



In the Loop: Number

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

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Yorkshire & Humber News

Inward bound mindfulness education: Retreats for young people in Sheffield. "These are the shoes of someone who feels lost in the world." "These are the shoes of someone who uses substances to escape." "These are the shoes of someone who finds it hard to make a connection with anyone."
["No phones, no technology of any kind, and daily periods of silence"](#)

Parents across Yorkshire are learning this week which secondary school their child will be attending next year. Many will be disappointed that they didn't get their first choice. But it is quite possible they are making that choice based on false information: [The current system of accountability for schools is fundamentally flawed](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Free Parliamentary Workshops for Youth Groups in Yorkshire and the Humber. You can still book your **free workshop** for the Spring Term. See the flyer and booking form. The workshops last between one and two hours. [Free Parliament Workshops for your group](#)

Scarborough Council launches competitions for young people to help 'build a better borough'. They have launched two '**Our Borough, Our Future**' competitions that will give young people an opportunity to use their creative minds and skills to help shape the future of the borough.
[They will use a template to communicate what they think an ideal borough to live in should look like](#)

The **British Youth Council's Youth Select Committees** have led seven inquiries since 2012. Each Youth Select Committee has been tasked to investigate different topics each year. Young People from our region have been well represented on Select Committees – see all of the reports: [Select a report to read](#)

National News

NCS sees first decline in young people taking part. NCS Trust, the body that oversees the government's youth volunteering programme, missed its participation targets last year. This had a knock-on effect on its budget: ["The cause of the decline was "mainly driven by" under-delivery by The Challenge"](#)

The rapper's track that sparked a wave of killings. When a video of an attack on one of the UK's biggest rap stars went viral, three young people were murdered over the next 10 weeks. Tensions have long existed between rival gangs, but they rapidly escalated as tit-for-tat attacks were filmed and posted on Social Media: ["She was standing in the wrong place at the wrong time. She wasn't the intended target"](#)

Domestic abuse bill fails to protect children and migrant women – charities. Bill aimed at punishing abusers does not go far enough to help BAME survivors, charities warn:
[Action for Children estimates tens of thousands of children have been at risk of domestic abuse](#)

DCMS ministerial team confirmed. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) welcomed a number of new and returning ministers, following appointments made by Prime Minister Boris Johnson: [The Team](#)

Rising demand heaping pressure on children's social care. Unprecedented demand and funding shortages have combined to put council children's social care budgets under increasing pressure, the Local Government Association reveals: [More than 52,000 children are subject to a child protection plan](#)

Number of children under 11 calling Childline with suicidal thoughts increases by 90 per cent. Recent figures published by the NSPCC, show that an average of 67 young people are receiving help every day through counselling service, with Childline delivering 24,447 counselling sessions in 2018-19: ["Such intense unhappiness that they tell Childline they want to end their own lives"](#)

Reports and Studies

Young BAME workers more likely to be in unstable work, research finds. Study prompts calls for government and employers to address ethnicity pay gaps. Younger black, Asian and minority ethnic workers are more likely to work in precarious conditions, including on zero-hours contracts and having a second job: ["What you've got is racial disparities apparent, even in the early stages of their career"](#)

Eco-anxiety: Children are losing sleep and having bad dreams over climate change, study finds. More than half of young people don't believe people in power are listening to their concerns: [20% are very, very worried](#)

Making youth work work. *"Youth workers are the most important resource for youth work: decent long-term contracts and effective training and support are more important than shiny new facilities."*
[15 recommendations for investing effectively in youth services](#)

Students deeply concerned about climate crisis. Young people around the world are deeply concerned about global issues such as climate change and want to learn more about them in school, a study by Cambridge International has revealed. However, almost a third (31%) aren't getting the opportunity to do so: ["It is important that students develop the skills to research, discuss and evaluate the facts"](#)

Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On [Read the full report and Summary](#)

UK's hidden child workforce: Young carers do £12,000 of unpaid work every year. New research by UK charity Action for Children shows young carers spend on average 25 hours a week caring for loved ones – the equivalent of over £12,000 a year on a part-time carer's wage:
[This would add up to over £140,000 of free work across that caring lifetime](#)

Health

Mayor calls for 'water-only' schools to help reduce childhood obesity. Making water freely available and introducing 'water only' schools – where just water and low-fat milk are allowed as drinks – was one of the ambitions of London's Child Obesity Taskforce:
[New 'water-only schools toolkit' developed in partnership with Public Health England](#)

UK risks 'failing a generation' over child health, says report. Campaigners say it is vital to "break poverty's grip on children's health across the country". It says the country is at risk of "lagging behind" other European nations when it comes to key indicators such as death rates, obesity and vaccination levels: [Health outcomes for children from deprived areas are always worse, inequalities have widened](#)

The average age at which American teens are first using drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, has been increasing, according to a study published in the journal JAMA Paediatrics. Significantly fewer young people are using drugs before their 16th birthday than just a decade ago, the study found: ["Yet another indication of an overall downward trend in risky behaviour among adolescents"](#)

Events, Training and Opportunities

Level 2 Award training in York. For an immediate start. Some funded places available due to drop out, subject to provision of successful application. Contact theunit@youthworkunit.com

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Join the most innovative Suicide Prevention online conference for mental health professionals ever held in the UK. It's entirely free. Live: 21-22 March 2020. On-demand 23 March – 19 April
[Global best-practice knowledge and skills on suicide prevention](#)

2020 International LGBT+ Youth Workers' Conference. Saturday **28 March 2020, 9am - 5pm** at MMU Brooks, **Manchester**. This is for anyone engaged in LGBT+ youth provision whether as youth workers or managers/directors of a youth organisation: [Professor Elizabeth McDermott will be the keynote speaker](#)

Street Games Conference and Awards 2020. Where you live and grow up determines your access to sport. It's true, but is it fair? Is sport a 'nice to have', available to those who have the time, money and inclination? Or does everyone have a right to sport, whatever their circumstances?
[Wednesday, 25 March 2020 - 9:30am to Thursday, 26 March 2020 - 5:00pm](#)

Blogs and Comment

For many years, there has been a general view in some parts of the charity sector that young people do not especially want to be trustees. But it seems increasingly clear that the barriers to getting people onto boards are not to do with the motivation and attitudes of young people:
["There are often preconceptions and prejudices on the part of existing board members"](#)

'I got noticed in my chip shop': Lauren Hemp out to catch eye with England. Manchester City's rising talent has been widely praised and the teenage forward will go into the *She Believes* Cup without fear:
[She was named England's young player of the year](#)

Vacancies

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

Future in Mind Post 16 Community Navigator. Employer: Young Lives Consortium. Part time temporary post. Up to 2 Years funding. 18.5 hours per week. £23,000 pro rata. **Applications close: 13th March 2020**
For an Application Pack please email emily@ylc.org.uk

Volunteer with the British LGBT Awards 2020. The British LGBT Awards are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help at the event on **Friday 29th May**, at The Brewery, Barbican, in London. The British LGBT Awards is designed to showcase individuals and organisations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the LGBT+ community: [Get involved](#)

Resources

A recently launched film – called *I'm Out* – shows the consequences of getting caught up in violence, by telling the stories of the young people involved and the impact on their families:
[Powerful Drama for use with Young People](#)

Peter and Geoff's story explores life before the 1967 Sexual Offences Act and how the Act has helped to change the lives of many LGBTQ+ people for the better. One of a series.
[How an Act of Parliament improved the lives of two LGBT+ young people](#)

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice. Includes a **series of posters** you can download, print off and display: [Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus - download the resources](#)

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

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](#)

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](#)

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