



In the Loop: Number 15

The World of Young People

Welcome to the YWU's fortnightly bulletin aiming to keep the sector up to date with the very latest developments. **Published every fortnight since July 2012**

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Youth Work Unit News and Events

Youth Climate Change summit. August 15th An event for young people to explore Climate Change: what they can do as individuals in their communities; what they should be asking of Local and National Government. In partnership with DEFRA (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), Erasmus, Euro Desk, Leeds University and the region's youth voice network. [Free tickets and full details](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

The Brunswick Centre - LGBT yOUTH Project: [What we do - see the video](#)

National Film and Television School to open hub in Leeds. NFTS Leeds is part of the School's ongoing strategy to support the growth of film and television production outside London and is supported by NFTS Partner, Channel 4 whose new HQ is to be based in the city and ITV, who have a production base in the City: ["The School plans to make its courses increasingly accessible to students throughout the regions"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

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

Young Leaders of the ChildFair State. We're looking for young people aged 13 – 21 to lead a project dealing with some really big questions, such as how schools, housing and health can become really child- and young people-centred, and how our neighbourhoods can help young people thrive: [Looking for young people aged 13 - 21 who are currently living in England](#)

National News

The role and sufficiency of youth services. The Commons Debate:

[See the full parliamentary debate on the sufficiency of Youth Services which took place last week](#)

New civil society minister welcomed by youth sector. The new civil society minister has been welcomed by the youth sector, alongside concerns that there remains no dedicated youth minister. Mims Davies MP, has moved on to the Department for Work and Pensions after just eight months: [Baroness Barran will not be entitled to speak when issues are raised by MPs in the House of Commons](#)

New children's minister appointed. Kemi Badenoch has been appointed the new minister for children and families following the departure of Nadhim Zahawi. Badenoch is a strong Brexit supporter.

["Kemi Badenoch inherits a brief overseeing a sector in crisis"](#)

Gavin Williamson has been appointed Education Secretary just two months after being sacked as Defence Secretary. The MP for South Staffordshire replaces Damian Hinds, who quit following the arrival of the new prime minister.

["Williamson's appointment rewards him for masterminding Johnson's leadership campaign"](#)

'National emergency': More than 100 people in Britain have been killed by knives this year, many of them children MPs have said the government is failing to get to grips with serious youth violence:

[They described it as a "national emergency"](#)

Poland scraps income tax for young people in bid to tempt emigrants home. The country has suffered from a 'brain drain' in recent years as young people go abroad for higher wages:

[Young people have disproportionately made use of the EU freedom of movement](#)

Young people in UK abandon TV news 'almost entirely'. Over-65s watch 33 minutes a day, but those aged 16-24 watch two on average, says Ofcom: ["The shift could have major implications for British politics"](#)

Tinder to warn LGBT users in countries where gay sex is illegal. It will send users alerts to warn them when they are in countries with laws that criminalise LGBT+ people:

[Same-sex sexual activity in some form remains illegal in nearly 70 nations](#)

Young people are not watching TV news, but they still want to know about the world. If we want children to understand what they can trust online, we have to support them to develop their own news habits: ["We've heard whole classes boo Donald Trump, without knowing why"](#)

BTS and UNICEF call on young people to spread kindness on International Day of Friendship. Global pop group releases video to call for an end to violence in and around schools:

["Being treated with kindness and respect helps them to feel safe in and around school"](#)

Leave to remain – but no home to remain in after fees treble. Young people who have grown up in the UK being forced into destitution by Home Office fees:

["If I can't afford to pay the fee, I lose my right to NHS treatment"](#)

£20m investment to help young people find NHS careers. The health and social care secretary has announced £20 million in funding to prepare more young people for an entry-level job or apprenticeship in the NHS: [It will also be delivered by The Prince's Trust and supported by Health Education England](#)

Youth work bursaries dwarfed by scale of cuts, says charity. Government moves to boost funding for youth work have been cautiously welcomed by the sector which has raised concerns that it does not go far enough against a backdrop of massive cuts:

["I implore the new Prime Minister and his government to make this and young people their priority"](#)

EU funding for child poverty going unspent, peers warn. The UK risks wasting more than a million pounds of European funding intended to tackle child poverty and homelessness unless urgent action is taken by the government, a group of peers has warned: ["Nearly £550,000 has already been "wasted"](#)

