



In the Loop: Number 10

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 and Events

A meeting for Workers who support young people considered to have additional needs (SEN), to have a voice and participate in decision making processes. This is an opportunity to meet, share good practice, find support from across the region: [Book here for this free event](#)

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Yorkshire & Humber News

Free meals and activities for 50,000 children over 2019 summer holidays. The scheme follows a successful £2 million programme in the summer of 2018, which saw charities and community groups provide meals and activities such as football and cooking classes for more than 18,000 children. [Children and Families Minister announces local co-ordinators who will share £9.1m fund](#)

Young people from Bilton have produced a powerful film to challenge negative stereotypes of their generation and the area that they are from. The film, entitled *Lost in Translation*, was premiered at Harrogate's Everyman Theatre: ["People think Bilton is a bad place, but it's not. A lot of people judge."](#)

Grieving Wakefield parents set up mental health charity to help young people after the loss of their daughter. With the support of other family members and their daughter's friends, have set up a charity called Emma's Embrace: [Campaigning for change from crisis point work to more preventative strategies](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Discover EU is an initiative of the European Union giving you the opportunity to travel around Europe, mainly by rail. Young people can apply during the two application rounds taking place each year and the European Union awards the selected ones with a travel pass. https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en

National News

Labour unveils plan to axe lower minimum wage for under-18s. Jeremy Corbyn pledged at a party meeting in Birmingham to “end this discrimination” against young workers by abolishing the minimum wage youth rate. Hourly pay of workers aged 16 and 17 would more than double under the Labour plan: [“Equal pay for equal work is hardly a controversial idea”](#)

'Clean' graffiti appears in UK cities to boost EU election youth vote. Campaigners from Vote For Your Future wrote in stark white block letters: "Vote in the EU elections 23 May" in 50 locations each around the streets of Glasgow, Manchester, Sheffield and Cardiff: [The 'clean' graffiti is designed to fade within four to five weeks](#)

Housing plans for young people ‘written on napkins’ by councils. A Westminster think tank wants a digital homelessness service to be introduced for young people to compensate for varying standards of housing help between councils: [Experts blasted current homelessness legislation as “not hitting the mark](#)

Ofsted unveils new inspection framework for all education settings. The inspectorate claims the framework, which includes new inspection criteria, will make it easier for Ofsted to recognise and reward settings: [All inspection judgments will continue to be awarded under the current four-point scale](#)

The National Youth Agency’s refreshed Quality Mark Framework is now available to download for free for all NYA Network members: ["Help to ensure you are delivering the best service for young people"](#)

Girls involved in gang crime are being overlooked and failed by the authorities, the children's commissioner for England has said. Half of children involved with gangs are girls and they "desperately need help to get out". ["They are used to carry knives or drugs because they are less likely to be stopped"](#)

Genius 'bus buddies' idea is allowing young people with special needs to use public transport. Scheme allows young people to use public transport in order to get to school, college, work or access leisure activities: ["Taking a huge leap into independence"](#)

Drug dealers jailed for using vulnerable Young People to traffic substances. Three 25-year-old men who ran country drug lines were jailed for a total of 12.5 years: ["The first to be charged under the Modern Slavery Act"](#)

'Fake news' spreading to young people through Instagram memes warns Journalism Academic. An exodus of Young People from Facebook has seen fake news spread to Generation Z through memes on Instagram: ["Fake news is now spreading to young people through “memes and visual storytelling” on Instagram"](#)

Campaigners have claimed that looked-after children's right to education is being breached after a survey found many schools may not be honouring the admissions code. [The code specifies that looked-after children should be given the highest priority](#)

Reports and Studies

Relationships in the 21st century: the forgotten foundation of mental health and wellbeing. The *Mental Health Foundation* publish a new report and guide to relationships, the forgotten foundation of mental health: ["We must urgently prioritise investing in building and maintaining good relationships"](#)

The Timpson Review of School Exclusion presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Education. May 2019. “8 million children in schools in England were permanently excluded in 2016/17” [Read the full report](#)

Black, Asian And Minority ethnic students’ attainment at UK universities. “BAME students do not do as well at university compared with their white counterparts – latest statistics show a 13% attainment gap” In a typical gathering of 100 professors, 90 would be white and there would be just two BAME women” ["Universities should be places where opportunity and aspiration come together"](#)

Government homelessness legislation failing to support vulnerable young people, finds report 'Stark variation' in standards across local authorities creates 'postcode lottery' in provision: [“Inconsistency” in the accuracy with which at-risk 16-24 year olds are referred to housing services"](#)

