



In the Loop: Number 19

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

Change of date: Please accept formal notice that the AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber will now take place on **Wednesday 14th November 2018**: at our Annual Conference.

Green shoots? Are we beginning to see the Youth Work policy vacuum being filled?
What chance for new funding and resources?

Filling the Vacuum 3 – Wednesday 14th November Annual Conference and AGM of the Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and the Humber

Come and hear Doug Nicolls; Jessie Jacobs (who made a speech yesterday at the Labour Party Conference defending Youth Services) and a number of other speakers to be confirmed. Central Leeds. [Book Your Place Here](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

Plans for a tax on thousands of holiday homes in Yorkshire and Humber will “take the heat out of the market” in places like the Dales and help young people on to the housing ladder, Labour has said. [In Yorkshire and Humber, 870 families are estimated to live in temporary accommodation](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

An opportunity for young people from across the region to meet with the Sheffield City Region Mayor - Dan Jarvis MP, and John Grogan MP, to discuss **the development of *One Yorkshire*** and a Y&H Youth Voice Platform to mirror this - ensuring Young People have a voice in these new structures. **29th September This Saturday** [More details](#)

Convention 2 of the UK Youth Parliament. We will be joined on the day by Paul Blomfield MP, members of the **People's Powerhouse** and the **regional CiCCs** - who will have their own programme. We will also be sharing the region's **Make your Mark** results, so please bring these with you: **Saturday 13th October** [Here is where you book for Convention 2](#)

Brexit – what next? An opportunity for young people from across the Y&H region to come together and discuss Brexit, get informed, have some myths busted and hear what will still be available post April 19. Key Note speaker: Paul Bloomfield MP. **Saturday 27th October:** [More details and how to book](#)

Transport: An opportunity for young people from across the region to meet with *Transport for the North* and the 64 transport providers to raise awareness of issues and find solutions. More info from: theunit@youthworkunit.com

Y&H Youth Mental Health Awareness event 31st October. An informative and interactive afternoon aimed at bringing together young people, commissioners and service providers. Young People can attend independently if they are 16 years or over. Under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult: [More details](#)

The People are the Powerhouse Convention. 20 November 2018. Northern Commercial Stadium, Bradford City FC. The People's Powerhouse is a movement which exists to shape the debate around the Northern Powerhouse, to ensure that people and communities are at the heart of the Powerhouse plans, not the periphery; [Book now](#)

The British Youth Council are looking for new trustees to join its board. You can now apply to be a Trustee. We are looking for people with a diversity of skills, experiences and background. Don't overthink it - if you're passionate about Youth Voice and interested in the challenge of running a charity get in touch. Deadline for submissions: Monday 15 October 2018 at 23:59: [Here's how](#)

National News

Girl-guiding UK has defended its policy of admitting transgender people after expelling two volunteers who publicly objected to the stance. The youth organisation released a statement saying its decision to admit children and adults who identify as women does not put other female members at risk: [A campaign group has claimed young people are at risk if it continues to admit transgender people](#)

Schools 'unsure how to react to LGBT families'. Research, involving interviews with 26 LGBTQI parents and 19 children, found that existing support often centred on issues around bullying, rather than efforts to improve inclusiveness: ["Children with same sex parents were only allowed to make one Mother's Day or Father's Day card"](#)

Call for a Cabinet Minister for Children and Young People. *Children First* make the case for: "In so many ways children cannot wait and neither should they. They need help now and therefore taking significant action in the short term must be considered to be not only desirable but essential": ["Menaced by the five 21st century 'evils'"](#)

Jessie Jacobs speaks out on behalf of Youth Workers and Youth Work at the Labour Party Conference. You can meet her at the **YWU Annual Conference on 14th November** when she will be addressing the delegates. [Jessie Jacob's speech to the Labour Party Conference](#)

The parents of a teenager who took her own life as she believed she wouldn't be accepted as a Christian who was gay, have spoken to the BBC. They are also backing their church which has taken the controversial stance of becoming fully inclusive to try and save the lives of other young people: [See the interviews](#)

