



## **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**

Thanks to all who completed the recent **Introduction to Youth Work Course**, which was delivered in partnership with Bradford MDC. We will be repeating the course in the Autumn Term. We will be notifying you of opportunities to take up the **Level Two Award and Level Three Certificate Courses through Bradford College**.

### **Yorkshire & Humber News**

**Why under-25s deserve the full minimum wage. Holly Lynch MP for Halifax**, who is introducing a Private Members' Bill this Friday says: "There is no evidence that under-25s are less productive than older workers. So why are they paid less?" An 18 year old working full time on the minimum wage will earn £3,774 a year less than an equivalent colleague aged 25 or over: [Read about Holly's Bill](#)

**Engaging in dance can help young people manage stress, develop their confidence and improve their overall quality of life, a study has found.** The research, carried out by Yorkshire Dance and the University of Leeds, makes the case for dance as a holistic "health intervention" for young people, particularly from less privileged backgrounds: [Available on prescription](#)

**A key part to the success of Leeds is attracting and keeping young people to live, study and work in Leeds.** From 2001-2011 the student population in Leeds grew by 150 per cent. They are the city's future and the younger generations are choosing to live in Leeds city centre which is a catalyst for economic growth and vibrancy. Keeping this talent pool in Leeds is vital says report: [Leeds wants Young People](#)

**Radical rethink of care for young people in North Yorkshire wins national award.** North Yorkshire County Council's No Wrong Door programme was introduced just over three-years-ago to replace traditional council-run care homes: ["North Yorkshire County Council has achieved exceptional results"](#)

**Four young men killed in Leeds car crash.** Three people taken to hospital, one with critical injuries, after Horsforth collision. "We don't underestimate the impact that the deaths of these young people will be having in the community and we would ask that people focus on supporting each other" [Report](#)

**Northern areas far less likely to have access to funding for social housing.** Just 15% of local authorities in the north of England have been given access to new government funding to build council homes, compared with 88% of those in the south: ["Young people want to get a place of their own"](#)

## Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

**Interested in an apprenticeship at Calderdale Council?** See what current apprentices want from Calderdale: [Young People exercise their voices \(So does Bob Dylan strangely\)](#)

## National News

**Council cuts are putting the vulnerable at risk, Tory peer says.** LGA chief Lord Porter said that after eight years of austerity during which £16bn has been stripped from municipal budgets in England, councils risked being “damaged beyond recognition” and communities depleted of vital services: [Council bosses have warned that in many areas these services are on the verge of collapse](#)

**Give youth work remit back to DfE, children's services leaders urge.** The Association of Directors of Children's Services said youth policy has been “cast adrift” from the rest of children's services since moving to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: ["Government has focused on NCS at the expense of creating a clear vision for youth work"](#)

**Driving change: how getting behind the wheel can improve the lives of young people leaving care.** A new initiative, piloted in Bristol, has shown that providing young people leaving care with driving lessons is highly beneficial for their life chances: [The initiative has been praised by the Children's Commissioner](#)

**Young people are being radicalised into violence by music videos and social media, a former gang member warns.** Raheel Butt puts the current increase in violence down to a “combination of radicalisation, extremism, gangs and serious organised crime” ['Isis does similar things, in my view I see these guys doing the same thing but with a different narrative'](#)

**Homeless children: Charities worried about rise in young people needing help.** Between 2016 and 2017, at least 86,000 young people in the UK have asked for help from their local council because they were worried about being homeless: [Many homeless charities feel that the government is not doing enough to help](#)

**France's Emmanuel Macron to bring back compulsory national service for young people.** Prime minister says restoring national service will inspire patriotism and social cohesion. The French government has begun putting into action its promise to reintroduce national service for all 16-year-olds: [The first stage will be a compulsory month-long placement with a focus on civic culture - NCS](#)

**A free Inter-rail ticket which allows young people to discover Europe may sound too good to be true** - and for thousands of hopefuls that has proved to be the case. The EU has now closed the lottery that allocated 15,000 free tickets to 18-year-olds; but more than 100,000 applied. The scheme is to be expanded: [In Spain and Germany just one in 10 of applicants passed the selection process for a free ticket](#)

## Reports and Studies

**The Government's LGBT Action Plan: Improving the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people:** “We are committed to tackling the burning injustices that LGBT people face in their everyday lives. The commitments we have made in this action plan help us to start to do that”. [Read the full document right here](#)

**Almost 30% of LGBT+ young people choose to avoid a Stem career.** A large number of young people who identify as LGBT+ have avoided choosing a career in science, technology, engineering and maths because of discrimination fears: ["In the UK, these subjects have a “huge image problem”](#)

