



## **In the Loop: Number 16**

### ***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.

Youth Work Unit Y&H - Stringer House, 34 Lupton Street, Leeds LS10 2QW.  
Office open: Tues, Weds & Thurs. ☎0113 270 3595, [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com)  
Web: [www.youthworkunit.com](http://www.youthworkunit.com) Twitter: [@YouthWorkUnit](https://twitter.com/YouthWorkUnit)

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Please share *In the Loop* with your colleagues and partner organisations**

---

### **Youth Work Unit News**

Please accept formal notice that the AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018: venue to be confirmed. This will also be the date of our Annual Conference, details of which will be circulated shortly. Please put the date in your diaries as we would love to see you at both.

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Huddersfield child sex inquiry: Thirty-one people charged.** Thirty men and one woman have been charged with offences linked to child sexual exploitation in Huddersfield. The offences relate to five women when they were aged between 12 and 18, and are alleged to have taken place between 2005 and 2012: [Charges they face include rape, trafficking and sexual assault](#)

**Wheels 2 Work is a not for profit moped loan scheme, that helps young people get to work, apprenticeships, or training, where no other form of transport is available.** Eligible candidates receive a moped after they have completed the compulsory basic training (CBT). [Are you eligible for a scooter?](#)

**Young people get creative to express their identity.** Art has been bringing young people together across North Yorkshire. CYC has been working with groups across the county, including travellers, refugees, young carers, LGBT young people and victims and perpetrators of hate crime: [Over 100 young people have been proactively engaged with this project](#)

**Sean McAllister says new film empowers young people after censor row.** The British Board of Film Classification has issued guidance that McAllister's *A Northern Soul* should not be seen in cinemas by young people under the age of 15. The factual film follows the story of warehouse worker Steve Arnott, from Hull: ["Decision was based on the film's depiction of "poverty"](#)

**A Tale of Two Yorkshires:** The ageing villages where few young people return. Yorkshire faces a demographic time bomb, it is feared, as its towns and villages age much more rapidly than its big cities. In Yorkshire communities younger residents are gradually disappearing: ["We run the risk of community life deteriorating"](#)

**Gangs and organised criminals are said to be exploiting vulnerable people in rural parts of Yorkshire** to move drugs and money. The charity Crimestoppers has launched a national campaign to highlight county lines and encourage the public to report their concerns:  
["Forced to carry out criminal activity by threats, grooming and extortion"](#)

## **Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber**

**What top 10 youth campaigns will feature on UK Youth Parliament's 'Make Your Mark' ballot 2018?**

Here's a review of the likely runners and riders:

[Make Your Mark ballot – predictions](#)

## **National News**

**Youth worker register 'close to launch'**. A voluntary register of youth work professionals across England is set to be tested this year, the chair of the Institute for Youth Work has said. IYW chair Adam Muirhead said the register will be tested this year:

[Will include details of the qualifications held by individual youth workers](#)

**Young people struggle to get UK citizenship due to £1,012 cost.** Campaigners say the prohibitive costs is sowing the seeds of a new Windrush scandal. "The government is making an unacceptable profit as the futures of British children are "chipped away": [The fees have increased 51% since 2014](#)

**Award for North Yorkshire's ground-breaking approach to care.** The *No Wrong Door* programme, which radically rethinks care provision for young people, has been recognised with a national award.

[Introduced three years ago to replace traditional council-run care homes](#)

**The first Civil Society Strategy in 15 years** will build stronger communities by bringing together businesses, charities and the public sector, the Government has vowed:

[Government outlines vision to "empower and invest in society"](#)

**'By the youth, for the youth': a manifesto for tomorrow's activists.** 'Our vision is to create a global system', say a coalition who gathered for the International Congress of Youth Voices

["Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"](#)

**North Yorkshire is first in social care for "outstanding" Ofsted in all areas.** Children and families in North Yorkshire receive outstanding support across the board, according to Ofsted after inspecting the County Council's children's social care services:

["A consistent, high-quality service with outstanding practice in all teams"](#)

Government to review council youth work statutory guidance as part of Civil Society Strategy. The government is to undertake a review of statutory guidance that requires local authorities to provide youth services under plans outlined in its long-awaited Civil Society Strategy:

["Looking at ways to "fully embed" the National Citizen Service \(NCS\) in the wider youth sector"](#)

**Youth groups call for social action 'national service'.** Prime minister urged to launch full-time civic duty scheme for those under 30. A group of 18 charities, businesses and youth organisations has proposed a new programme of voluntary "full-time social action":

["We are calling for a new type of national service, fit for the future"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**82% of youth workers believe loneliness is a problem for young people.** New research published by national charity, UK Youth, suggests that youth loneliness is a 'common experience' and could affect all young people with 82% of youth workers agreeing that loneliness is an issue for the young people they work with: ["Local youth organisations are ideally placed to be a key part of the solution"](#)

**Three in four young carers feel lonely in the summer holidays.** There are an estimated 700,000 children and young people across the UK caring for a family member with a disability, illness or mental health problem - some as young as five years old:

[72% of young carers feel lonely during the summer holidays](#)

Call for donations as charity reveals **rise in food for children is behind increased foodbank need during holidays**. An increase in demand for emergency food for children drove increased foodbank need during the summer holidays last year, new data published by anti-poverty charity The Trussell Trust shows: [The level of support needed for children was markedly higher](#)

**Mapping the educational and career paths of youth workers – a European perspective**. This report presents the initial results of a data collection process launched through the European Union-Council of Europe youth partnership research initiative on mapping the educational paths of youth workers and strengthening knowledge on youth work:

["A variegated and complex picture of youth work across Europe"](#)

## **Health**

**Scroll Free September** offers a unique opportunity to take a break from all personal social media accounts for 30 days during September. A good relationship is one of balance, and *Scroll Free September* is here to help you gain that with social media both on and offline:

["Going cold turkey on social media will be a challenge"](#)

**Loneliness a big issue among young people, say youth workers – (see report above)**. More than four out of five youth workers say loneliness is a problem among the young people they work with, according to latest research: [\(73 per cent\) said young people do not actively seek help with the problem](#).

