



## **In the Loop: Number 20**

### ***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**

The **AGM** of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at the Quaker Meeting House, Friargate, York YO1 9RL. Followed by a dynamic Seminar led by Sofia Mahmood CEO of Empowering Minds (see below): [Details and bookings](#)

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**York-based charity SASH helps 320 young people from becoming homeless.** "It has grown over recent years from a small, local charity in York to one working across all of North and East Yorkshire, providing an emergency accommodation night-stop service and longer-term support"  
["SASH helped me figure out what was important and what wasn't"](#)

**North Yorkshire is one of only three councils in the country to share £84 million** in a landmark initiative called the Strengthening Families Protecting Children programme:  
["The 'No Wrong Door' scheme is lauded nationally for its innovation and effectiveness"](#)

### **Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber**

**IVE is recruiting its first ever group of Young Consultants.** To find out what it might be like to be a Young Consultant, meet the IVE team. Register to attend their Recruitment Day at **Herd Farm Activity Centre**: [Details and booking arrangements](#)

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**Thanks to all who attended Convention 2 on Saturday** at the magnificent Halifax Town Hall and to all the guests who contributed to the day: [Oh Yorkshire and Humber!](#)

### **National News**

**Leeds crowned the STI capital of Yorkshire.** The latest figures do not look good for Leeds. Cases of gonorrhoea are at the highest level since the 1970s, while cases of syphilis are at levels not seen since World War Two. [£700 million stripped from public health budgets by central government since 2014](#)

**Youth services 'decimated by £1bn of cuts.** Youth services in England have been "decimated" by £1bn worth of cuts, a drop of 73 per cent over the last decade, new research from the Labour Party shows: ["Reveals an "alarming scale" of cuts with the loss of thousands of youth work jobs and hundreds of centres"](#)

**Schools in deprived areas to be 'worse off' despite government funding claims.** Cuts to schools funding have hit the poorest pupils three times harder than their wealthier peers, with new funding allocations not enough to redress austerity, a coalition of education unions has warned: ["The funding crisis is not over: many schools will have to make further cuts next year"](#)

**By the age of seven, children are already facing limits on their future aspirations in work, according to a report from the OECD international economics think tank.** "Talent is being wasted" because of ingrained stereotyping about social background, gender and race" ["Only "minimal changes" in attitudes"](#)

**T Level campaign launches.** With just a year to go before the first **T Levels** are taught, the Government has ramped up its preparations by launching a nationwide campaign aimed at young people: [The campaign will feature across social media, posters and digital platforms](#)

**Young people left off the electoral register.** Unlike many European countries, in the UK people must opt in to their right to vote. However, there is no way for people to check online if they are already on the register, or to automatically enrol - the government scrapped the process whereby universities and colleges automatically signed up students a few years back: [The missing millions](#)

**'Hundreds' of young trans people seeking help to return to original sex.** A woman who de-transitioned in 2018 says there are many people who have had gender reassignment surgery who wish they hadn't: ["The number of young people seeking gender transition is at an all-time high"](#)

**17 of the biggest and most influential coming out stories of 2019:** [2019 has seen waves of high-profile figures stand tall and state their sexuality and gender](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Young people leaving custody receiving inadequate social care, inspectors warn.** Prison inspectorates report highlights inadequate social care support for young people leaving custody leading to poor resettlement outcomes: ['Dire' outcomes for many children](#)

**Questions remain over puberty-blockers, as review clears study.** Over the past year, there have been mounting criticisms of a study into the effects of puberty-blocking drugs when used to treat young people with gender dysphoria: ["The scientific debate around blockers is increasingly fractious"](#)

**The government must end its "dump and run" approach to children being cared for by family members,** a charity has said, after carers are "pushed to breaking point". Thousands of children in Yorkshire are being raised by relatives instead of entering the care system: ["Many children and carers are being pushed off a cliff with no support"](#)

**One in 10 children 'removed from school unofficially', study finds.** As many as one in 10 children experienced "unexplained exits" from their school, with the rate being highest in large multi-academy trusts, a major study has found: ["There are thousands of pupils in England routinely removed from schools with no explanation"](#)

