



## In the Loop: Number 6

### *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 Board of the **Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber** wish to appoint a **Youth Programmes Manager**. Closing date: **6th April 2020**. Interviews: **21st April**

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[Job Description and Person Specification](#) [The Application Form](#)

**Date for diaries: Yorkshire and the Humber Voluntary Youth Organisations Network (VYON) meeting.** The meeting will now be taking place **on line** on **Tuesday 31st March**. However we would still appreciate it if you would [Book a place here](#)

#### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Mental health support tool designed by and for the young people of Sheffield.** A Sheffield charity, which seeks to empower and improve the lives of young people, has launched a new mental health support tool - designed by young people, for young people: "[Having to repeat a sensitive story can be distressing](#)"

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

**Important news** regarding the **Yorkshire and the Humber Youth Voice Induction Residential 27-29<sup>th</sup> March**. As you are aware, the Government has asked people to minimise contacts and many workers have been in touch to ask about the residential, sharing concerns of parents. We have therefore been in communication with Dearne Valley and they have agreed to move the residential to the summer. **Our new date is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020.**

#### **National News**

An emergency doctor treating patients of the coronavirus pandemic said **several young people who had been hospitalised were getting “severely ill” despite having no underlying conditions:** [Belgian doctor says young coronavirus patients also getting ‘severely ill’](#)

**Glastonbury Festival 2020 cancelled as UK continues to battle coronavirus.** “Clearly this was not a course of action we hoped to take for our 50th anniversary event, but following the new government

measures announced this week – and in times of such unprecedented uncertainty – this is now our only viable option." ["The mammoth effort in setting up the event would prove impossible in the current climate"](#)

**Heard about the pandemic? On 'Big Brother,' they hadn't.** Contestants on the German TV show have been secluded since February 10<sup>th</sup>. Producers had to break the news of the coronavirus to them: [A group of young people who knew nothing about the coronavirus pandemic](#)

**Government offers £15m from Tampon Tax Fund to charities supporting women and girls.** Charities supporting women and girls are being invited to apply for a share of £15m that is being offered through the Tampon Tax Fund: [The funding would need to benefit disadvantaged women and girls](#)

**Leaders 'unaware of care leavers living in tents'**, finds Ofsted as it brands authority 'inadequate'. Inspectors warn of 'dereliction of corporate parenting duties' and children being left in situations of chronic neglect after visit to Devon: ["Their corporate parents do not step in and act"](#)

**Charities report 102 data breaches in the third quarter of 2019-20** to the Information Commissioner's Office. The ICO recently published the latest figures, which show that it received 2,795 reports in total. This means that that charity sector made up 3.6 per cent of all reports:  
[Included "loss/theft of paperwork or data left in insecure location"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Forget 'digital natives' – why inequality determines young people's data literacy.** A significant proportion of young people – often identified as "digital natives" – have the weakest understanding of how their data is harvested online and used, according to research by the University of Liverpool:  
[95% do not trust information they read offline](#)

**How does alcohol marketing to young people affect underage drinking habits?** Alcohol marketing to young people is more likely to encourage greater alcohol consumption, a recent study finds:  
[Owning alcohol-related merchandise had a higher impact on underage drinking habits](#)

**Young Women's Unpaid Work Worth £140 Billion.** The unpaid work of young women aged 18-30, such as cooking, cleaning and taking care of children, contributes at least £140 billion to the UK economy. By comparison, the financial services industry contributed £132 billion to the economy in 2018:  
[Their daily unpaid work meant they could not pursue their own career goals](#)

## **Health**

**Young people who vape are almost five times more likely to start smoking, research suggests.** Young people who have tried e-cigarettes are nearly five times more likely to go on to try smoking, a review of the evidence suggests. However, it remains unclear whether or not e-cigarettes act as a 'gateway' to smoking: [Work is needed to understand people's flavour preferences and reasons for vaping](#)

**An increasing number of young people are feeling stress, shame and unhappiness** about their body image and that this is being influenced by many factors including advertising and social media portraying the idea of stereotypical beauty and how this leads to success and happiness:  
[Stricter ads 'could improve young people's view of body image'](#)

**Coronavirus: More children calling Childline about concerns.** Since 21 January, Childline said it had delivered more than 300 counselling sessions to children and young people who had concerns about the virus. Nearly half of the total calls - had been made in the last week, between 9 and 15 March:  
[Childline said most of the calls -125 - came from 12-15 year olds](#)

## **Events, Training and Opportunities**

**Almost everything has been cancelled, postponed or gone online. Please keep safe and look after each other. We will try and keep you up to date.**

## **Blogs and Comment**

**PIERS MORGAN: "If Coronavirus killed young people like it does the old, we would have shut down society weeks ago** - so the least dumb, selfish millennials like Vanessa Hudgens can do is stop partying and like, wake the f\*ck up" [Latest bile from Piers Morgan](#)

**Ariana Grande slammed young people for making light of the coronavirus pandemic: 'You sound stupid and privileged'** [Ariana Grande says exactly the same thing - but in a slightly nicer way](#)

**Debt Secrecy Is Making Young People Lonelier Than Ever.** "I think I'm in about £17,000 or £18,000 [of debt]. Everybody knows I'm living paycheque to paycheque but nobody understands why." The Young People living in secret debt. What's It like to be in debt and not tell anyone?

[The feeling of shame associated with debt leaves many withholding that information](#)

**Why role models make a crucial difference to our young people.** I am going to tell you the story of a 10-year-old called Tommy. Tommy goes to school every day, like most other kids. He sits in his class with some other 10-year-olds. He doesn't like it too much, but it's okay....

[We need big projects to raise the aspirations of our young: to let people know they are not forgotten](#)

**Young People are still partying and it's risking lives.** Seeing students out for St. Patrick's Day in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic is like watching "an epidemiological horror movie," one expert said: [Why some young people aren't concerned](#)

## **Vacancies**

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

## **Consultation**

**Youth Employment UK launches 2020 Youth Voice Census.** The census is now open to all young people aged 14-24 across the UK. They aim to give as many young people as possible the opportunity to share their experiences, challenges and opportunities as they move from education to employment:  
[Take part in the consultation](#)

**Expanding the dormant assets scheme.** The government has launched a consultation in order to gather views on its proposals to expand the dormant assets scheme to include new financial assets. The consultation closes on **16 April 2020**: [Take part in the consultation](#)

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

**Partnership funding deadline extended due to Coronavirus outbreak.** As a result of the impact of the (COVID-19) outbreak the European Commission has announced an extension to the deadline for partnership funding applications. The deadline for applications is now **23 April 2020 (11am, UK time)**.

**Erasmus+**: under the Withdrawal Agreement negotiated with the EU, the UK will continue to participate fully in the current Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programmes. This means that projects successfully bid for will continue to receive EU funding for the full duration of the project, including those where funding runs beyond 2020 and the end of the transition period. [Details](#)

**Have you ever travelled alone in Europe?** Mariam Sohail, from Walsall, travelled to 11 countries in Central and Eastern Europe within a month thanks to the #DiscoverEU pass: [Listen to her story](#)

**Three reasons to be a Young Champions of the Earth 2020!** If you're passionate about the environment and want to take your message far and wide in 2020, this could be your chance. Thousands of young people aged 18 to 30 apply to the Young Champions of the Earth prize every year:  
[Get involved and be part of the conversation on environmental change](#)

**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](#)

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