## **Events**

**The Centre for Youth Impact Gathering 2018**: Impact, power and change. 18th September 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm. Resource for London (Islington). [Information available via this link](#)

Will focus on the relationship between impact, power and change. The conference aims to provide time and space for those working in the youth sector to reflect, talk openly and learn with peers, and to gather ideas that they can take back to their day to day role and use in practice.

**Regional Group of Trainers meeting**. This meeting is open to anyone providing Youth Work related training in the Yorkshire and Humber region. University of Huddersfield. **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**: [Book a place here for free](#)

**Public Forum for Education: "Outstanding Culture for our Children and Young People"**. Thursday **27<sup>th</sup> September 2018** 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm (buffet from 4 pm). Hockney Conference Room, Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford BD1 1NN To book your place, please email: [public.forum.for.education@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:public.forum.for.education@bradford.gov.uk)

**Youth Work Week** provides an opportunity for youth organisations, youth workers and young people to celebrate their achievements and the impact of their work. This year it will be held from **5-11 November 2018**. The theme for Youth Work Week 2018 will be: **What is Youth Work?**

[More about Youth Work Week and how you can be involved](#)

## **Blogs**

**I loved National Citizen Service but it's no longer benefiting young people**. The government needs to either commit to NCS wholly or scrap it and use the money for a wide range of youth services. I'm a good example of a how a "big society" youth scheme works when it is properly funded:

["I'm struggling to see the benefit of its continued existence"](#)

**Time to log off?** The young people beginning to question the power of social media. It's all about the likes, the followers and the little red hearts which flash up on your screen like a constant tick of approval. But some are beginning to question when they should draw the line and just log off:

[The complex relationships between young people and social media](#)

## **Vacancies**

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

## **Resources**

**Teen Connect** is a new service in **Leeds** that provides a helpline for 13-18 year-olds **living in the Leeds area** - Open **6pm-2am every night**. They can offer up to an hour of support either by phone or online chat. Young People can have up to an hour with one of their trained staff each night to talk about what they are going through: [Support for Young People in Leeds](#)

**New film reveals experiences of LGBTQ young people in care** Experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning (LGBTQ) young people coming out in the care system are revealed in a new film premiering this weekend: [The six-minute animation promotes the findings of SpeakOut](#)

**UK Parliament Week 2018 Resources.** All events and activities accepted as part of the UK Parliament Week programme must engage people with the UK Parliament, explore what it means to them and empower them to get involved: [Apply for resources here](#)

**Tips for young people and parents on waiting for exam results.** Exam results day can be a time of great stress for anxious teenagers waiting to see if their hard work has paid off and they have gained the grades they need to set them on to the next phase of their life – be it college, university or the workplace: [3,135 - Number of counselling sessions held by ChildLine re exam stress](#)

## **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](#)

**Stand Out in a Global Market event** – Leeds. Inspiring young people to kick start their careers by gaining experience abroad. This free one-day event is open to 16-18 year olds. The events demonstrate the range of opportunities available, from vocational courses to studying or volunteering abroad: [Wednesday 14 November in St George's Centre Leeds](#)

Europe for Citizens - Democratic engagement and civic participation. Applications for town twinning grants close on September 3<sup>rd</sup>: [Opportunities for mutual understanding, intercultural learning, solidarity and volunteering](#)

## **Consultation**

**Have your Say on Mental Health in the NHS Long Term Plan.** the NHS have asked if the British Youth Council would be able help them address any challenges they might face as they aspire to deliver sustainable world-class mental health care that, not only meets the needs of patients, but also has better outcomes for everyone who uses their services. [Respond to the consultation](#)

**The Rural Services Network (RSN) are conducting a survey on issues around rural housing** and they are particularly keen to hear from young people aged 15-40. Please share the survey with any young people who may have an interest in rural housing issues. <https://glos.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/rsnhousing>

“A generation of young people could potentially be left without the opportunity to play a full part in our communities”. Help the Labour Party shape its Youth Work policy by contributing to its policy making process: [Thank you for taking part in the consultation process](#)

**Are you a youth worker?** Would you like to tell us how you learned to become a youth worker? The EU-Council of Europe youth partnership is researching the educational and career paths of youth workers in Europe. The aim of this survey is to understand how one learns to become a youth worker: [Respond to the research](#)

## **Grants and Funding**

**Home Office doubles size of Early Intervention Youth Fund to £22m.** The government's Early Intervention Youth Fund is designed to fund local youth projects that seek to steer young people away from violent crime. It opened for applications today, as part of the Serious Violence Strategy published by the government in April: ["Targeted at initiatives that work with under-18s"](#)

**YWU is a charitable company limited by guarantee Registered in England and Wales  
Company number 4435334 Charity number 1096951  
Patron: Richard Earl of Scarborough**