Professors design see-saws for US-Mexico border to allow children to play together. The see-saws, built to be able to fit through the slats of the fence, turned into a temporary, interactive playground right on the border as kids on the Mexico side of the wall ran up to play on them: [See the see saws](#)

Reports and Studies

NSPCC estimates more than 200,000 teenagers groomed on social networks. 200,000 secondary school students are estimated to have been groomed online on social networks, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has revealed on the basis of its survey:

["Tech firms need to be forced to get a grip of the abuse taking place on their sites"](#)

Support needed for foster carers of LGBTQ young people. More support is needed for foster carers looking after LGBTQ young people, according to new research:

["Has important implications for recruiting, training, matching and supporting foster carers"](#)

In its report on serious youth violence the Home Affairs Committee says the rise in serious youth violence is a social emergency, and that young people have been failed in the most devastating way, losing their lives as a result: [Read the full report or the summary](#)

Disadvantaged pupils' attainment 18 months behind peers. Progress to close the gap in GCSE attainment has stalled for the first time in nearly eight years meaning disadvantaged pupils are leaving school more than 18 months behind their well-off peers:

["The trend to close the gap in GCSE attainment has reversed for the first time since 2011"](#)

Health

Politicised trans groups put children at risk, says expert. Counsellors and other mental health providers fear being labelled transphobic. School counsellors and mental health service providers are bowing to pressures from 'highly politicised' transgender groups to affirm children's beliefs that they were born the wrong sex: ["I believe the trans political agenda has encroached on the clinical environment"](#)

Documentary reports mental health crisis amongst young people. Last year, there were 700,000 referrals of children and young people under 19 into mental health services – a 45% increase in two years; ["There's a certain degree of compassion fatigue in the media"](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Free Youth Group visits to UK Parliament in August. Between the 19th and 30th August, youth groups – for example, clubs or uniformed organisations – with members aged 6-18 can visit UK Parliament for free. [See the options and book a tour](#)

SAYIT, Sheffield's leading lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer and questioning youth charity, is marking its 20th birthday with a celebration event on 24th October 2019: [Full details of the event](#)

Emergency First Aid at Work Course. The objective of this qualification is to support learners in becoming emergency first aiders in the workplace: [24 September 2019 - Leeds - book here](#)

Blogs and Comment

The loss of youth work in our communities has had a devastating impact on young lives across the country. Young people have lost role models. Many young people are growing up today with nowhere to go, nothing to do, and nobody to speak to outside of school and their home environment: [Andrew Gwynne & Cat Smith tell it like it is](#)

Young People struggling with their mental health aren't 'deluded' - They need proper support. A Dispatches documentary *Young, British and Depressed* claimed that campaigns to destigmatise mental illness are leading to young people confusing 'normal emotions' with mental health problems:

["Medication is vital for some, unnecessary for many and actively harmful for a few"](#)

'What young people want from Boris is a general election - and one they can vote in.' 'Johnson has pulled off the Trumpian feat of becoming a world leader on a platform of wild promises, patriotic jingo and unashamed populism': [Even my thirteen year old sister knows of him, labelling him "British Trump."](#)

Vacancies

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

Resources

Greta Thunberg: "Unite behind the science." My full speech at the National Assembly in Paris: [Greta's speech from last week](#)

Free online course: Peterloo to the Pankhursts. Discover the history of protest, parliament and citizens' rights with the free Future Learn online course. Made by Royal Holloway University and the Peoples History Museum with support from the National Archives and the History of Parliament Trust, you'll explore radicalism and reform in the 19th Century: [Course starts August 12th](#)

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](#)

Take part in this survey and win an all-access pass to EYE2020 (see above). EYE2020 By completing to the survey fully, you have the chance to win a trip to EYE2020 and get an all-access pass! Deadline to complete the survey and enter the competition is Sunday, August 18, 2019. You can find more information and the [survey 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](#)

Survey of youth NGOs and networks in Europe. Help us to understand how the landscape of youth representation in Europe is changing. Carried out by Ecorys, the survey will help gather new evidence on how young people engage in decision making at European, national and local levels, and to better understand the value and contribution of EU funding. It will also examine the new trends in participation, including the role of online youth movements: [Find out more](#)

Consultation

Review launched into statutory guidance for Local Authorities on providing youth services

A review of the guidance for local authorities which sets out how they should secure activities and services for young people has been launched by Civil Society Minister Mims Davies. [Learn about the review](#)

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