



## **In the Loop: Number 21**

### ***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**

We had a great turnout for the **Hate Crime Seminar** in York last week, led by our chair, Sofia Mahmood, of **Empowering Minds**. The **AGM** of the **Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber** took place at the same event. **Our Annual Report and accounts will be circulated today.**

**Yorkshire and the Humber Youth Impact network meeting and training event. 27<sup>th</sup> November, Central Leeds.** Learn about "*Good Enough evaluation*". Get an update on the *Programme Quality Assessment* pilot and receive feedback from the Centre for Youth Impact national gathering.  
[Details and bookings](#)

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Expansion of North York Moors Young Ranger groups gets go ahead.** The initiative, run by the North York Moors National Park Authority, has already proved popular among young people aged between 11 and 17, inspiring individuals to engage in the stunning surroundings of the National Park:  
["We can help instil a passion for nature as well as developing new skills"](#)

**West Yorkshire Police have warned that young people caught with flour or eggs over the Halloween period could face arrest.** The warning was issued as part of a drive to reduce anti-social behaviour in the region this Halloween: ["Any young person found in possession of flour, eggs may be arrested."](#)

**Almost 40 young people were referred to West Yorkshire Fire Service in the past year over concerns they were "high risk fire-setters."** The service's Youth Intervention Team works with young people who are likely to get involved in dangerous behaviour in a bid to put them on the right path. As part of this work, they take referrals: [The team dealt with the 816 children and young people last year](#)

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

Thanks to all who took part in the **Children and Young People with experience of Care Yorkshire and the Humber regional gathering** last Saturday in Sunny Barnsley. You can see photographs of some of the workshops and events on our twitterfeed: @YouthWorkUnit

**Transport in Yorkshire and the Humber** – an event for young people in our region. **2<sup>nd</sup> November, Scunthorpe** [Eventbrite link](#) See the report regarding Transport and Young People in the *reports and studies* section below\*

## **National News**

**Government announces £12m boost for youth sector.** Youth projects are in line for an extra £12m in government funding to help address "urgent needs in the youth sector", Culture Secretary Nicky Morgan has announced:

[New Local Youth Partnerships also planned to be set up to "co-ordinate and sustain" local youth activities.](#)

**"Vital new support for young people leaving care"**. Programmes totalling £19 million to improve support for care leavers have been announced. Access to better housing, healthcare and employment opportunities are at the core of a new multi-million pound settlement to improve the life chances of vulnerable young people leaving care: [There will also be 1,000 internships for care leavers over the next two years](#)

**JK Rowling tells young people to stop volunteering at orphanages because it 'perpetuates child abuse'.** She has urged young people to avoid volunteering at orphanages, claiming they do "irreparable harm" and "perpetuate the abuse" of children and communities:

["The system renders children vulnerable to abuse and trafficking, and impacts their life prospects"](#)

**Government careers advice scheme will fail to reach thousands of young people, councils warn.**

Students will struggle 'to make right choices' between academic and vocational routes:

[Decisions could have a "devastating" impact on their futures and worsen skills gaps](#)

**Less than a quarter of Young People watched BBC News in the past year, Ofcom report finds.**

Research carried out by the regulator also found concerns around impartiality and diversity:

["Seen by some as "representing a white, middle-class and London-centric point of view"](#)

**The 'Pause to Remember' campaign is encouraging young people to put down their phones and pause on Remembrance Day.** It is hoping to encourage young people to take part by launching a

Snapchat filter and Twitter emoji:

["We especially hope young people will be involved on the 100th Armistice Day"](#)

**School exclusion 'a tipping point' leading to knife crime, MPs warn.** A cross-party group of MPs has called for a review of school exclusions after finding that children outside of mainstream schools are at serious risk of grooming and exploitation by criminal gangs:

["Many excluded children do not get the full-time education they are legally entitled to"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Just 5% of young people feel listened to by politicians on Brexit, new survey reveals.** The Jack Petchey Foundation spoke to more than 6,000 young people aged 11 to 25 - and found just 5% felt their views had been taken into account by politicians: [Brexit led to 72% of young people trusting politicians less](#)

