



## **In the Loop: Number 13**

### ***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**

**New multi-million pound mental health unit for young people in Leeds is a step closer.** The proposed unit includes 16 en-suite bedrooms, six psychiatric intensive care en-suite bedrooms, lounge and dining areas, multi-purpose activity room, school, and meeting rooms:

[It will reduce the distance that young people have to travel to receive specialist treatment](#)

**Children of Achievement awards celebrate the bravest and brightest young people in the Wakefield district.** More than 300 people attended the event in Wakefield Cathedral on Friday evening, where the 10 winners were honoured with a civic reception. ["The talent in Wakefield is off the radar"](#)

**Increased support for children and young people who are at risk of self-harm and suicide is now available in North Yorkshire** through the development of an interactive assessment tool.

[An online tool that contains information and guidance for professionals working with young people](#)

**Uncertain future remains over Calderdale's school bus services.** West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee will be asked to agree new criteria for how the county's school bus services are organised at a meeting on Friday:

[Each year, the Combined Authority spends around £3 million funding daily bus travel](#)

## Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

**Mayor of the Sheffield City Region champions youth voice.** Dan Jarvis, Mayor of the Sheffield City Region (SCR) has been harnessing that powerful voice, as he met with representatives of the Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice and Sheffield City Region Youth Combined Authority:

["I'm always inspired when I meet with members of the Youth Combined Authority"](#)

**Young people are a powerful force for change.** As part of their 'Make Rights Real' campaign, the Amnesty UK Children's Human Rights Network is launching a competition called 'Use Your Voice to Demand Your Rights' to encourage young people to take centre stage and have their voices heard:

[Regional Finalists will have the opportunity to present to a panel of high level decision makers](#)

**Youth Voice work with SEND Young People in our region.** A meeting has been arranged for **Monday 19th August**, in Leeds 10am to 12.30pm. Please contact [charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com](mailto:charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com)

## National News

**Young people suffer as Government concedes it has broken its promise to hit 3 million apprenticeships.** "A policy founded on what sounds good, rather than what works best, fundamentally fails to put the interests of young people at heart" ["The Apprenticeship brand has been undermined"](#)

**Tom Daley urges LGBTQ sportspeople to come out to "inspire" young people.** The diving star acknowledged the pressures that LGBTQ sportspeople faced. "Everyone is ready at different times and there is no right or wrong way to do it, it's just a matter of being able to do it when you're ready."

['Oh wow! Who I am isn't going to stop me being able to achieve my dreams in sport.'](#)

**Young People in Greater Manchester to become first outside 'London bubble' to get free bus travel.**

*Our Pass* scheme will give 16 to 18 year-olds free bus travel to help them access education, work and cultural and leisure opportunities: ["Young people are penalised for not living in London"](#)

**Gambling firms pledge £60m to help addicts after criticism.** It comes amid criticism of the industry on how little it spends to help addicts compared with its marketing budget.

["We think we need to increase the amount of available to protect the young and vulnerable."](#)

**Jeremy hunts young people.** 'We will get more young people voting Conservative, because we can't be the party of aspiration if the most aspirational people in the country aren't supporting us, and we are going to get them back.' Mr Hunt said it's 'not fair' that student loan interest rates are at six per cent:

["Can't be 'the party of aspiration' unless they win over more young voters"](#)

**Meet generation Greta: young climate activists around the world.** They're too young to vote, but schoolchildren across the globe are taking matters into their own hands:

["This child-led uprising is happening with unprecedented momentum on a global scale"](#)

**Steve Reed is new shadow children's minister.** Steve Reed MP has been appointed the new shadow minister for children following the March resignation of Emma Lewell-Buck:

["Reed said on Twitter that he was passionate about better support for vulnerable young people"](#)

## Reports and Studies

**Does education ensure young people are 'work ready'?** The latest CBI report suggests that a large proportion of young people are leaving education without basic life skills that they need for the workplace

[A quarter of the 17-23 year-olds surveyed don't feel that their education has prepared them for work](#)

**Young people are 'less accepting' of LGBT+ community in the Trump era.** Young people were the only group to show a decline in acceptance of LGBT+ people this year, which could be down to divisive rhetoric in the Trump era and the "newness" of certain labels, a survey has found;

[36 percent felt "very" or "somewhat" uncomfortable learning a family member is LGBT+](#)

