



In the Loop: Number 8

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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Yorkshire & Humber News

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn says there should be more places like Calderdale's Sunnyvale centre. "£800m has been taken from youth budgets. Many councils have either closed or sold off youth centres, youth workers have lost their jobs and very few councils are managing to maintain a proper youth service". ["I want to see a statutory demand for youth services. I want to see a re-funding of our youth services"](#)

Boys across Yorkshire as young as 12 in revenge porn - 'Law is letting victims down'. "It is shocking that children as young as 12 are becoming victims of revenge porn and underlines why it is so vital that parents and carers have regular online safety chats with our children": ["The NSPCC has created a guide for families about the risks of sexting"](#)

Sheffield's anti-Trump lord Mayor is ready to run for MEP. Green party's Magid Magid says he wants to be a voice for young people and refugees. He recalled a recent talk he gave where not one of 150 young people in the audience could name any of their MEPs: [He supports a people's vote](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Yorkshire Transport Boss Crowned National 'Youth Voice Champion'. *South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive* (SYPTE) Director wins at national *Youth Voice Star Awards*, held by the *British Youth Council*: ["It's an honour to bring the national award back to South Yorkshire"](#)

The Youth Select Committee has formally begun a new inquiry into the scourge of knife crime in the UK. The pioneering Committee is calling for evidence from a wide range of contributors, including young people, charities, and businesses: [How to respond](#)

National News

Free sanitary products plan extended to primary girls. A Department for Education spokesman said officials would begin talking to school and college leaders on the quantities of sanitary products likely to be needed from early next year, and how best to deliver them. ["Every student can go to school without "worrying where their next pad or tampon will come from"](#)

New Youth Charter to support young people across the country. The new Youth Charter will be developed to set out a vision for young people over the next generation and beyond, Mims Davies, Minister for Sport and Civil Society has announced: [The official announcement](#)

Home Secretary's recent speech on protecting young people's futures: "Before a young person ever picks up a knife, they have been the victim of a string of lost opportunities and missed chances. Any youth worker can tell you that gangs recruit the most vulnerable young people": [That speech in full](#)

LGBT lessons: Schools told they can choose what to teach. Damian Hinds has written to head teachers saying they are encouraged to teach children about LGBT issues if they "consider it age appropriate". He said heads should consult parents but reassured them parents "had no right to veto what was taught": ["Should be a "clear national policy" on how to teach pupils about same sex relationships"](#)

Instagram and Facebook "likes" and Snapchat "streaks" could be banned for young people under new UK rules. A new report from the British Information Commissioner's Office suggests that those features and other techniques that "nudge" users into engaging with the site should be switched off: ["The features encourage them to stay online longer and could damage their wellbeing"](#)

Peter Capaldi presents writing awards to creative young people in care. Capaldi applauds young writers in care as just six per cent of care leavers go ahead into university education. There were 24 entrants shortlisted for the competition. Both the shortlisted and winning pieces can be read online: ["By telling our stories we are breaking down stereotypes"](#)

Barack Obama urges young people to fight 'negative politics' of social media with reasoned debate. He said young leaders in Europe need to foster reasoned debate online to prevent politics going "in a negative direction". [We need to find ways to improve the conversation on the internet and social media."](#)

Labour will "haemorrhage" votes if it fails to back second referendum in EU elections, MEP leader warns Corbyn. "The Labour party will be deserted by millions of anti-Brexit voters if it fails to back a second referendum in the upcoming EU elections", Jeremy Corbyn has been warned: ["His party could lose traction with the Young, Pro-European Electorate"](#)

Attainment gap widens for children in care. Looked-after children's GCSE grades fell last year as the education gap with their secondary school peers worsened, according to government statistics: ["Average grades for looked-after children improve the longer a child has been in care"](#)

New Association of Directors of Children's Services president says "Boost councils' education improvement role". "I shall not shrink from re-voicing the lost language of closing the gap in children's outcomes," said Dickinson, who is executive director of people at Barnsley Council: ["Local authorities are not adequately funded for these duties."](#)

Reports and Studies

Suicide by young people is acknowledged to be on the increase across the world, but reluctance to talk about the subject or even mention the word "suicide" may be one reason why the problem is growing. Use of the term 'self-harm' to encompass suicidal behaviours was potentially contributing to this silence, by avoiding the word 'suicide'." ["Professionals treating young people should refer to "suicide" explicitly"](#)

