



## **In the Loop: Number 23**

### ***The World of Young People***

Welcome to the YWU's fortnightly bulletin aiming to keep members up to date with the latest developments. This is e-mailed to staff in Local Authorities & voluntary organisations.

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#### **Youth Work Unit News**

Big thanks to Leigh Middleton; Doug Nicholls; Paul Fenton; Christine Smith and Jessie Jacobs for forming a Question Time panel at our Annual Conference and AGM and for their individual contributions prior to that. This event took place on 14<sup>th</sup> November in Central Leeds. Thanks to all.

To receive a copy of our **Annual Report and accounts**, which were approved at the AGM, please email: [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com)

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

**Children and young people in care say that above all they want to be believed in:** they want to be treated as an individual and to have people to support them who will have high aspirations for them and who will cheer them on through life's journey:

[Care Leavers in North Yorkshire are at the heart of a new strategy to ensure they have support](#)

The sixth annual **Child Friendly Leeds Awards** are heading back to the City Varieties Music Hall in Leeds. As usual, the unique awards ceremony - which will be held next February – is being organised by a group of local young people, to ensure it is indeed truly child-friendly:

["Celebrates all the fantastic work that goes on across the city"](#)

**New online counselling service for young people.** Commissioned by NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Kooth - [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) - gives 11 to 18 year olds access to free, anonymous mental health and well-being support:

["One to one counselling sessions and counsellor messaging are also provided"](#)

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

**UK Parliament Awards 2019: nominations now open.** Awards to recognise people who have played a role in shaping our agenda and making UK Parliament more accessible to people throughout the UK:

["The awards are back and they are bigger and better than ever"](#)

**North Yorkshire: Review of services for young people - the healthy child programme:**

[Contribute to the consultation](#)

**If you are over 18 and identify as LGBTQ+** and missed the mental health and wellbeing session at Hebden Bridge yesterday, there is another opportunity for you to tell us about living in Calderdale as a LGBTQ+ person. We have a session tomorrow at Halifax Town Hall, from 6-7pm:  
[See the flyer](#)

## **National News**

**DfE announces drive to place more looked-after children in boarding schools.** More children in care are to be offered places at boarding schools as part of a new government drive, the Department for Education has announced: [Will support children in care by offering them residential school placements](#)

**No jobs; no homes; no services: how inequality is crippling young people.** A new report concludes that socioeconomic factors are seriously jeopardising the future health of 16 to 24-year-olds:  
[GPs are referring around 50,000 a month to Mental Health Services](#)

**Children's services cuts 'a false economy', Ofsted warns.** "Councils are less able to intervene early, before young people need statutory services:  
["The evidence suggests that these cuts to youth and other services are a false economy"](#)

**Schools cannot be a 'panacea' for rising knife crime among young people, Ofsted chief warns.** 'Preventing knife crime requires all partners to work together to protect children from harm':  
["Schools cannot be a panacea for this particular societal ill."](#)

**Child neglect offences double since 2012.** Police dealt with more than twice the number of child cruelty and neglect reports in the UK last year compared with five years ago, the NSPCC has found:  
["The figures do not reflect the true level of neglect, as they excluded cases dealt with by social workers"](#)

**Young people get tough with older generations over 'messed-up planet'.** "I have done my best to speak the truth as I see it, but (young people) ... know that the world is warming, and science is making it perfectly clear, and they know who is responsible:  
["This great machine is tumbling on, and we've got to stop it somehow"](#)

**Government review to improve the lives of autistic children.** The government will collect evidence from autistic children, their families and their carers on how to improve the support they get:  
[New autism strategy to be published in autumn 2019](#)

**Out-of-school settings**, such as religious settings, tuition centres, home education environments, youth centres, uniformed youth organisations, and extra-curricular clubs, are currently not regulated by education and childcare law and **will be asked to abide by a voluntary code of practice**:  
["There are examples of settings that "lack sufficient safeguards"](#)

