



In the Loop: Number 11

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

Join the NYA as they embark on a nationwide roadshow of events. Working with the Youth Work Units and university partners, they are visiting all nine English regions to engage with youth work practitioners, organisations, funders and commissioners to shape and inform national policies, funding priorities and professional guidance: [Book a place at the Yorkshire and Humber roadshow](#)

Yorkshire and Humber Young Peoples' Pride Picnic. July 2019. Young People from LGBT+ Youth Groups across our region are organising a Young People's Pride Picnic, which will take place in July in North Yorkshire. A day for young people, aged 11 - 21, who identify with and support the LGBTQI+ community to celebrate and have fun:

[Download the poster](#)

[Book a place - booking is essential](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

Photos taken by children to depict their daily lives have gone on show. Children at youth clubs in Sheffield's Roma Slovak, Pakistani and Somali communities were given disposable cameras to photograph their lives. **Sheffield Futures** organised the experiment for the city's **Migration Matters** festival: ["The many diverse communities that make Sheffield great"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

The British Youth Council Seeking a Trustee. The British Youth Council is looking for people aged 16-25 who are motivated by a belief in the work of the British Youth Council to achieve their vision of the world where all young people are respected and able to influence and inform decisions which affect them: [Deadline for applications: Monday 8th July 2019 at 9:00am](#)

National News

Mobile phone habits are leading to 'horn-like' growths in young people. Nearly half of today's young people could be developing small "horn-like" growths at the back of their head, research has revealed. Researchers first made the discovery in 2016, but a recent BBC article highlighted the issue;

[The Newsy bit](#)

[The science bit](#)

How VR is being used to help young people tackle knife crime. London is not the only city trying to tackle a surge in violent crime. There's been a sharp increase in knife-related offences in other areas, where deaths among young people are at their highest for 40 years:

["There are some radical new approaches to the problem"](#)

Young people to advise UK on hitting net zero emissions by 2050. Thirty people aged 15-24 will assess how commitment by Theresa May should be met:

["Young people are both the custodians and the inheritors of the natural world"](#)

"The paralysis currently affecting much of Whitehall and Westminster is letting down Children in Need" – The Children's Commissioner:

["The new Prime Minister will have to decide whether this is a priority for him"](#)

PM's plans to give mental health training to every new teacher a 'sticking plaster', claims union.

"May should prove her intentions are genuine with a cross-government strategy on tackling poverty and inequality": [National awareness campaign - Every Mind Matters, which will be launched in October](#)

Dame Martina Milburn says T Levels introduction should be postponed. Dame Martina Milburn, Chair of the Social Mobility Commission, says that she agrees with the Permanent Secretary's advice that the introduction of T Levels should be postponed: [The debate](#)

Reports and Studies

Traineeships help young people to access jobs and further study. New report highlights how traineeships are benefiting young people and employers. Traineeships are a flexible education and training programme aimed at helping young people aged 16- 24 to prepare for an apprenticeship or work;

[Findings show that 75% of trainees have positive outcomes](#)

Missing children and young people at greater risk of criminal and sexual exploitation. The study looked at nearly 600 missing episodes involving more than 200 missing children in three areas in England:

[1 in 7 \(14%\) per cent of the children had been sexually exploited](#)

More than half of Japanese young people not interested in studying overseas, survey shows.

Regarding whether they want to live abroad in the future, the proportion of people wishing to stay in their home country forever came to 42.7 percent for Japanese respondents:

[Germany and Britain had 35.5 percent and 34.8 percent saying they do not want to study abroad](#)

Suicide rates among America's young people continue to soar, study shows. "New information shows that suicide among adolescents has reached its highest recorded level, and it shows that there's especially an increase in recent years in adolescent males" [In 2017, there were 6,241 suicides among young people](#)

Advocacy for children. This report builds on research by the Children's Commissioner in 2016, which also explored the provision of advocacy across England and found substantial variation across local authorities, with spend per child or young person ranging from £2 to £668 each year: [Download and read the report](#)

Health

It's too late for Theresa May to solve the mental health crisis among young people – here's why:

Some young people find themselves 'too sick' to be managed by a GP alone, yet 'not sick enough' to even be assessed by services. ["She wants to leave having made an impact on children's mental wellbeing"](#)

Reality TV encourages children to drink and smoke, experts warn. Shows such as Love Island risk 're-normalising' habits for young people. An analysis of how often alcohol and tobacco were depicted or referenced in popular reality series found they featured much more often than other primetime shows:

["Likely to be a contributor to smoking and alcohol uptake by young people"](#)

There was a clinical concern that prescribing methylphenidate, the most common pharmacological treatment for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), might increase the risk of psychotic events, particularly in young people with a history of psychosis:

["This perceived risk led to clinicians withholding this treatment or using less effective alternatives"](#)

Six out of ten young people suffer physical problems because of video games. Six out of ten young people have already suffered physical symptoms linked to extended use of video and computer games, according to a survey carried out by health insurers:

[Physical symptoms including pain in the neck, eyes, head, thumbs and arms](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Today is the deadline. Showroom Cinema's BFI Film Academy offers 16 – 19 year olds the chance to put on their own film festival with the support of industry professionals! With a bursary scheme you can take part without spending a penny. **Deadline: Today!** [Last chance to apply](#)

Thanks to all who took part in the two **LGA framework workshops** in Sheffield and York. Due to demand, we intend to repeat the workshops. **If you would like to host a workshop, please get in touch by email to make the offer.** Book your own staff on first.

Blogs and Comment

“As a young Tory I am supporting Rory Stewart for the sake of my future. No deal is falsely paraded as the democratic will of the people, when many of these people were not aware it was a possibility at all when they voted in 2016”: ["I can only hope they consider the future of my generation"](#)

“Tory leadership candidate appeals to young people like me are a farce. If any of the candidates genuinely cared about listening to and engaging with younger voices, they would commit to a vote on the final Brexit deal: ["All of them are desperate to pretend they care about young people"](#)

Why are young people afraid of making friends? According to a recent survey commissioned by *Whistle Punks*, which included 2,000 participants aged 18 to 55, the age group that felt least confident in chatting to strangers was those aged 18 to 24: ["Have we simply lost the social skills required to make friends?"](#)

To reduce inequality, employ young people. In good economic times, young people working helps reduce inequality in both groups of countries. But when growth slows down and jobs are lost, more young people out of work in low-income countries leads to a rise in inequality: ["The unemployment rate among young people is a key driver of inequality"](#)

Vacancies, tenders and contracts

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

Resources

It's *Thank a Teacher day* – Let this site send a card to a teacher of your choice directly on your behalf:

[Thank a Teacher will send a card on your behalf](#)

Pride events in Yorkshire and the Humber this June:

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Parliament Week: 2-8 November. Start up your conversation with the **UK Parliament** and get your resources ordered: [Sign up now](#)

Nominate someone for an honour or award. Think someone deserves to be on a future Honours List? You can nominate someone for an honour online. You'll need to write a detailed description explaining why you're nominating them: [How to nominate someone](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Every two years, the **European Youth Event** brings together thousands of young people from all over the European Union and beyond to share and shape their ideas on the future of Europe. It is a unique opportunity for young people to meet and inspire each other and decision makers:

[Will take place at the European Parliament's seat in Strasbourg on 29-30 May 2020](#)

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](#)

Funding

Ecclestial's Movement for Good: 10 grants of £50,000 are available, aimed at organisations that are actively championing new projects to communities in the advancement of education and skills, citizenship or community development, arts, culture or heritage. [More details and Apply here](#)

Consultation

National Youth Agency Youth Work Qualifications Review:

[Take part here](#)

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