



In the Loop: Number 19

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](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

New Dewsbury centre helping vulnerable young people leaving care opens its doors. A place for young people to meet their social workers which also contains handy facilities, from laundry to computer equipment and a kitchen where they can learn to cook: ["Leaving care can be a challenge"](#)

Diverse manufacturing careers for young people explained at live event in Leeds. Manufacturing employers and young people from across Leeds will come together at a live event this week to address the chronic skills shortage facing the manufacturing sector:
["There's a chronic shortfall in students considering careers in manufacturing"](#)

Police warning young people to be wary of invites to free parties. A tactic used by perpetrators of child sexual exploitation is to lure children to parties through social media and word of mouth, where they then ply them with drinks and drugs before pressuring them into sex, police said: [What to avoid](#)

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](#)

National News

New apps to be trialled to help young people find work. The move will see £2.8 million go into providing apps to recommend the best jobs and skills training to those seeking employment:
["We will provide extra help for disadvantaged young people and use the latest technology"](#)

More than half of young people now go to university, figures show. Figures also show a gender gap, with women more likely to go to university than men. ["20 years after Tony Blair set the target as policy"](#)

The Chancellor has pledged £500m over five years for a new youth investment fund. Javid said the fund would roll out across the country's youth centres and services. The announcement from Sajid Javid at the Conservative Party conference in Manchester, adds detail to his Spending Round pledge earlier in September: ["Cuts to youth services since 2010, are estimated at more than half a billion pounds"](#)

Parents may not consent to detention of incapacitated young people, Supreme Court finds. Senior judges overturn previous case law meaning that legal authorisation must be sought for deprivation of liberty of 16- or 17-year-olds who lack capacity to consent:

[Young people deprived of their liberty must have their placement authorised legally](#)

Young people threaten to boycott Royal Shakespeare Company over BP deal. The youth activists stated that the RSC "needs young people far more than it needs BP". "If the charity continues to accept funding from BP, "we will come to Stratford-Upon-Avon, not to see a show, but to make a scene ourselves"
["We will lobby schools not to run school trips to the RSC"](#)

Space agency launches scheme to attract young people. The sector generates billions of pounds for the economy and creates around 42,000 jobs. The UK Space Agency has launched an initiative to help the sector deliver one million engagement activities a year:

["Will focus especially on under-represented groups such as girls, ethnic minorities and the disadvantaged"](#)

Tough new laws to tackle knife crime could harm relationships between police and local communities and fail to properly consider the needs of vulnerable groups of young people, children's services leaders have warned:

["May even serve to exacerbate the strained relationship between the police and local communities."](#)

Ofsted inspections 'focus too much on process', review finds:

["Needs to "dedicate a large amount of inspector time to observing practice"](#)

Reports and Studies

Young people who seek support online being accused of 'Sadfishing'. Vulnerable young people who go online to seek support can find themselves being bullied and accused of "sadfishing", a report has said: ["Posting exaggerated claims about their problems in order to gain attention and followers on social media"](#)

Young people struggle to relax because of smartphone attachment, survey claims. Six in 10 say they never switch off because they are constantly checking their mobile:

[46% said that they wished smartphones had never been invented](#)

Young adults are thought to be behind record levels of class A drug use in England and Wales. A rise has led to the highest recorded total since records began in 1996, according to the government's latest Crime Survey: [Driven by cocaine and ecstasy use among 16 to 24-year-olds](#)

Health

Love Your Body: From 10 Young People diagnosed with cancer. The charity found nearly a quarter were most worried about how their looks would be affected by cancer – higher than those most worried about painful and lengthy treatment (21%): ["Their wisdom is, perhaps, something we could all learn from"](#)

Wearables and smartphones could help detect poor mental health in young people. Digital technologies could be a viable option to help spot worsening mental health in young people:

["35% of young people with mental health problems do not engage with mental health services"](#)

Young people who are hooked on their smartphones may be at an increased risk for depression and loneliness. A growing body of research has identified a link between smartphone dependency and symptoms of depression and loneliness:

["It's been unclear whether reliance on smartphones precedes symptoms, or whether the reverse is true"](#)

'I used to eat for convenience': how young diabetics reversed their diagnosis. It's a disease affecting millions of people in the UK – and sufferers are increasingly in their 20s or even younger. But it is possible to bring it into remission: [On a typical day, he would wake up, play video games and eat: fried breakfasts, pizza, Pringles and sweets. Oh, and Greggs.](#)

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](#)

The *British Film Institute* are recruiting 20 young people aged 16-19 to take part in the BFI Film Academy in Sheffield, which will run from **Wednesday 6th November until Saturday 25th January**. The course will take place on Saturday of each week and we can offer bursaries to cover any travel costs or childcare. [Deadline for Application: Saturday 26th October 2019](#)

Blogs and Comment

Helping young people in care achieve their potential is vital. An early life in care should not hold back a young person's ambition. "Some people have a rocky start in life, but that should not, in any way, mean they are stuck there in perpetuity" ["So many of them go on to do amazing things"](#)

Are video games good for children and young people? After seemingly every incident or act of violence, figures in the public eye, including politicians, seemingly look for a root cause for any acts of atrocity: ["They are embedded in our very culture"](#)

Greta Special

Greta Thunberg accuses world leaders of 'betraying' young people. Teenage climate activist criticises international community for apathy on global warming:

["You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words."](#)

Young people with Asperger syndrome on the power of Greta Thunberg. The climate activist is proud of her Asperger's, yet right-wing pundits continue to weaponise it. Young people with the condition speak about their own life experience: ["Given the right circumstances – being different is a superpower"](#)

Rising voices: young people fight for climate action. 18 passionate young people from different backgrounds talk about why it matters. The result is an intimate, raw and formidable series capturing the thoughts, fears and hopes of the next generation: [Watch their video](#)

Harrison Ford Says Only 'Angry Young People' can save the planet now. "When a room in your house is on fire, you don't say, 'there is a fire in a room in my house.' You say, 'My house is on fire,' and we only have one house." ["The most important thing that we can do for them is to get the hell out of their way."](#)

'We've become too loud for people to handle': Greta Thunberg to Montreal climate strikers:

[Greta speaks to Toronto School Strikers](#)

Vacancies

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

Resources

Order your UK Parliament week pack while stocks last. There are UK Parliament Week activities taking place in every single one of the UK's 650 constituencies. With over 9,000 of 10,000 free kits already claimed, make sure you don't miss out on yours! [Order your kit now](#)

The BBC would like to invite your organisation to take part in *BBC Young Reporter*, a journalism and media project which works in partnership with schools, colleges, youth organisations and charities to provide young people with the skills they need to create and understand the media:

[An opportunity for 11-18 year olds to develop media skills and share their own stories with the BBC](#)

Takeover Challenge Information Pack. Takeover Challenge sees organisations across England opening their doors to children and young people to take over adult roles. It puts children and young people into decision-making positions and encourages organisations and businesses to hear their views:

[Takeover Challenge Day Friday 23rd November Download the Pack here](#)

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](#)

The first open online course for the *European Solidarity Corps* is now available. This is a **free online course**, which has been launched to enable people to **learn about *Solidarity Corps* opportunities in a flexible and inclusive way**. On successful completion, learners will be awarded a Youthpass certificate. [Launch of open online course](#)

Find a **Time to Move** activity close to you. **Time to Move** activities are organised by Eurodesk information experts. From an information session to a rock concert, there are different kinds of activities so everyone can find something that makes them move. Browse your country and look for an activity close to you. [More activities are being added all the time](#)

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](#)

Obituary

On 23rd September, we were very saddened to hear of the passing of our colleague Leon Mexter, CEO of our sister organisation in the North East, Youth Focus. In a message from the chair of the organisation, Pete Stout OBE, he said of Leon "*Over the years his contribution has been immense, not only across the North East region, but also nationally and internationally. He has designed and delivered programmes of work and initiatives that broke new ground in youth development and stand as testimony to his unique ability to inspire and lead young people*". RIP.

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