Youth workers agree two-year pay deal. Youth workers will get a two per cent pay rise this year and again in 2019 after union members agreed a two-year deal: [The deal will come into effect immediately](#)

DfE to fund 'family holidays' in bid to reduce numbers of children in care. Councils will be able to use government money to send struggling families on holiday as part of efforts to reduce record numbers of children going into care, it has emerged: ["Workers will be handed "significant funds" to spend in "creative ways"](#)

Pope Francis admitted on Tuesday that sex abuse scandals surrounding the Catholic Church have driven younger people away. "We know - and you have told us - that many young people do not turn to us for anything because they don't feel we have anything meaningful to say to them," ["We ourselves need to be converted," he said.](#)

Funding boost to help pupils affected by domestic abuse. Home Office awards charity Operation Encompass £163,000 to support children who attend school following a domestic abuse incident:
["Ensures the police contact a school before the next school day"](#)

Reports and Studies

Young people are using social media to push for change. So how are young people using social media? The main takeaways were that 64 per cent of young people in the UK regard social media platforms as an essential part of achieving social change:

[Young women were twice as likely to use social media to campaign on social issues](#)

A new Food Standards Agency campaign urges young people to ask about allergens. The campaign comes following news of several recent deaths of young people from food allergies

["Just 14% felt extremely confident about asking about allergens"](#)

Rise in young people seeking help over peer-on-peer abuse in UK. Childline reports 29% increase, with many callers not clear about what consent means. The scale of the problem could be much greater than current figures suggest, as many children and teenagers do not understand that what has happened to them is abuse: ["Allegations of children committing sexual offences against other children have risen 78%"](#)

Young people charged with rape are much less likely to be convicted. Only 31.6% of men aged between 18 and 24 years old tried for rape in England and Wales were convicted in 2017/2018. In the same period, 45.6% of 25 to 59-year-old men were convicted:

["Figures showed a reluctance by juries to find young men guilty of date rape"](#)

Health

How to help a friend who's struggling with mental health. "I think it's crucial for people who are struggling with mental illness to realise it's not their fault and a massive way of achieving this is for their friends to stay in contact".

["At least one area's child and adolescent mental health service \(Camhs\) is rationing care"](#)
[Child mental health 'not fit for purpose'](#)

New Order speak out over "disgusting" lack of funding for young people with mental health issues—claiming that many 'young kids have been abandoned'. And that's going to create a time bomb for this government and this country – attention needs to be brought to it. It's disgusting."

["It's criminally underfunded"](#)

Events

Youth Impact Training Event - An introduction to Service Design. A half day training session exploring a basic framework for designing and refining provision for young people. The event will be immediately followed by a Yorkshire and Humber Impact Network meeting. 9:30am – 1:30pm

[10th November Lupton Street, Leeds - Book a free place here](#)

In the Service of Youth 2018: Making Waves in Youth Work. This year's **Institute for Youth Work** annual conference is taking place in Brighton, it will be an opportunity to both celebrate Youth Work Week and our conference theme: **Coastal Youth Work**. [10th November 18 - University of Brighton](#)

Yorkshire and Humber Young People's LGBTQ+ event – Doncaster. 1st November. An opportunity for Young People from LGBTQ+ Youth Work Groups from across the Yorkshire and Humber region to get together and share their experiences and have fun: [Places can be booked right here](#)

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](#)

Children & Young People's Mental Health. Digital Innovations Shared Learning Event. **31 October 2018** 1pm – 4pm, Venue TBC (Leeds City Centre). Join us for an informative and interactive afternoon aimed at bringing together young people, commissioners and service providers. Details: Sarah.Smith128@nhs.net

The People's Powerhouse is a movement which exists to shape the debate around the Northern Powerhouse, to ensure that people and communities are at the heart of the Powerhouse plans, not the periphery. The 2018 Convention is to be held in Bradford on 20th November:
["Nowhere did it mention anything about people. Our aim is to change that"](#)

