



## **In the Loop: Number 7**

### ***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**

**Published today:** the APPG Inquiry into Youth Work – Final Report 2019  
[Access the full report here](#)

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Measures by Rotherham Council to make £10m of savings** in children's services over the next two years will need to be carefully managed to ensure recent improvements are not derailed, an independent review team has warned: [Rotherham Council children's services faces a £15.7m overspend in 2018/19](#)

**The creative industry needs to provide young people with a platform to develop their skills ahead of Channel 4's big move to Yorkshire, according to a content studio:**  
["There's certainly going to be a huge increase in demand for talent"](#)

Over 240 guests will attend an event celebrating **Short Breaks for disabled children and young people** today. The event, entitled **The Greatest Showman**, will take place at Victoria Hall, Keighley. It has been put together with the help of young people aged 8-18 who have disabilities:  
[Performances will feature stilt walkers, fire breathers, singers and a baby elephant](#)

**Celebration time for projects giving young people a role in creating safer Yorkshire communities.** Representatives of the groups got the chance to meet up and swap stories when they attended a celebration event at West Yorkshire Police's training and development centre  
[Fifteen groups which run anti-crime youth projects were recently awarded grants](#)

### **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](#)

**New MYPs in our region** as covered by local press: [Calderdale](#) [Keighley](#)

**Politicians must unite in lowering the voting age to 16 in England**, according to a cross-party group of MPs. The votes at 16 all-party parliamentary group (APPG) this week published its campaign report: ["The government has consistently rejected this"](#)

**Breaking into News** is an initiative run by *Media Trust*, in partnership with *ITV News* to discover diverse new talent and identify top broadcast journalists of the future: [Discover the opportunities](#)

## **National News**

**'Fortnite should be banned', says Prince Harry as he warns about addictive social media:**  
['More addictive than drugs and alcohol'](#)

**Funding for pupils with special educational needs drops 17%. North of England has been worst hit,** report finds, with funding down 22% since 2015:  
[At a time when the number eligible for support has increased by 39%](#)

The **Government has set out plans for a register of children not in school**, enabling councils to act effectively if they have concerns for a child's education:  
[Hands up if you were gobsmacked that this did not already exist](#)

Billie Eilish proves that young people **will stream blockbuster albums**... when they're encouraged to. The birth of the streaming era, caused artists and record labels alike to question the future of the LP in an age dominated by playlists: [Billie Eilish's LP was typically being consumed on day one 'as an album'](#)

**We are witnessing a serious mental health epidemic in our prisons.** The Government must ask themselves why they are subjecting young people to segregation for extended periods, says Emma Hardy MP. Segregation of young people in prisons is lowering prospects and making them vulnerable to reoffending" ["It shows a failure of many parts of our societal infrastructure"](#)

**The fundamental social rights of the citizens of the member states of the Council of Europe are guaranteed by the European Social Charter** and its collective complaints mechanism. As a legal instrument, the Charter refers to young people as having certain rights, notably in terms of education, health and housing: ["There are still significant disparities in the way these rights are implemented"](#)

**Quarter of children from low-income families 'go hungry'.** A quarter of children from low-income families experience hunger because of restrictions placed on accessing free school meals, research suggests: [Some children do not eat at all during the school day](#)

## **Knife News Special**

**Government will work with sports organisations such as the Premier League and basketball, boxing and cycling bodies to increase sports activity in youth crime hot spots:**  
["Plans to create a new Serious Violence Reduction Unit"](#)

**Knife crime and gangs: how a decade of bad policy left deprived young people without real choice.** As an academic whose research has focused on youth and gang crime – and as a lifelong resident of a council estate in Knowsley, I've had the unique chance to see over both sides of the fence:  
["Their friendship networks remained static and undeveloped"](#)

**The Premier League will expand its Premier League Kicks community programme by working with the Government to support young people in areas affected by violent crime.** The scheme currently reaches 75,000 participants a year: ["The increase in funds will lead to a rise in sports "satellite" clubs"](#)

**The number of fatal stabbings involving young people is "a national emergency"**. According to the Ministry of Justice, over 21,000 knife and offensive weapon crimes were recorded in 2018:  
["Who is really to blame for this growing threat to public safety?"](#)