**One In Three Bullied Young People Have Suicidal Thoughts.** Campaigners are urging teens to turn from 'bystanders into upstanders'. A third of young victims of bullying report having “suicidal thoughts” and a quarter have self-harmed, according to a survey of 9,000 12 to 20-year-olds in the UK: [Witnessing bullying is also leaving young people feeling stressed and scared](#)

**Arts organisations serious about engaging with young people should widen their definition of arts and culture to encompass tattoos, fashion and watching Netflix, a new report has advised.** Consuming or creating art is a ‘passion’ for almost half of young people, but definitions of arts and culture used by the funded cultural sector fail to resonate with young people who have “much wider perceptions”. [35% of young people post about arts and culture online through Snapchat and Instagram](#)

## Health

**Mental Health: "Child to adult - why the cliff edge?** It's an actual illness - you would never say to someone who has a broken leg, oh just deal with it, it'll be fine."

[Jeremy Hunt answers young people's questions on mental health](#)

**Love Island ads giving young people body image issues, says head of NHS.** Simon Stevens, the chief executive of NHS England, raised concerns that cosmetic surgery adverts are being broadcast during breaks on the popular ITV2 show, in which young contestants compete to win one another's affections:

["It is creating "unrealistic" standards for young people"](#)

**For future health, young people must be able to leave home and find secure work.** Changes to the employment and housing markets mean that many young people face an insecure future, with the traditional milestones on the path to adulthood – such as leaving home or getting a secure job – largely inaccessible: ["A nation's health is a vital part of its infrastructure"](#)

**Putting death on the school timetable.** Too often young people in the West are not prepared for talking about such difficult topics. There is a taboo around the subject and most deaths happen out of sight in hospitals. "It should be seen as a positive and proactive thing - information and knowledge can be really empowering to people." [The topic could be incorporated into existing subjects such as biology](#)

## Blogs

**Meet the voices resetting the political agenda in the UK.** At 18 years old, Lily Madigan achieved something brilliant, becoming the first transgender women's officer for the Labour party. She's led a successful campaign to save Sure Start centres from Tory cuts, and convinced the council to protect local refuge funding – all this while battling vile transphobic abuse online and off: [Read all their stories](#)

**Why regional youth theatres provide 'a lifeline to young people'.** Regional youth theatres are often the first point of training for performers, and backstage crew. They foster a love of theatre in thousands of young people every year, offering a place where everyone, no matter their background, is accepted and welcomed: ["It's an exceptional education for working-class actors"](#)

**"It is not possible to make a sound decision or to participate in society without being informed about one's options, opportunities, and rights."** "Everyone has good in them, and it's a privilege to see that emerge over time" says Swedish Youth Worker Pepe Herrera: ["Young people surprise you every day"](#)

**Raising aspirations in young black people:** "We wanted to make young people aware that beyond the school gates, there are people that look like them who work as Doctors and Engineers". "We wanted to raise awareness, because there's a disconnect between their aspirations and jobs in the future."

[They need to see positive figures, unlike those they see on the TV, which are often negative"](#)

## Vacancies

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

## Resources

Study Youth Work and Community Development at the University of Hull:

[Other institutions are available](#)

**Young People: If you receive tips at work, they cannot legally count towards your National Living or Minimum Wage.** If tips are counted as part of your pay, and you rely on them to bring your pay up to the National Living or Minimum Wage, then you could be being underpaid and not receiving what you are legally owed: [Is your employer paying you properly?](#)

## 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: [Learning, volunteering, travelling and working](#)

**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**

**A group of MPs have launched an inquiry into how to tackle the potential negative effects of social media** on the mental health of young people. The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Social Media and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing says it wants to establish the impact of social media on mental health: [MPs said the inquiry had four main questions it wanted to answer](#)

**Every now and then, someone on the In Defence of Youth Work Facebook page brings up the subject of mapping youth provision around the country.** So now they have decided to try to do this. This involves everyone with knowledge of open access provision to drop pins onto a google maps shared document, accessed here: [Wot? - No provision in Yorkshire and the Humber?](#)

## **Grants and Funding**

**Veolia Environmental Trust Grants:** The next closing date for stage 1 applications to the Veolia Environmental Trust is the 30th August 2018. Grants of up to £75,000 are available to constituted not for profit organisations and registered Environmental Bodies towards:

- \* Community buildings
- \* Parks and paths, play, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and recreational facilities
- \* Nature reserves
- \* Bio diversity projects. [Application process](#)

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