**Young inspectors set to evaluate national youth provision.** Children will be recruited as young inspectors as part of a government initiative to give them a say over how national youth initiatives are run:  
[Young inspectors will monitor and evaluate national programmes that affect young people](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Some 80% of young people will experience a traumatic event by the time they become an adult.** Rates of exposure to trauma peak during adolescence. The stress from traumatic events can result in a loss of interest in school, friends, hobbies, and life in general:  
[How adults can identify and help young people self-medicating trauma with drugs and alcohol](#)

**Young people whose parents own property are far more likely to also be homeowners, according to the Resolution Foundation.** Parental property wealth is now a key indicator as to whether a young person will be able to get on the property ladder:  
["Impossible for many young people without access to the Bank of Mum and Dad"](#)

**Young people most at risk in a flood, warns Environment Agency & British Red Cross.** The Environment Agency and British Red Cross research shows that young people most at risk in a flood:  
[Mental health impacts of flooding can last for two years or more](#)

**LGBT+ students at higher risk of self-harm.** University students who are Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) are at higher risk of self-harm and attempting suicide than their heterosexual counterparts, finds new research: [35% of LGB students had attempted suicide](#)

## Health

**LGBT+ people's health 'seen as less important to NHS', equalities committee warns.** After receiving evidence from more than 60 groups as part of an inquiry into health and social care support for LGBT+ communities, the committee's chair, Maria Miller MP, said the "NHS is not delivering". [Read the report](#)

**'I tried to take my own life. They told me I'd have to wait a month for help'.** Despite government promises, mental health services are still failing young people. Here, some of those affected speak out: ["The word "crisis" comes up a lot whenever children and young people's mental health is mentioned"](#)

**Children's services experience major increase in FGM cases.** The number of children believed to have been victim of female genital mutilation (FGM) or at risk of it has **more than doubled** over the last year, government figures have revealed:

["Children's services departments need further funding to address the scale of demand for help"](#)

## Events

**Date for diaries: Calderdale Pride 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 – The Piece Hall, Halifax**



Free Sessions for  
Young People - Stre

**Street Doctors** – Free sessions for young people

## Blogs and Comment

**Child prisons are beyond reform - it's time to stop jailing young people.** These jails come from a bygone era and are not fit for purpose. We need an alternative to leaving children to languish in cells: [Half of children in YOIs have the literacy and numeracy skills of primary school pupils](#)

**Why young people are "Natural Nudgers".** Young people are far less likely to wait for the establishment to come up with fixes for sticky problems. There can be an element of magic involved when young people take on a social action project:

[Applying what has become known as "nudge theory" to an identified problem](#)

**Trusting young people in care.** How a hip-hop dance production has helped give a voice to young people in the care system: ["When I got half way down, I looked up and she was holding my rope"](#)

**Lemn Sissay: "Why does society hate young people in care?"** Poet Lemn Sissay left the care system 30 years ago. For new Channel 4 documentary, 'Superkids: Breaking Away from Care', he works with young people in care in Coventry to put on a special performance:

["People don't run after you if you are in care. They call the police"](#)

## Vacancies

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

## Resources

**Three lessons to help put an end to bullying of young people in sport.** Whatever the sport and however you are involved, you should be of aware of what bullying is and how it can be put to an end: [How can you identify bullying in sport?](#)

**'You can't teach creativity to a bot':** Empowering the next generation at BBC Young Reporter. The media project works in partnership with schools, colleges, youth organisations and charities to teach young people media literacy and production skills:

["The team hope the project will spark an interest in a career in journalism for 11-18 year olds"](#)

From today, [PQASSO is changing its name](#) to become **Trusted Charity** and the PQASSO Quality Mark will become the Trusted Charity Mark.

[New ACAS guide to Sexual Health in the Workplace](#)

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

**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](#)

## **Training**



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**Level three certificate in Youth Work Practice – Bradford College**

## **Consultation**

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