



In the Loop: Number 13

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 18th 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

Ofsted spot check prompts first 'inadequate' rating under new framework. Inspectors found a series of cases where children known to Wakefield Council's children's services department were at risk, but the situation had not been identified and appropriate action had not been taken to help protect them.

[The inspection took place in June](#)

Young people aged between 11 and 14 years old from across West Yorkshire have been challenged to help the police shut down cyber-crime. They need to form teams and design a resource to help keep people safe online. Teams have until 7 December to design, test and launch their resource:

["Cyber-crime is quickly becoming the preferred tool for criminals"](#)

Humber to become 'Careers Hub' to help young people find work. The bidding process to become a Careers Hub was competitive, and the Humber was one of 20 regions selected out of 30 entrants. Careers Hubs are a government initiative aimed at boosting career education for young people:

[Bursaries will be available to train 'careers leaders' who can lead sessions with young people](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Young people from our region met with the new South Yorkshire Mayor Dan Jarvis last weekend to bring him up to date with current work and campaigns: [Networking with Dan Jarvis](#)

Young people mark ten years of influencing decision-makers. Two young people's groups supported by North Yorkshire County Council will celebrate ten years of influencing decision makers and giving young people a voice on Saturday 21 July:

[Members will come together at the Pavilions of Harrogate to celebrate their tenth anniversary](#)

National News

Network Rail: A Record number of young people dying on railways. The number of teenagers taking risks on railway tracks has jumped by 80% in the last five years, new figures suggest. Rail safety data shows the number of young risk-takers doubles during the summer compared with winter months; ["A record number of young people have lost their lives on railway tracks this year"](#)

New relationships and health education in schools. Draft guidance published today to make sure education prepares young people for life in the modern world. All schools will teach children about good physical and mental health, how to stay safe on and offline, and the importance of healthy relationships: [Draft guidance published today - access it here](#)

Jeremy Corbyn says school children should be taught about workers' rights and the trade union movement. The Labour leader called for young people to be "fully equipped" to exercise their rights in the workplace. Speaking at the annual Durham Miners' Gala, Mr Corbyn said the move was necessary as trade unions have been "marginalised, vilified and undermined" for years: ["We can, and will, transform society so it works for the many, not the few."](#)

A briefing put together by charity The Howard League for Penal Reform looking into factors that can contribute to the criminalisation of children in residential care highlights the fact that **private companies own almost three quarters of the children's homes in England:** [Councils must check that homes are prioritising the welfare of vulnerable children over profit.](#)

Brett Wigdortz appointed as Chair of the National Citizen Service Trust for a term of three years commencing on 12 July 2018 until 11 July 2021. He'll be doing a three-day residential first and then doing this job as part of his Social Action section: [The role is remunerated at £400 a day up to a maximum of £40,000 per annum](#)

Reports and Studies

Young People are becoming less likely to have sex, preferring to spend time with their families and having romantic relationships online. A survey of 1,000 16- to 18-year-olds also found they were drinking much less. The British Pregnancy Advisory Service said this may explain the sharp fall in teen pregnancies: [Two-thirds of the teenagers surveyed said they had never had sex](#)

A response to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Youth Work Inquiry. This is the submission made by Unite, the UK's largest trade union. Unite is a leading trade union for community, youth and play workers: ["Unite will seek to promote this vision across the youth service sector"](#)

And the **In Defence of Youth Work response** to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Youth Work Inquiry. [Start reading here with response to question one and links to the other questions](#)

Future Roots, the farm I researched, employs a mix of teachers, youth and social workers and therapists. It offers a different model of learning for those struggling in mainstream education. My research demonstrated that the use of the natural environment as a mechanism for change was effective in reducing the risk of becoming NEET: [How farms can help improve the lives of disadvantaged young people](#)

"The **Not-School** movement is all about encouraging different educational initiatives and practices that 'think outside the box' to provide young people with positive education experiences that they enjoy."
"Compulsory schooling is considered a basic responsibility of civil society, yet for many young people, school is a narrow experience that can restrict their potential," [Read about the Not-School movement](#)

Health

Rebellions of young people have been recorded for decades, bucking trends and breaking the rules before entering the world of being a boring grown-up. But a new generation is coming through and truly shocking society. How? By becoming more sensible. ['Generation Sensible' in five charts](#)