Involving Young People in Service Design and Evaluation. 28th September, 10:30-15:00. Gateshead. A FREE event provided by funding from the **Centre for Youth Impact**. A practical session which will focus on going 'Beyond Listening' to young people and explore in more detail the definition, drivers, models and principles that provide the context for effective youth voice within service design and evaluation:
[Full details and the booking process](#)

Supporting young people in the present, ambitious for the future. On **31st October** the NYA will welcome the sector to Westminster for the **NYA Youth Work Summit 2018**. "The Summit brings together youth workers, voluntary and statutory organisations, government agencies and supporters, alongside senior politicians and policy-makers: to strengthen the cause of youth work"
[Details and access to a booking form](#)

SAYIT 2018 AGM. Thursday 25th October 2018, 6pm. Adelphi Suite, The Crucible, Sheffield, S1 1DA
info@sayit.org.uk

Blogs and Comment

The truth about young people and Brexit. "One of the most annoying things about politics has to be the way that 'young people' get talked about as one giant homogenous group, as though we don't have different concerns, opinions, hopes and dreams".
["Studies suggest just over 70% of 18-24 year-olds voted Remain"](#)

I was a teenager in crisis – 20 years on, mental health support for young people seems to have gone backwards. Monday's Panorama painted a bleak picture of the current state of CAMHS: an overstretched service staffed by frustrated healthcare professionals who long to help, but are crippled by a lack of funding: ["You have to be the illest you could possibly be without dying, just to receive help"](#)

Scrabble was wrong to pander to young people with 300 new words: I beg your pardon? We should appeal to young people who want to play a word game but don't want to learn new words?
["I do think that words like 'OK', and slang used every day help to make the game more accessible"](#)

The alternative view: "It's bare sick that the OED cares how young people speak". With culture wars raging, it matters that such an institution would reach out to Britain's young for help with slang words.
["How I speak, as a non-white woman from a working-class background, has been regularly policed"](#)

Vacancies

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

The Centre for Youth Impact. Head of Networks and Practice Development: £40,000-£47,000 (depending on experience). Will form part of the Centre's Senior Leadership Team, and will contribute both capacity and expertise to the Centre's small, dynamic team. **Closing date: 8th Oct 2018**
[Full details and access to the recruitment process](#)

Sheffield Futures: Digital Communications Officer – Star House. Temporary until 30/09/2019. 14.8 hours per week. Salary: £23,866 pro rata per annum. **Closing date:** 7/10/18 – Interview date: 12/10/18
[Full details](#)

Resources

World Mental Health Day: Sign up with **Young Minds** to say #HelloYellow on **10th October 2018** and help spread the message that young people aren't alone when it comes to mental health.
["Hello Yellow Fundraising Kits! They're full of ideas"](#)

An exciting opportunity for young people with the BFI Film Academy. They are recruiting 20 young people aged 16-19 to take part in the BFI Film Academy in Sheffield, which will run from Wednesday 7th November until Saturday 26th January: [Details of how to get involved](#)

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](#)

Time to Move Event– The opportunities available to young people to study, work and volunteer abroad. How will Brexit affect European Funding in the future?

[More details and how to book](#)

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](#)

[Watch a short video about the event](#)

Design a t-shirt to win a rail pass. Young people are invited to design a T-shirt representing the spirit of *Time to Move* and share it with us. All techniques accepted: a photo, a digital illustration, hand drawing on paper or simple text; 13 to 30-year-olds can enter with anything creative! [Enter here](#)

Consultation

Respond to a rare opportunity to improve Trans rights. Come Out For Trans Equality and have your say on reforming the Gender Recognition Act. The **Gender Recognition Act 2004** (GRA) governs how Trans people can have their identity legally recognised. This was groundbreaking in its time – it's now seriously out of date and needs reform. [Contribute your response](#)

Relationships education, relationships and sex education, and health education. The government are seeking views on the draft regulations, statutory guidance, and regulatory impact assessment relating to Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education.

[Let them know what you think](#)

G4S Welfare to Work are currently inviting Expressions of Interest from potential Supply Chain Partners to support their bid for the newly released **National Citizen Service** in the Yorkshire and Humber Region: [You can express an interest here](#)

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