



In the Loop: Number 17

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

Please accept formal notice that the **AGM** of the **Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber** will take place on **Tuesday 22nd October at the Quaker Meeting House, Friargate, York YO1 9RL**. Includes a dynamic workshop led by **Sofia Mahmood CEO of Empowering Minds**: [Details and bookings](#)

Loneliness Awareness Training. This training programme has been designed for those workers who either have little or no experience of working with young people who are experiencing feelings of loneliness or isolation and those professionals who may be at the early stages of working with young people on these kinds of issues: [11th September - University of Huddersfield - book here](#)
[12th September Doncaster - book here](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

CYPN Awards: Yorkshire and the Humber organisations have been shortlisted in **six** categories: [See the full shortlist and categories](#)

Benefits of Princes Trust scheme for South Yorkshire's young people. Dozens of young people in the region have benefited from the only Princes Trust youth development programme in the country to be jointly delivered by the fire and police: [Courses have been delivered in Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield](#)

Bradford projects get funding boost to help improve young people's mental health. TWO Bradford organisations which work to support the mental health of young people have received a funding boost. [Family Action Bradford nearly £170,000 and Sharing Voices nearly £100,000](#)

UK's first coast-to-coast canoe trail opens for adventurers. The new 162-mile long trail starts in Liverpool in the West all the way to Goole on the Humber estuary and includes the 127-mile Leeds & Liverpool Canal (Britain's longest single canal): [Also includes Aire & Calder Navigation through Yorkshire](#)

Market Weighton Skate Park to close because it is 'too noisy' The park was given a council-funded £80,000 upgrade two years ago. But East Riding of Yorkshire Council said it had to be removed next month following "complaints about the noise coming from the skate ramp": ["The town council had not appealed against the abatement notice"](#)

Ofsted says: "Children's services in Sheffield are good." The council were commended for putting children at the centre of practice, with children and young people across the city benefiting from child focused staff and services: ["The views of children and young people are valued at all levels"](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

2019 Make Your Mark Ballot: access to everything you need to know and the resources you will need to be involved in this year's election process, all in one place: [Make Your Mark 2019 It all starts here](#)

National News

Children in UK least happy they have been in a decade, says report. Charity describes finding that 200,000 are not content with their lives as 'national scandal':

[Almost 5% of those surveyed reported happiness scores below five out of 10](#)

Young drug dealers in Bristol offered free driving lessons. Offenders are offered training instead of facing court but participants suspected of crimes while on the scheme would be charged, police said:

["It is hoped the Call-In scheme can end the "revolving door" of reoffending"](#)

Extreme makeup: how the girls and boys of Generation Z created a huge new subculture. Many young people now spend hours in their bedrooms, perfecting extraordinarily intricate looks to put up online:

["I live in a little village. I've never seen anyone walking around with a rainbow eye or in drag"](#)

GCSE analysis reveals stark attainment gap between rich and poor students. Pupils from England's most disadvantaged areas are almost twice as likely to fail their GCSEs as those from affluent backgrounds, according to analysis of exam results:

["Divide based on disadvantage continues across a raft of subjects"](#)

Reports and Studies

1 in 2 Young People At Risk of Gambling Addiction, Study Reveals. Today at 10 Downing Street, Safer Online Gambling Group will launch a new survey exposing Britain's hidden epidemic of young people spending millions each year on in-app purchases and video game add-ons:

[£270m could be being lost by young people and their families each year thanks to gaming 'loot boxes'](#)

"The democratic maturity of a country influences patterns of **political participation among young people**. Youth political engagement varies significantly, and young individuals living in established democracies are more likely to be politically active:

["The age of a country's democracy has a direct impact on the propensity of the young to engage in politics"](#)

More than 210,000 children are homeless in England, with many forced to live in shipping containers, office blocks and bed and breakfast accommodation, according to a damning report published by the children's commissioner: ["Too hot in the summer months, while being too cold in winter"](#)

Health

Millions in local investment to support children and young people's mental health. £3.3 million is being spent to expand 23 local projects to help prevent mental illness in children and young people:

["York Mind will receive £50,000 to expand their Arts Award programme"](#)

As a teenager, I believe our mental health is harmed by this dehumanising education system. No matter how hard we try, we're taught that any perceived academic failure could affect the rest of our lives;

["My teacher is refusing to make eye contact, I must have bombed it"](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Part-time Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice. Wakefield College - for students 19 or over: [Start date 18th September](#)

The **Yorkshire Integration Festival** celebrates the diversity and contribution of all migrant groups in the region. Join us for workshops, keynote speakers, exhibitions, panels, performances. **Friday 27 September 2019 from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Central Leeds: Details:** email admin@migrationyorkshire.org.uk

This year's **Commonwealth Youth Work Week** will be celebrated across the 53 member countries from **4-10 November**. 'Youth work in action' is this year's theme, drawing attention to the extraordinary services of youth workers who support the personal development and empowerment of young people: [Details](#)

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](#)

Blogs and Comment

Young people like me should be listened to on housing. A13-year-old graduate of Phoenix Community Housing's school of social housing, explains why young people should be taken seriously by the sector: ["Growing up as a young person in social housing, I don't think people take us or what we want seriously"](#)

For young people, restoring our climate means restoring hope. "I'm frustrated that the climate crisis has been put on my generation's shoulders: We can't even vote yet."

["She'd been completely avoiding thinking about her future, "because she wasn't sure she'd have one"](#)

Ignore the sneering: young people's rage is an age-old sign of failed politics. "It has become a sport among commentators of a certain age and political persuasion to goad and humiliate young activists for their idealism and integrity": ["Rebellion isn't always about sticking two fingers up at parental authority"](#)

A new museum about the slave trade is being proposed. Toyin Agbetu says he's in favour of the museum but says he's "opposed to the idea of reducing the entirety of African history to a story of victimhood": [He also says how it's taught in schools needs to change](#)

Transition to "Big School" can be scary. Advice from young people who did it last year:

["Don't overthink the whole process of making friends"](#)

Resources

Free publications about the UK Parliament. The House of Commons produces a range of free publications which help individuals, organisations and local communities find out more about Parliament: [You can access them here](#)

Vacancies

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

Youth Focus North West (a member of the **Network of Regional Youth Work Units**) is recruiting:

Operations Manager (JNC Professional Range, pts 20-23 (£29,724 - £32,724))

Regional Development Worker (JNC Professional Range, pts 15-18 (£26,474 – 28,787))

More details, job descriptions and person specifications from: s.watts@youthfocusnw.org.uk

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](#)

Do you work with groups of young people or individuals who are looking to take part in social action to improve their community? A **Solidarity Project** is a youth-led activity under the **European Solidarity Corps**, where informal groups of at least five young people (aged 18-30) can get funding to run a project in the UK, lasting between two and 12 months. The next deadline for funding applications is **1 October 2019 (11am UK time)**. [Start your journey of discovery 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](#)

Consultation

The DCMS have launched a consultation on the future definition of public service mutuals. The government believes that the contribution that public service mutuals can make to public services can be strengthened by creating a more robust definition and brand identity: [Consultation open until 30 September](#)

The government is consulting on new laws which could mean significant changes for charities and volunteering. **One of the most far-reaching proposals is to extend legal protections of the Equality Act to volunteers, not just staff:** [Details of proposals and links to respond](#)

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