Youth club closures put young people at risk of violence, warn MPs. Areas with largest spending cuts have suffered bigger increases in knife crime, committee finds. "Our figures show how in areas where support for young people has been cut most, they are more at risk of violence"

["Taking away youth workers and safe spaces in the community contributes to a 'poverty of hope'"](#)

Call for 16-19 education funding review as report reveals extent of cuts. The education sector is calling for an urgent government review of the impact of funding cuts on disadvantaged students after new research reveals how far they have gone: [Funding plummeted 26 per cent from 2010 to 2019](#)

Anxiety found to be key factor in youth unemployment. Anxiety and depression are the biggest barriers faced by young people when looking for work, a new study has found:

[One in four young people aged 16 to 25 were still unemployed at least a year after leaving education](#)

Youth Investment Fund Learning and insight paper one. A shared evaluation framework for open access youth provision. This is the first in a series of Learning and Insight papers published as part of the learning project for the Youth Investment Fund (YIF): [Read the report](#)

Health

One in three UK teenagers 'ashamed of their body'. Calls for social media firms to pay mental healthcare levy and weight-loss ads to be vetted:

[Body image anxiety can trigger self-harm and suicidal thoughts in teenagers](#)

Privately-run mental health units putting young people at risk. One former patient had experienced "brutal" physical restraints and had been able to inflict life-threatening self-harm while in a privately-run unit:

["A culture of self-harm that is "out of control"](#)

A ban on displaying cigarettes and tobacco at shop counters has reduced the risk of young people taking up smoking, according to a new study by University of Stirling researchers.

[The "smoking susceptibility" of children decreased from 28% pre-ban to 18% post-ban"](#)

Young people urged to take advantage of heart screening. The father of a teenage footballer from East Yorkshire who died on the pitch from an undiagnosed heart condition is urging young people to get themselves screened:

[The 10th screening session since Josh's death, was held in Hornsea](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Bradford College are now recruiting for the Level 2 and 3 Youth Work Practice Course. Induction will take place very soon, so please do not delay in applying. The course will run on Monday evenings from 6pm – 9pm. For further details please contact Tina Ratnik: t.ratnik@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

[More information and bookings](#)

The Story Makers Festival - Story Rebels: A new type of hero! Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus, Leeds. **Sat, 8 June 2019**

[Much more detail and online booking](#)

Formerly known as PTLLS, the Award in Education and Training is a short course designed to enable a wide range of people to start a career in teaching. The course runs for 6 weeks starting **Tuesday 11th June 9.30 – 4.00pm** in Sheffield. Give Vicky or Sandy a ring on 01142755309 for further details.

Blogs and Comment

When will we have parity of esteem for Young People's mental health? The government's major cuts have led to the removal of safety nets like youth services. As young people struggle to get help early on, more of them are approaching CAMHS at an acute stage of their illness:

["Half of all mental health problems are established by the age of 14"](#)

Green MEP candidate: "I am disgusted at the way the young are ridiculed in the media. If we speak out, we are uninformed and inconvenient. If we stay silent, we are uninterested and have no care for ourselves, this country or this world" ["They ignore us because they are the ones that created this bleak future for us"](#)

Vacancies

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

Resources

UK Parliament Week kits are going fast. Over 2,800 organisations have already signed up for **UK Parliament Week**. Don't miss out on your free kit, packed with everything you need to run a #UKPW activity, big or small: [Register now and order your kit](#)

CYPN Awards recognise teams and individuals from the public, private and voluntary sector who work with children and young people. Enter the Awards and achieve the wider recognition that your achievements deserve. **Closing date: 28th June.** [You can nominate here](#)

Young minds have partnered with Beano Studios (home of The Beano comic) to create fun, engaging content for under 12's that can help support their mental health and wellbeing: [Meet Mandi and follow her adventures](#)

Talking to your child about how they're feeling can be hard. By taking 20 minutes with them to do an activity you'll both enjoy, you'll create a relaxed space to start that conversation. Here are lots of fun activity ideas, conversation starters and handy tips, advice and resources to make talking easier: [Resources for parents - the Take 20 top tips](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

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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

The Centre for Youth Impact would like to hear about where you look for evidence of the impact of youth provision, and how you use that evidence. Are there key reports or websites that you regularly turn to? And how do you use the evidence you find – funding, programme design, learning...? [Respond here to the survey](#)

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

Bids and funding

[The all-new Heritage Fund](#)

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