Compulsory relationships education to include mental health sessions. All schools will have to teach children health education, covering both mental and physical health, as part of lessons that will also include relationships education in primary schools, and relationships and sex education (RSE) in secondary schools: ["Will help pupils "to build mental resilience and wellbeing"](#)

Events

Review of youth work provision in Leeds. You may have attended the stakeholder consultation event in November 2017. Since then, LCC have been progressing with the review which has involved consulting with families, analysing data and considering options for future delivery. They would like to consult with stakeholders again on the findings of the review and commissioning options. To request a place, contact: Catherine.Henderson@leeds.gov.uk

Brexit: How will the Chequers plan affect millennials? Monday 23rd July from 4.30 -6.30pm. This event will mark the launch of a new report, which provides a comprehensive picture of the attitudes and priorities of young people and young adults:
[Full details and booking arrangements](#)

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](#)

Date for you diary: The next meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Group of Trainers will take place on Wednesday 11th September – venue to be confirmed. This meeting is open to anyone who delivers Youth & Community Work related training in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Blogs

Rick Edwards on why young people should be made to vote. TV presenter Rick Edwards says compulsory voting could give the answer, legally requiring voters to take part in their first election when they are young adults: [Rick gives "Five Reasons"](#)

Are young people going cool on cars? In the 1990s, 80% of people were driving by 30; now this marker is only reached by 45. Men under 30 are travelling only half the miles their fathers did:
["People are travelling 10% fewer miles than in 2002"](#)

Still NEET. Despite the raised participation age, new analysis shows 40,000 under-18s are not in education, employment or training. Since 2015, all young people have been required to remain in education, employment or training until the age of 18. This, however, is completely unenforced.
["The coalition opted for the path of least resistance and most cowardice"](#)

Vacancies

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

Kinetic Youth Ltd are recruiting youth workers in Wetherby:
[CYPN vacancies in our region](#)

Knowsley Safari are running an academy for young people aged 15-18 in a bid to help inspire animal lovers, future vets and zoologists. The five day intensive course will offer sessions on diet, anatomy and behaviour and will also offer guidance on potential career paths:
[There will also be hands-on experience in the hope of equipping the young people with skills](#)

Resources

Dads take their children to Dublin pride. This ad for Dublin Bus News features dads surprising their children by picking them up and taking them to Dublin LGBTQ Pride:
["This is Maya's first Pride since coming out as gay to her family and friends"](#)

Launchpad Hothouse. Are you aged 16-30 years old based in **South Yorkshire** and passionate about cinema? Always dreamt of creating your own cinema but no idea where to start? Want to have your voice and screen the films you want to see? Want to make a difference in your area and to your local community?
[Develop skills in film exhibition and become confident community film organisers](#)

A new publication from the 'A Better Way' network deserves our serious and critical attention, says Tony Taylor. [Insights for A Better Way: improving services and building strong communities](#) is a "thought-provoking mix of stories, ideas and case studies he says in his review": [Read Tony's review](#)

Campaign demanding that women and girls have period dignity. By making changes in workplaces, our places of education, and in society, women and girls will be able to have a positive period knowing that they are able to access sanitary products: [Demand for Places of Education to provide sanitary products](#)

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 ongoing public debate on Brexit continues to provoke widespread discussions about who we are as a nation. But if these important conversations are just left to the politicians, then many people, including younger people, may be left out. [Join the conversation](#)

The Youth Employment Youth Voice Census will run twice a year, with two reports made available to the public. It explores youth employment issues including (but not limited to) careers advice, apprenticeships, social action and unemployment provision: [Youth Employment Youth Voice survey](#)

Grants and Funding

More funding for youth groups to help young people unlock their full potential. Communities Minister announces £250,000 to give more young people from diverse backgrounds across the country the opportunity to join national youth groups: [The new funding will be used to promote integration](#)

The £11.5 million Building Connections Fund is a partnership between Government, Big Lottery Fund and the Co-op Foundation which was set up in response to the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness to support projects that prevent or reduce loneliness. **The Youth Strand** will open for applications in August 2018: [Building Connections Fund](#)

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