**Studies illustrate how marketing flavours may impact vaping habits among young people.** Students who used "non-traditional flavours" such as fruit or sweets were more likely to still be vaping six months later and took more puffs: ["If flavours are taken away are they going to turn to using cigarettes?"](#)

**Huge rise in pension saving recorded among young people.** Automatic enrolment has seen a huge rise in the number of young people saving into a workplace pension in the UK, analysis by the Pensions Regulator has uncovered: [In addition, it was found that the gender gap has been significantly reduced](#)

**Young people increasingly struggle to move out of insecure work.** It is becoming harder for younger workers in insecure or temporary jobs to move into "good quality" permanent work, a report has claimed:

[Casual work, seasonal work and zero hours contracts were the most frequent examples](#)

**\*The Role of Transport in Supporting a Healthy Future for Young People.** The Health Foundation's Young people's future health inquiry is a first-of-its-kind research and engagement project that aims to build an understanding of the influences affecting the future health of young people:

["Questions about young people's opportunities to maximise their long-term health"](#)

**7 of the biggest mistakes young people make when they drive.** There are several dangerous behaviours young people exhibit while driving that make them more prone to get into car accidents:

[One age group in particular, accounts for the majority of auto accidents: young people](#)

**Only young once** The Labour Party's Vision for Rebuilding Youth Services. **Only Young Once** sets out Labour's vision for rebuilding youth services nationwide: [Read the full report - Only Young Once](#)

## Health

**Teenager who went to bed 'with a hangover' dies after it turns out to be meningitis.** Her mother is now campaigning to get more young people vaccinated against the infection:  
[Older teenagers and new university students are at higher risk of infection](#)

**Instagram expands ban on graphic images of self-harm — as suicide rate among young people soars 56% over 10 years.** 'Our work here is never done. Our policies and technology have to evolve as new trends emerge and behaviours change,' Adam Mosseri, head of Instagram, says:  
[Expanding its ban on graphic images depicting suicide to include memes and animated videos](#)

**Nine Young People on how they found out they are intersex.** "I embraced my body as beautiful and as a measure of how diverse humans are." "Intersex is a category of experiences":  
["Intersex people can have any gender and sexuality, just like anyone else"](#)

**Emergency detentions of young adults and teens soar in Scotland.** Rates of short-term urgent care have seen increases of more than 100% over the last decade:  
[Emergency detentions are intended for people in need of urgent care](#)

## Events, Training and Opportunities

**The tide is turning! How are we re-growing youth work in Kirklees?** Thursday 21 November 11:30 - 1:30pm. University of Huddersfield: [Read all about it and book a place](#)

**#iwill Week 2019: Celebrating the Power of Youth.** Showcasing the role of young people as leaders and decision-makers in organisations and communities. [Get details and resources](#)

**Centre for Youth Impact: Annual Gathering:** 'Asking good questions: five years of exploring the evidence and impact debate'. **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November**, at Toynbee Hall, **London**:  
[Find out more about the event and bookings](#)

## Blogs and Comment

**About 41% of the global population are under 24. And they're angry...** From Hong Kong to Chile, young people are rising up to fight injustice and inequality. Their elders should be grateful:  
["In most cases, younger people are at the forefront of calls for change"](#)

**How can we prepare young people for jobs that don't yet exist?** Industry and academia need to stop offering traditional 'careers advice' and focus instead on the skills that their future employees are going to need to succeed: ["Many traditional jobs will be displaced by artificial intelligence"](#)

**Greta Thunberg is old enough to scare the world. Are teens like her really too young to vote?** Young people can be sanctified or demonised. But they're not seen as fit to help shape the future:  
["Future electoral success depends, for the presiding, on keeping young adults away from decisions"](#)

## Vacancies

**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 see's 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](#)

## **Petitions**

**Lower the voting age from 18 to 16 for elections and referendums.** Young people have clearly shown in recent months that they are engaged in political, social and environmental issues that will affect their futures. Allowing young people the right to vote will enable them to have an active voice in the democratic process in the UK and have their concerns heard: [Sign the petition](#)

## **European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk**

**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](#)

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](#)

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