



In the Loop: Number 18

The World of Young People

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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

As part of the work on period poverty, Child Friendly Leeds is looking to supply free period products in schools and community hubs across Leeds, products which are packaged in a bespoke design. They are currently running a competition for anyone under 25 to design this packaging. Get the design template from: Thriving@leeds.gov.uk

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Regional Children in and Leaving Care Event - 26th November. The day will be an opportunity for young people with experience of care to share their preparation and experience of leaving care; participate in Life Skill workshops; meet others, have fun and network in the afternoon: [Book free places here](#)

Praise for Annual Sitting. Celebration of the success of annual UK Youth Parliament conference held in our region. Attracting over 400 young people from across the UK, the conference created an opportunity for young people to engage in open debates and workshops:
["The UK Youth Parliament Annual Conference was a huge success"](#)

National News

British Youth Council responds to the Commons Speakers intention to stand down. The British Youth Council expressed thanks for the Speaker of the House of Commons' long-standing support for the work of the British Youth Council and UK Youth Parliament throughout his tenure:
["A persistent champion of the voices of young people in UK Parliament"](#)

Universities brace for Brexit protests as students flex muscles. Anti-Brexit rallies mark start of academic year with young people demanding to be heard. Unprecedented levels of student activism are set to erupt this month when angry students, fed up with the turmoil around Brexit, arrive for freshers' week: [Students would be more likely to vote in an election now than at any time in the past 15 years](#)

Base police officers in schools, urges children's commissioner. Police officers and youth workers should be based in schools to help protect pupils from violence, according to the children's commissioner for England: [Call also for "A child and adolescent mental health counsellor in every school"](#)

Tens of thousands of young people register to vote in just 48 hours as general election looms. More than 100,000 have people applied, with 58 per cent of applications submitted by people aged 34 and under: [The numbers are well above the usual average](#)

The United Nations human rights chief has condemned "verbal attacks" on teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg after calling on governments to take the threat posed by climate change more seriously: ["Climate change has become an unprecedented threat to freedoms worldwide"](#)

Mims Davies MP: Confident young people with well-rounded abilities are vital to the future success of our economy. Ensuring the skills of young people best reflect the evolving needs of employers and their businesses is fundamental to maintaining our strong and productive workforce, equipped for the 21st century: ["Young people are better placed than ever to embark on new, fulfilling careers"](#)

Young People warned over instagram hashtags that could lead to jail. Criminals are targeting young people via social media to be 'money mules', according to Santander. "It takes just a few clicks to become embroiled in this type of crime, but the consequences can have a lifelong effect."
["The hashtags used to recruit money mules act as bait and form part of a secret language"](#)

Greta Thunberg tops list of 10 bravest icons – According To Kids. The study of 1,500 British kids, aged seven to 16 years old, looked at how children define modern-day bravery, revealing 'standing up for what I believe in' (51%), 'Always being myself' (36%) and 'standing up to bullies' (35%) being the top defining characteristics: [The poll was commissioned by the Roald Dahl Story Company](#)

Call for more young carers amongst growing fears of an ageing population. In the next 20 years the number of people over 85 is expected to double. They are calling for more young people to join the caring professions: ["More than a third of carers are over 50, whilst just 11% are under 25"](#)

Off-rolling analysis reveals steep rise in pupil moves. The number of schools suspected of off-rolling has risen by 13 per cent in a year, according to latest analysis by Ofsted: [There were "exceptional pupil movements" at 340 settings](#)

Reports and Studies

New report exposes how easy it is for young people to buy drugs on social media. The proliferation of drug dealing accounts on the most common platforms such as Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook speaks of a grand-scale hashtag-driven trend, one that regulators are evidently struggling to keep up with; [1 in 4 young people have seen drugs advertised for sale on social media](#)

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people aged 15-29 years, after road injury. Key interventions which have shown success in reducing suicides include the implementation of programmes among young people to build life skills which enable them to cope with life stresses: ["Despite progress, one person still dies every 40 seconds from suicide"](#)

An overwhelming majority of young people think trans people should use whichever bathroom they want. 79 percent of young people aged 14 to 24 believe that bathroom use should not be restricted according to a person's trans status: ["Forcing trans people to use specific bathrooms puts them at risk"](#)

Child suicide rate increase prompts fears of mental health crisis. A marked increase in the number of children dying by suicide has prompted campaigners to call for urgent action to address a "crisis" in young people's mental health support: [In 2018 there were 188 suicides among 10- to 19-year-olds](#)

Health

Almost one in eight young people who have sought mental health support have had to manage on their own, new research has found. A major new study conducted by child and adolescent mental health charity YoungMinds has highlighted the "huge gaps" that exist within early support for young people: [78 per cent of those surveyed said they had to figure out how to cope without any help](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

On Thursday 3rd October, join *Grow Wild* for "Green Your Youth Work". This is a free event that invites professionals and volunteers in the youth and environment sectors from across the north to connect, share ideas and discuss how we can support more youth action for people and planet: [Get free tickets here](#)

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

Blogs and Comment

Parents raising children in box containers shows the severity of the housing emergency. A safe, secure, and affordable home is the basis of a good childhood. It's a fundamental human need and that means it should be a right. But for tens of thousands of families across the country this right is denied: ["The 13-year-old boy sharing one room with his mother and sister with no privacy"](#)

Resources

How will you be marking World Mental Health Day in just over a month's time? Over 7000 schools, offices, community groups and individuals have signed up to take part in #HelloYellow on **Thursday 10th October:** [Sign up and get involved](#)

Will you join the fight for your world? This new youth engagement programme supports and empowers young people to protect the planet and help them motivate others to join in the fight to protect our natural world. Opportunities for young people to get involved and take action, and a youth engagement toolkit: ["We want to inspire, support and empower young people to take action for our world"](#)

Acas offers guidance for young people going straight into work after A-levels. With millions of young people looking to get straight into a career after school, whether it's an apprenticeship, full or part-time job, this guide can help: [Top tips for younger workers](#)

Vacancies

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

[North Yorkshire Youth Vacancies](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Stand Out in a Global Market is back in **Leeds** on **25th October 2019!** Organised by Euroguidance UK, the event will inspire young people to kick-start their careers by gaining experience abroad. This free one-day event is open to all young people aged 16-18 and will introduce attendees to the range of international opportunities open to them. [Stand Out in a Global Market](#)

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](#)

Erasmus+ 2019 Call application support webinars. Struggling to finish your application? We've just made it easier - watch our step-by-step guidance **webinars**: [Watch the webinars](#)

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