Volunteering does not guarantee young people jobs, report reminds charities. A new publication warns charities against encouraging young people to volunteer to improve their job prospects: ["Many were told it would help them stand out from others in the job market"](#)

Most young people would now consider an apprenticeship, survey finds. However, more needs to be done to promote opportunities to young adults entering the job market, as government unveils Institutes of Technology: ["Young people felt they were receiving poor quality information about apprenticeship options"](#)

Teenage pregnancy rate falls for 10th year. The number of teenage pregnancies in England and Wales has fallen for the 10th year in a row, according to the latest government statistics: ["Among girls aged under 16, the number of estimated conceptions fell more sharply"](#)

Health

Keeping schools mentally healthy: sometimes young people just need to talk. "What also really matters is adopting a whole-school approach, where pupils understand health and wellbeing, yet can also recognise poor mental health": ["Those in a school setting have a duty of care to spot the signs early"](#)

Study finds substantial numbers of young people at risk of liver cancer, diabetes and heart attacks.

Experts are warning that high levels of fatty liver disease among young people, caused by being overweight, could signal a potential public health crisis.

[Experts warn of fatty liver disease 'epidemic' in Young People](#)

Can genetic variants predict depression risk in young people? A new study looks at the genetic makeup of thousands of adults with depression to try to find an accurate way of predicting which children and adolescents may be at risk of developing this mental health problem:

["Cumulatively, they have a substantial effect on the risk"](#)

Epilepsy Society calls on the Government to safeguard people with photosensitive epilepsy online.

Around 20,000 people in the UK have photosensitive epilepsy where seizures are triggered by flashing lights or contrasting, quick-fire imagery:

["Some are deliberately targeting people with epilepsy with the intention of causing a seizure"](#)

Events

An exciting opportunity for young people with the BFI Film Academy. They are recruiting 30 young people aged 16-19 to take part in the BFI **Specialist Residential: Programming and Audience Development in Sheffield**, which will run from **Sunday 21st July 2019 – Saturday 27th July 2019**:

[Particularly welcoming applications from those groups currently under-represented in the industry](#)

Young Inspectors Summit. This day event will bring together those involved in Young Researcher, Young Commissioner and Young Inspector programmes' from across North England. The aim is to share knowledge and learning, and to provide an opportunity for practitioners to network.

[Young Inspectors Summit bookings](#)

An Introduction to the new LGA Framework of Outcomes for Young People (2.0). In partnership with the *Centre for Youth Impact* and *Sheffield Futures*, The Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber is offering an introduction to the new LGA Impact Framework of Outcomes: [Book here - Free](#)

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](#)

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.**

Women, Organise! Focuses on a variety of representations of women's activism and involvement in trade unionism. A great series of films celebrating women in the movement being shown at HOME in Manchester as part of their 120th year celebrations. [Details](#)

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award is the biggest poetry competition for 11-17 year olds in the world, and has kick-started the careers of some of the most exciting names in poetry:

[Find out more here](#)

Blogs and Comment

Layla Moran: The case for votes at 16. Any functioning democracy should embrace giving more people the vote, not fear it. Just 50 years ago today 18-year olds in the UK were given the vote. Before then only those 21 or over had the right. It seems almost unbelievable that it took so long:

["The 2016 EU referendum – those most affected were silenced before they even got to the ballot box"](#)

Polarising debates around gender dysphoria are deeply damaging for young people – I've seen it first-hand. All young people need is to be supported to live well, and they are done an injustice if we do not try to examine the nuances of their situation and work with them to find the best care options:

["The situation is not helped by the highly emotive and often polarised debates"](#)

Warren Buffett wants young people to know: **Ignoring this advice is like 'leaving a car out in hailstorms'**. "Let's say that I offer to buy you the car of your dreams. You can pick out any car that you want, and then when you get out of class this afternoon, that car will be waiting for you at home."
["There's just one catch: It's the only car you're ever going to get...in your entire life"](#)

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 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, 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](#)

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"](#)

Consultation

Youth Select Committee 2019 begin investigation into UK's rising knife crime:
[You can send your response here](#)

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