just feeling a lot of self-doubt and that in a way I didn't deserve my achievements"](#)

Social media use linked to poor mental health in young people, APPG finds. A UK parliamentary report has suggested that young people who are heavy users of social media have worse mental health than lighter users of the same age. [\(38%\) said that social media had negatively impacted on their self-esteem](#)

Health

How common really are heart attacks in young people - and what causes them? Louis Tomlinson's 18-year-old sister, Félicité Tomlinson, died last week of a suspected heart attack:

["Heart attacks are being increasingly recognised in young women"](#)

Abandoned at 18: the young people denied mental health support because they are 'adults'. It is one of the most tumultuous periods of a person's life. Yet, when children with mental health problems turn 18, they are dumped into the chronically underfunded adult system, sometimes with devastating results:

["I had gone from having help three times a week to nothing at all"](#)

More action required to support young people with speech, language and communication needs.

Leading organisations have come together to urge the Government to do more to improve support:

["60 organisations has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister"](#)

Little Mix's Jesy Nelson to present body image documentary for BBC. The new programme will look at the issues facing young people including the pressure from social media, body image expectations and dealing with people making horrible comments online: [The documentary will appear on BBC Three](#)

Events

The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Youth Work Trainers network. Thursday 9th May, Central Leeds. This meeting is open to all who deliver Youth Work related training in the region. Please book a place as space is limited. [Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Youth Work Trainers](#)

Network meeting for Youth Workers who run LGBT+ Youth Work groups. The next meeting will be on 2nd May at 10am at the Community Meeting room on the fourth floor of John Lewis in the Victoria Shopping Centre Leeds. [Book a place here](#)

Thursday 28th March. Inaugural Professorial lecture: *Not under conditions of their own choosing': youth transitions, place and history.* Professor Rob MacDonald, School of Education and Professional Development, University of Huddersfield: [Get free tickets here](#)

If you are aged between 11-16 and part of a youth project near an English Heritage site you may be able to take part in their creative projects. Tell your youth worker about the project. They are also looking for enthusiastic, creative and energetic volunteers aged 16-21 to join a Young Producers group as part of Shout Out Loud, A Heritage Lottery funded project: [Find out more](#)

SEA Leeds - Self Esteem & Awareness Course for young GBT men. This short course to help overcome and cope with issues such as anxiety and low mood in relation to self-esteem, self-worth and motivation. The course is designed to be accessible, informative, challenging and fun!

[Details and booking arrangements](#)

Young People's Provider & Partners Meeting - Northallerton, 28 March. An opportunity to share information, identify support gaps and priority areas for service development, and explore opportunities for collaboration: [Details and booking arrangements](#)

Blogs and Comment

Young people are asking the questions politicians are afraid of and it's time we listened says Caroline Lucas, Green Party MP and a leading supporter of the People's Vote campaign. Children have a wonderful way of telling it like it is: ["Young people will often break the taboo and ask the difficult questions"](#)

We're marching on Saturday (23rd March) because Brexit will hit young people the hardest. Brexit is a generation-defining issue. It threatens to make us permanently poorer, and to limit the life chances of the young. ["It's why the overwhelming majority of young people and students voted to stay"](#)

Six reasons why young people are campaigning for a second EU referendum. “Brexit has turned parliament into a slapstick comedy; a place where someone grabbing a big golden stick results in absolute uproar” ["It's not democratic to make the people accept a deal which makes them poorer and less secure"](#)

Do youth clubs really deter violence? I've seen for myself that they do. It could have been another gang fight, another tragedy. Instead, the club's rules and space meant that calmer thinking prevailed. ["Primarily, young people just need a space to be young"](#)

Climate strikes: researcher explains how young people can keep up the momentum. “Young people need to feel as though they are “doing something” about climate change while politicians dither and scientists release increasingly alarming projections of future climate conditions” ["Young people need to feel as though they are “doing something” about climate change"](#)

Vacancies

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

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

European Youth Week, 29th April – 5th May. Celebrate success stories from EU programmes in support of young people. The Week brings together young people, project participants, youth organisations and policy-makers in a European event in Brussels. [European Youth Week 2019](#)

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](#)

Key Action 2 application deadlines extended: Due to technical issues with the application forms, the Key Action 2 deadline has been extended by five days. The new submission deadline is **26 March 2019, 11am** (UK time). If you have already submitted your application and do not wish to amend it then you do not need to take any action:

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"](#)

Funding

Act for Change Fund: young people leading social action is a £3.6 million partnership for organisations supporting young people working for change. The Fund provides resources for young people to challenge social injustice, find ways of overcoming inequality and give voice to issues they are experiencing. [Action for Change Fund](#)

Consultation

Last chance for young people (14-24) to share their views in the 2019 Youth Voice Census. It closes tomorrow at midnight. Please share with your networks and encourage young people in these last few hours to take part: [Last chance to be heard](#)

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