



## **In the Loop: Number 14**

### ***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**

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**

**Yorkshire is struggling to keep hold of its young people.** Kirklees has the second highest levels of workers packing up and moving on. Yorkshire is struggling to hold on to its young people as they look elsewhere in Britain for somewhere to live: [A net drain of nearly 10,000 young people last year](#)

**Doncaster schools vastly improved.** Schools across the borough have closed the gap on the national average in all areas and the rate of improvement in Doncaster is greater than that nationally. Doncaster is also the third most improved authority in Yorkshire and Humber:  
[Dolly Parton Imagination Library boosts literacy in Young People](#)

**£1million to improve life skills for young people in Doncaster.** Opportunity Scheme launched to offer sports, arts and cultural activities to disadvantaged young people, building character and resilience. Young people from some of the most deprived parts of the town will have access to free extra-curricular activities and healthy meals: [Includes £550,000 to pay for a programme of summer activities in 2018 and 2019](#)

**NSPCC says more than 100,000 abused children in Yorkshire & Humber are being "let down"** and the charity's findings show 64 per cent of NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups' local mental health plans "failed to properly plan for the needs of abused children."  
["Mental health plans for children who've been abused are failing"](#)

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

**Young politicians call for action to stop further fatal stabbings in Sheffield.** Members of the Youth Parliament in Sheffield felt there is a direct link between cuts to youth services and the increase in violent crime, particularly knife crime, and have called on the cuts to be reversed:  
[They highlighted the issue at the UK Youth Parliament annual conference](#)

Young People from Yorkshire and Humber get support for **Votes at 16** from the Great and the Good representing our region on **Yorkshire Day** at the Archbishop's Palace in York:

[See who supported them](#)

## **National News**

**Cameron's £1.5bn 'big society' NCS scheme reaching few Young People.** Local authorities urge funds be shifted away from the former PM's **National Citizen Service** to serve council initiated projects:

[NCS uses 95% of all government spending on youth services despite reaching relatively few young people](#)

**Labour vows to make provision of youth services compulsory.** The Party also proposes a national body to oversee services for young people in England in an effort to curb rising crime:

[Labour is proposing to make it compulsory for councils to provide a minimum level of youth services](#)

**Final Say: More than 1.4m additional young people could vote in new Brexit referendum.** Pro-EU MPs have questioned whether this demographic shift could 'tip the scales' in a fresh poll:

["Between 70 and 75 per cent of under-25s voted to stay in the EU in 2016"](#)

**National unit calls for clarity over true scale of child sexual abuse.** The true level of child sexual abuse in England is unclear because police and children's social care services do not collect data on all potential victims, a report has concluded:

["Improvements in data collection are essential if the problem is to be tackled more effectively"](#)

## **Reports and Studies**

**Protected Work Experience: Helping disadvantaged young people into education, training or employment.** For many young people the transition from school to further education or employment can be a difficult one to negotiate. For those with multiple disadvantages the difficulties are far greater:

["Even the most severe disadvantages can be overcome"](#)

**A Generation Together? What do millennials want from Brexit?** Young people are well-informed and want to play their part. Young people have a strong understanding of the complexities Brexit and its potential implications, and want their perspectives to be reflected in the Brexit negotiations:

[A thoughtful, funny and frank report about Brexit and Millennials](#)

**Young people should get government loans to pay for first house deposit, new report suggests.**

Housing and Finance Institute puts forward initiatives to increase number of homeowners:

["The government cover the cost of a deposit much like the student loan system"](#)

**This is the impact *Love Island* has had on young people's self-esteem.** One particular point of contention was the topic of body image and the lack of diversity among the islanders' appearances. A survey carried out by BBC 5 Live has revealed this may have had a palpable impact in self-esteem, particularly among younger viewers: ["Young people were more likely to consider having cosmetic surgery"](#)

**1 in 4 LGBT disabled people (26%)** have experienced discrimination or poor treatment in their local LGBT community because of being disabled: [Read the report](#)

## **Health**

**Young people's mental health is a 'worsening crisis'.** Action is needed. In both the UK and US, services for young people are being cut, leaving those from marginalised groups at greatest risk of suicide:

[One recent report called the problem a "Silent catastrophe"](#)

"Home Office figures revealed that **cocaine use among young people is at its highest level for a decade.** "Nearly 9 per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds had used Class A drugs in the past 12 months. Britain has the highest rate of cocaine use among young adults in Europe.

["For every gram of coke they put up their nose, four square kilometres of rainforest are destroyed."](#)

**Children as young as 12 to be treated at country's first NHS-funded gaming addiction centre.** A group of youngsters picked for the trial are so addicted to games it has kept them off school and harmed their relationships with family and friends:

[World Health Organisation announces that gaming addiction is now classified as a mental health illness](#)

## 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.

**We Should Talk Media are launching their first ever Summer Film School for young people aged 10-15 in Bradford.** Take a quick look at the video to find out a little more:

[Summer Film School starts on Monday for 10-15 year olds](#)

**Public Forum for Education: "Outstanding Culture for our Children and Young People".** Thursday 27th 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)

**Date for you diary:** The next meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Trainers will take place on **Wednesday 12th September** – venue to be confirmed. This meeting is open to anyone who delivers Youth & Community Work related training in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

**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

**Youth services try to mould young people – how about they help young people mould society instead?** If any future government truly wishes to empower young people, they will have to be bold enough to take a more politicised view of social action and value youth workers as educators and advocates – not just policy instruments: ["By focusing on future outcomes, Labour's plans repeat a well-worn pattern"](#)

**By slashing youth services, the Tories have betrayed a generation.** Cuts in youth services have a knock-on effect for everyone – but Labour will make proper funding a legal requirement ["The scale of cuts cannot be overstated"](#)

**How Boarding Schools can 'save' vulnerable young people like me.** To say boarding school was a culture shock would not be the half of it. Those first few weeks were a real test for a young boy who had never before spent even a single night away from home: ["The secret world of charity-funded boarders"](#)

## Vacancies

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

**Vulnerable Young Adult Exploitation Worker.** 37 Hours a week. Temporary until 30th June 2019. Salary Scale £26,194 per annum. Sheffield Futures is an independent charity, supporting communities and helping young people to achieve their full potential in learning, employment and life: [Full details](#)

## Resources

**Free trees for schools and communities.** The Woodland Trust want to make sure that everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So they're giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. [Apply for your free trees - simple](#)

**Hallmark Cards** are based in Bradford. They run **monthly design competitions** to discover new young talent. You can send them your designs at this email address: [creative-opportunities@hallmark-uk.com](mailto:creative-opportunities@hallmark-uk.com) Or visit their website: [Gifted - Hallmark](#)

**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](#)

## **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](#)

**Eurodesk Annual Overview 2017: Empowering youth in Europe.** The Eurodesk Annual Overview is released every year to give a glimpse on youth work best practices from all over Europe. The booklet collects Eurodesk projects from local, regional, national and European level: [Read it and reap](#)

## **Consultation**

"The government has left youth services across the country devastated after eight years of unnecessary and unjustified austerity" Labour says. It wants anyone with interest in shaping youth services to take part in the consultation on Labour's plans, led by Cat Smith, the party's shadow youth minister:

["We will rebuild youth services to create a system that truly works for the many, not the few."](#)

## **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"](#)

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