## Health

**Three in five secondary school pupils experience mental health problems, survey says.** Young people face increasing pressures due to exams, cyberbullying and social media:

[One in seven of 11-to-19-year-olds say their mental health is either poor or very poor](#)

**Meningitis survivor Nick Gilbert appeals to young people who have not been vaccinated.** A North Yorkshire young man who collapsed in a London street with meningitis is helping launch a new campaign to warn other young people: [One million young people are eligible for the free vaccination](#)

**Young people need better protection from the harms of social media.** The British Medical Association has stated that children and young people need stricter laws protecting them from the dark side of social media: ["We have heart-breaking examples of self-harm and suicide being promoted through social media"](#)

## Events, Training and Opportunities

**Take a tour of the UK Parliament this summer.** There are a number of ways you can go behind the scenes at the UK Parliament; choose between a guided, multimedia or family guided tour, available Monday to Saturday throughout August: [See the options and book a tour](#)

**Project Planning: Creative Curriculum Design.** Venue: Assisted Living, Clarence Road, Leeds, LS10 1LZ 29<sup>th</sup> August [Book a place](#)

## Blogs and Comment

**Why Young People in the UK want experiences, not stuff.** Millennials as a whole don't seem to value ownership of material possessions as much as the generations that came before them:

[Experiences, more than things, seem to be the order of the day](#)

**Young People know how to stop the knife crime epidemic.** The demand for illegal drugs from middle-class people is a major driver of this violence, with young people and children from my borough being used to traffic drugs: [Above all, poverty and inequality is a common thread](#)

**Nothing Johnson has said or done suggests he has an interest in state schools, or cares deeply about social cohesion or equality.** Quite the reverse: his words and deeds indicate he is an out and out elitist who doesn't even bother to put a gloss on his instincts:

["The entire contest for the Tory leadership is bereft of any interesting ideas for education"](#)

**Climate Change: Why the young are our best hope.** The younger generation understand that the environment is not a political issue, but a human one. So why can't politicians?

["The urgency of this issue has led them to find their political voices far earlier than previous generations"](#)

**How do we make young people happy at work?** Treat them like adults. Too often, it is assumed that young people want a workplace featuring slides, beanbags and table football. Supposedly, this gimmicky makes young people happy at work. But it's a theory that doesn't stack up:

[\(Young People's\) keenness led to LinkedIn reducing its minimum age to 14](#)

**"We can harness the power of mentoring to change lives".** "Two months on from the Timpson Review of School Exclusion, many questions remain for policy makers regarding the challenges our young people are facing in schools" ["I have seen at first hand the power mentoring can have with young people"](#)

**DfE's call for evidence on character education.** We think this definition of character is too narrow. It doesn't recognise another side to character development – about creating communities that thrive together.

[We are calling on all #iwill campaign partners to submit evidence to the consultation](#)

## Vacancies, tenders and contracts

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

**Youth Work Team Leader. Sheffield Futures** are currently recruiting for Youth Work Team Leaders to deliver centre-based, detached and outreach youth work in priority community settings across the city.

**Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> Jul 2019**

[Full details and application processes](#)

**Bradford Youth Development Partnership: Development Officer** – vacancy. Salary scale £30,507. For an application pack email [peter@bydp.co.uk](mailto:peter@bydp.co.uk) or for more information ring 07946505358

**Progressions Coordinator: Based in Leeds.** Salary: £23,862 gross per annum pro rata. Full-time. **Street League** work with young people, progressing them into employment, education and training by engaging them through football, fitness, dance fitness and rugby: [Learn more about this vacancy](#)

## Resources

**Star Bereavement Support Services aims:** To provide information and education around bereavement, serious illness and loss to children, young people, their families and professionals. To support children and young people to move forward and achieve their potential following the death of someone important: [Star Wakefield](#)

**MS resources for young people.** Many thousands of young people have friends, parents or other family members with MS. Here are some resources written for children and young people to explore themselves or share with a parent, teacher or friend: [Free support for young people](#)

**Migration Yorkshire** works with national government, local government, and others to ensure that Yorkshire and Humber can deal with, and benefit from, migration: [Learn about their work](#)

## 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](#)

## Consultation

**Migration Yorkshire** are consulting young refugees and their foster carers and social workers, trying to really understand the experience of arriving in a new country alone, at a young age, who may speak no English, be confused, frightened and traumatized: [How can we do better at helping young refugees settle in and adapt to life in the UK?](#)

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