**We're all responsible for tackling knife violence among young people**, says Theresa May. She has insisted 'we cannot simply arrest ourselves' out of the UK's knife crime crisis, as she announced plans to hold teachers, nurses and police officers accountable if they don't intervene. [It's all our fault](#)

**Thousands of young victims of violence treated in hospital each year.** 4,502 young people aged 11 to 25 attended an Emergency Department or Urgent Care Centre in 2018 for a weapon enabled assault or an assault resulting in a wound: ["These figures are just the tip of the iceberg"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**The sharp increase in the use of e-cigarettes has not led more British children to take up cigarettes or regard smoking as normal**, the first study of its kind has shown. There were concerns that the growth of e-cigarettes might normalise the idea of smoking for young people:

[The percentage of children aged between 13 and 15 who had smoked decreased from 60% to 19%](#)

**Almost half of young people suffering from 'technoference'** as mobile phones affect sleep and productivity. Almost half of young people have reported feeling less productive and more tired because of their mobile phones, new research has found: ["Problematic use of mobile phones" is worsening](#)

**Sexual Consent Still a Grey Area for UK's Young People'**. Educational video's launched by Cambridge University aim to reduce Sexual Assault cases:

["Especially among young people, there is widespread confusion"](#)

**Ministers are under growing pressure to ban the painful headlocks, wrist and arm twists** that can be used to control children's behaviour in youth prisons. The national inquiry into child sexual abuse (IICSA) recently concluded "pain compliance" measures were child abuse and should be outlawed:

["Such methods should not be used on children"](#)

## **Health**

**A possible link between vaping and seizures in young people is being investigated by US health officials after dozens of e-cigarette users reported episodes.** The Food and Drug Administration has reviewed details on 35 seizures suffered by individuals using nicotine-vaping devices, most of whom were young people: ["Liquids come in varying strengths, so users can obtain high levels of the chemical quickly"](#)

**Air pollution linked to psychotic experiences in young people.** Young People living in dirty air 70% more likely to have symptoms such as paranoia, study finds:

["Symptoms such as hearing voices or intense paranoia"](#)

**Psychiatrists 'must look for evidence of social media harm in young people'** [Psychiatrists must consider the impact of social media when they assess for mental health problems](#)

## **Events**

**The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Youth Work Trainers network. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

**Young People's Tough Times Reference Group** will be hosting their annual Celebration Event in Mental Health Awareness Week at Halifax Town Hall on **Tuesday 14th May 5pm-7pm.**

**NEET: Research into practice.** Researchers at the Huddersfield Centre for Research in Education and Society are inviting you to work with them to explore how to best communicate messages from research and practice to different people who would benefit from this knowledge in their practice/work:

[Eventbrite link to this event](#)

## **Blogs and Comment**

**How can the news media reach young people and tell their stories? asks Leah Boleto.** *Newsround*, the children's news programme I present, has adapted as British kids switch from TV to social media:

["There's nothing more sobering than hearing an eight-year-old's views on Brexit"](#)

**Changing the role of assessment for children and young people affected by sexual exploitation.** Mike Williams, senior evaluator, NSPCC, describes why assessment of children at risk need to be more adaptive: "[What happens if the young person doesn't want to talk about their needs or experiences?](#)"

## **Vacancies**

**Vacancy for chief Executive Officer (CEO) Youth Focus North West – part of the Network of Regional Youth Work Units:** [Job description and Person Spec](#) Applications in the form of a covering letter demonstrating your experience in meeting the job criteria and your CV should be sent to Sharon Watts, [s.watts@youthfocusnw.org.uk](mailto:s.watts@youthfocusnw.org.uk) to arrive no later than **17:00 pm on 7 May 2019**.

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, 29<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**Share your Youth Stories with us!** Are you an aspiring journalist? Were you a Discover EU participant? Did you study, volunteer or work abroad? We'd love to hear your story! [How to get involved](#)

**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. [Seek funding here](#)

New funding will ensure all charities can access safeguarding training to build safe and strong civil society: [Government and The National Lottery Community Fund are investing £1.2 million](#)

## **Consultation**

The Committee on the **Rights of the Child** will draft a General Comment on children's rights in relation to the digital environment: [Respond to the consultation here](#)

Later this year the **Centre for Youth Impact** will be publishing a report on what they think the next steps for establishing a shared evidence base in the youth sector should be. They would like to hear about where you look for evidence of the impact of youth provision, and how you use that evidence: [Respond here](#)

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