## **Health**

**A new NHS taskforce has been announced** to improve current specialist children and young people's inpatient mental health, autism and learning disability services in England. The taskforce will seek to make a rapid set of improvements in care – over 18 months – but will start immediately: [The Long Term Plan commits to delivering a £2.3 billion funding injection](#)

**New plans have been announced to give young people who are seriously addicted to computer games better access to NHS treatment.** The new service, including support via Skype, is part of the Centre for Internet and Gaming Disorders: [In South Korea there is a law banning under 16s from playing online games between midnight and 6am"](#)

## 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

Young people in deprived coastal and rural communities are being held back. To bridge the rural-urban divide in social mobility, counties must be given the funding and powers to improve further education opportunities: ["Those remaining at home have no choice but to enter low-wage, low skill local economies"](#)

"Climate change affects women most of all," "In the prolonged drought season, women spend more hours getting water." This makes young women and girls much more likely to drop out of formal training and education programmes to help their families make ends meet"

[Around the world, young people are driving climate innovation](#)

"Steven Universe" Will Have a Long-Lasting Impact on Young People. There's a lot of things Steven deals with that a lot of young people have probably encountered, too." "The show is incredible at taking on mature and complex concepts and handling them in ways that most adult shows can't even figure out: ["The show presents a toolkit for teens and young people to deal with a variety of difficult situations"](#)

Inside Yorkshire's 'City of Culture' being blighted by invasion of 'spice zombies'. Shops forced to shut by gangs, armed police on 'routine patrols', traders have had death threats - Hull is being blighted by 'zombie' drug hell: ["Addicts stagger around like the walking dead"](#)

## Vacancies

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**Project Development Officer.** The Institute for Youth Work are recruiting. **£32,000 pa** (pro rata) – 2 year fixed-term. Following the growth and expansion of the IYW over the past 6 years, and with kind support from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, we are now seeking a Development Officer: [Full details Closing date: 1st November](#)

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

## Resources

Youth Work Week 2019 will take place from 4th November – 10th November. The theme for this year is: *Youth Work in Action*. Youth Work Week is the nation's annual celebration of all things youth work. [Download resources including the Social Media pack](#)

**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](#)

**Get ready for Brexit on 31 October 2019.** Answer a few questions to find out how you should prepare: [Preparing for Brexit - DCSM](#)

## 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](#)

## **Consultation**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has committed to **review the guidance which sets out the statutory duty placed on Local Authorities to provide appropriate local services to improve young people's wellbeing**: [Statutory guidance review for local youth services: have your say](#)

## **Youth Work Unit Seminar**

### **The Rise in Hate Crime – a Youth Work response**

**A seminar from the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber, delivered by Sofia Mahmood, CEO of Empowering Minds. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in York.**

A seminar looking at how youth work can address the rise hate crime: what are our strategies? How do they fit with the Government agenda regarding knife crime; *Prevent*; the wider rise in hate crime in the UK and the deterioration in public dialogue; the way we talk to each other and treat each other? What should be the youth work response? How can youth workers contribute to solutions and support young people in troubled times? What should we be saying and doing? How does all of this link to the public consultation on Youth Work sufficiency? Can we develop a regional response?

### **A seminar for Youth Work Managers, Practitioners Academics and support organisations**

Feedback from a previous Seminar run by Sofia for the Youth Work Unit:

- *Very inspirational. Wow!*
- *Interactive and very informative. Sofia came across as a very approachable individual. Thanks so much Sofia*
- *Really engaging session. What an inspirational woman!*
- *Very good motivational speaker*
- *Sofia was very clear in what she was saying*
- *Inspirational. Clearly very experienced*
- *Knew her subject; was clear about what she was doing and educating always*
- *Interesting*
- *Sofia was interesting, honest and gave me things to think about long after the conference*

Preceded by the AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber.

Please let us know if you will be with us for lunch at 12.30pm, followed by our AGM at 1.00pm. The Seminar will start at 1.30pm.

[You can book a free place here](#)

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