



In the Loop: Number 9

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

Network meeting for Youth Workers who run LGBT+ Youth Work groups. The next meeting will be tomorrow, 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](#)

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](#)

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. **9th May - York** [Young Inspectors Summit bookings](#)

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Yorkshire & Humber News

Leeds becomes first UK city to lower its childhood obesity rate. City's Henry programme gives children choices while helping parents maintain boundaries: [Helps parents set boundaries for their children](#)

Matrix Challenge launched. The Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Cybercrime Unit has launched a new online competition for young people to test their cyber-security skills, and encourage them to become the cyber-sleuths of the future: [The competition is open now until 24 May 2019](#)

Addicts in Leeds buying cocaine and opiates at 'pocket money prices'. There are an 'alarming' number of people in Leeds addicted to crack cocaine and opiates. New figures revealed that more than 5,000 people in the city are estimated to be using the illegal drugs: ["Crack rocks' can be purchased for as little as a fiver"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

A Youth Voice Conference took place at the Pavilions of Harrogate, open to primary and secondary pupils and young people's groups in North Yorkshire. The aim was to inform young people about issues affecting them and allow them to put their views to policy-makers and organisations which make decisions on their behalf: [Young people voted for the Youth Voice Executive to campaign on bullying](#)

National News

NYA Launch Refreshed Quality Mark. The National Youth Agency's refreshed Quality Mark Framework is now available to download for free for all NYA Network members. The NYA Quality Mark was originally developed in 2006 as a tool to support local organisations in assessing the quality and impact of their work with young people.

[The framework document is a free tool and there is an option to go for national accreditation](#)

Girls in gangs 'failed by authorities' 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 often used to carry knives or drugs because they are less likely to be stopped by police"](#)

Ex-minister says Government risks appearing 'against young people' if it hikes EU student fees after Brexit. A former Tory minister has warned the Government that it risks appearing "against young people" if it ploughs ahead with plans to hike EU students' fees after Brexit:

["Ministers are weighing up a hike in tuition fees and an end to financial support"](#)

Teen suicides rose after Netflix's 13 Reasons Why aired, US study shows. New study found 28.9% increase in suicides among Americans aged 10-17 in month after release of the controversial teen drama:

[Suicides in those aged 10-17 in April 2017 was greater than any other month over a five-year period](#)

Manifesto draws on views of 76,000 girls and young women. Girl-led change on issues ranging from the environment to emotional wellbeing is at the heart of a new manifesto from Girl-guiding UK:

["More than a third of girls are put off going into politics because of how female politicians are represented"](#)

Well-qualified young people held back by disadvantage, study finds. Disadvantaged young people are twice as likely to be not in education, employment or training (Neet) in early adulthood - and inequalities remain even if they are qualified to the same level as their more privileged peers, according to a study:

["Those who are disadvantaged are twice as likely to end up Neet"](#)

Reports and Studies

Transitions into Adulthood Report. This report outlines steps that Government departments and other agencies should take to improve transitions for young people. A solution to addressing multiple disadvantage in young people's lives will require a co-ordinated response:

[Recommendation that the Government forms a cross-departmental taskforce to look into transition planning](#)

Loneliness can blight the lives young adults living in every kind of neighbourhood in the UK, a study says. Academics from King's College London found loneliness was an issue in urban as well as rural areas and in wealthy areas as well as deprived ones:

["Loneliness occurs irrespective of urbanicity, population density, deprivation, or crime"](#)

Young people who are not in employment, education or training are drinking less than ten years ago. Research from **Sheffield Hallam University** suggests that many young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) are drinking less than they were ten years ago:

["The stereotype of older teenagers drinking in parks or on street corners is not reflected in our research"](#)

Children's services 'at breaking point', MPs say. Children's services in England are at breaking point and need a £3.1bn minimum funding boost by 2025, MPs say. The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee said current funding levels were unsustainable:

[Many services reliant on the goodwill of staff](#)

Health

Child mental health: UK provision 'worse than in much of eastern Europe'. Research places UK behind countries such as Estonia and Latvia in numbers of hospital places and psychiatrists
["Repeated promises by successive governments of increased funding for youth mental health care"](#)

A not very subtle and definitely un-PC health promotion message from Mitch Benn regarding Measles inoculation. But it does get the message across. Originally aimed at American parents of unvaccinated children:
[Vaccinate Your Kids](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Bradford College are now recruiting for the Level 2 and 3 Youth Work Practice Course. Induction will take place mid-May so please do not delay in applying. The course will run on a Monday evening from 6pm – 9pm. For further details please contact Tina Ratnik: t.ratnik@bradfordcollege.ac.uk
[More information and bookings](#)

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](#)

Festival of Debate - Bridging the Gap: Improving Communication Between the Police & Young People. Following on from Sheffield Youth Cabinet's knife crime consultations with young people, we want to start a discussion to see how we can work together for a better, safer Sheffield. [A Sheffield event](#)

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](#)

Working and volunteering in prison. Are you new to working in prison? Do you want to work in prison but not sure where to begin? This one-day course aims to raise awareness of the prison environment and enable voluntary sector staff and volunteers to have meaningful and professional engagement with prisons:
[Thursday 16 May 2019 Leeds - Book here and get more details](#)

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week MESMAC, would like to introduce you to the Men's Total Health project, an initiative by Yorkshire MESMAC. Pop along for an informal chat and lunch with other professionals working in Mental Health in the areas below and learn more about the project:
[Leeds](#) May 14th [Bradford](#) May 15th [Wakefield](#) May 17th

Blogs and Comment

Corbyn's rise was based on the support of young people. He'll lose us if he doesn't back a second Brexit vote. The European election represents an enormous opportunity. Will Corbyn end up handing the mantle to Nigel Farage? ["Keep faith with young people who have placed their hopes with him"](#)

Like Greta Thunberg, I am on the autism spectrum. She gives me hope: Charlie Hancock
["The attacks on her are glib and spiteful. But they are a tribute to the power of her arguments"](#)

Why aren't remain-backing parties doing more to attract young people? The European elections can send a crucial signal to the nation, but **People's Vote** supporters are ignoring a key section of the population:
["Older candidates from old politics will battle it out this May"](#)

Brexit and austerity: a toxic mix that has decimated the life chances of a whole generation. "There's a lot of young people getting involved with crime, and when I say young people I don't mean 18 to 24, I mean 10 to 15-year-olds – and that's because of an amalgamation of things".
["Austerity is putting unsustainable additional pressure on deprived parents and children"](#)

Why young people need a digital safety net, not just an online SWAT team. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has this month proposed an independent watchdog that will write a "code of practice" for tech companies, taking us one step closer to regulation of the internet:
[Elaine Bousfield explains how social media companies can improve mental and emotional wellbeing](#)

'Young people have the power to swing these elections' says one of the youngest candidates. 23-year-old Carmen Smith is one of the youngest candidates standing for any party in the European elections: ["I have never seen so many of them so fired up as now"](#)

Examining the Male Youth Worker as Role Model and Mentor to Young Men Involved in Violence. Pete Harris considers the need for a psycho-social approach in the forms of youth work that employ ex-offenders as role models with young people involved in violence: ["Young people are in dire need of competent adult professional support"](#)

Vacancies

An exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and committed Youth Worker to join the **Youth Offer Improvement team**. The YOIT deliver street-based youth work **in Leeds City Centre** during the evening and weekends. Employer: Leeds City Council. Salary details: JNC Points 12-15 - **£23,118 to £25,955**
[Closing date: 16 May 2019 11:30 pm](#)

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](#)

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](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

This is European Youth Week 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](#)

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**. [Start your adventure here](#)

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

Grants and Funding

Consortium is pleased to announce the launch of LGBT+ Futures Fund small grants programme to support LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans+) voluntary and community organisations across England. **Open to applications on 3rd May.**
[An online information session about grant applications can be accessed here](#)

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