



In the Loop: Number 1

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

Training – talk to us about your training needs or watch this space for further updates on our expanding training offer.

Yorkshire & Humber News

North Yorkshire Police have released their new Children and Young People Strategy. The strategy was developed by police and the North Yorkshire Youth Commission - a team of young people who spoke to more than 1,500 peers to find out what they felt the force's priorities should be: [The findings](#)

Young people in North Yorkshire are being sought for a three-week training and coaching course to kick-start their careers. BT is on the look-out for 15 people in Northallerton aged 16 to 24 who are not currently in education, employment or training to take part in a free work placement: [The course provides them with hands-on work experience and training](#)

Are we doing enough for young people in Sheffield? Bob Pullin, councillor and former youth magistrate, says "Categorically no". "Particularly not on Sheffield's underprivileged council estates. Many disadvantaged youths in such areas are bored, alienated and feel themselves excluded from mainstream activities and society": ["It is essential that local communities support youth clubs to engage young people"](#)

East Marsh youth project needs £40k to last the year. **The Shalom Youth Project** has been helping young people in the East Marsh area since 1972. The area's last remaining open access youth club has warned it will have to close - unless the community can help raise the £40,000 it needs: [And another one bites the dust?](#)

Yorkshire & Humber Youth Voice News

Congratulations to young people involved in the Calderdale-led campaign which has won half fares for children and young people in uniform in West Yorkshire. "Cllr Wakefield informed the group that from 1st January, all bus drivers should allow **half fare for young people in uniform** and if drivers don't abide by this new rule, young people can complain to Metro".

The Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Induction Residential will take place on the weekend 13th to 15th April 2018 at Dearne Valley Centre near Doncaster. For a booking form and full details contact the Youth Work Unit: theunit@youthworkunit.com

An on-line survey for youth representatives who have been involved in Youth Voice work in 2017-18. Designed to give them space to reflect and recognise their achievements. On completion of the online survey, they will have the opportunity to receive a certificate which records the skills developed throughout the past year: [The survey will be open until the 19th February 2018](#)

During the takeover event by Youth Watch Leeds on the 28th November last year, three volunteers asked decision makers Dr Jane Mischenko and Cllr Lisa Mulherin all about the **Future in Mind Leeds plan**. Find out what they had to say here: [Find our more](#)

National News

Does the answer to Britain's rise in teenage killings lie in Hong Kong? For a young person trying to stay off the streets, **an all-night youth club could change their life** – or even save it. Hong Kong understands this.

[In Hong Kong's youth clubs former Triad gang members and other "at-risk" young people are helped](#)

Government provides £20m for councils supporting child refugees. A total of £20m will be shared between all local authorities currently supporting more than 10 asylum-seeking children, the government has said: [More than 550 children have been transferred between English councils](#)

Young people want creative jobs but schools don't support them a survey shows. Research has found that half of 16-25-year-olds surveyed want to pursue creative careers, but nearly two thirds do not feel they receive adequate guidance to do so by teachers or career advisers.

[Half of all students surveyed said they felt pressure to choose a "traditional" career](#)

Better evidence needed on appropriate screen time for children and young people. Much of the evidence for the negative effects of screen use in children and teenagers is not based on robust enough science says the British Psychological Society (BPS) in its new briefing paper 'Changing behaviour: Children, adolescents and screen use': ["Parents and carers are still unsure of what is appropriate"](#)

Reports and Publications

Professionals Valued – A research report on the future of the JNC collective bargaining agreement. With a foreword by Len McCluskey. *"Employers are engaged in a divide and rule exercise, which feeds a "Race to the bottom" and increasingly imposes a "one size fits all" culture on the sector".*

[Unite calls for "A specific Minister for Youth Affairs"](#)

Energy drinks have been found to cause negative side effects in half of young people, new research suggests. Drinks like *Red Bull* or *Monster* could potentially be more dangerous than other caffeinated drinks because of the way they are consumed:

["Negative health impacts, include rapid heart rates and even seizures"](#)

Young people are avoiding politics on social media, fearing it will harm their job prospects. 91% think Brexit has turned important political conversations and online debates into 'slanging matches' and arguments. 82 percent would expect potential employers to check their social media accounts before calling them for interview: ["Have you ever had an argument on social media over politics?" 60% said yes](#)

A tenth of people aged between 18 and 21 mistakenly believe that stamp duty pays for the cost of posting letters, rather than being a tax on house purchases. Research by Halifax found that children and young adults have many humorous – but also worrying - misconceptions about the housing and mortgage markets: [59% of 18- to 21-year-olds say they feel it is important to own a home](#)

Health

Child protection with adolescents: does the system work? Working with adolescents is a grey area in the sense it doesn't fit nicely into causal, linear systems and laws we follow, which are often geared towards younger children and families.

["Identity, education, employment, sexuality, gender, and social networks at play"](#)

"Pedal the Pond" initiative to raise young people's mental health awareness. Four young men are crossing the Atlantic in a pedalo. They set off from Gran Canaria on 7 January to tackle the 3,000 mile

route to Nelson's Dockyard English Harbour in Antigua by pedal power alone, with the aim of completing the journey in 30 to 50 days: [They are aiming to raise £200,000 for the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust](#)

Vacancies

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

Events and Training

The Youth and Policy conference '**Youth Policy: Then and Now**' will take place at **Hinsley Hall, Leeds, 9th-10th February 2018**: [Youth Policy: Then and Now](#)

Choose Youth meetings 2018. Meetings will be held in the North Wing, London Guildhall on the following dates:

Thursday 8th February 11pm to 2.30pm room 10

Wednesday 2nd May 10.30 to 2.30 room 11

Tuesday 18th September 10.30 to 2.30 – room 10

Sheffield Futures: The Lord Mayor's Dinner takes place at 6pm on 15th March at the Silver Plate Restaurant and funds raised during the evening will be donated to Sheffield Futures, a young people's charity providing specialist support and mentoring to those who need it most: [Book here](#)

Yorkshire CSE Conference 2018. Wednesday, **14 February 2018** from 09:00 to 17:00.

[Full details, programme and booking arrangements](#)

General Data Protection Regulations training. Any organisation, no matter how large or small, which collects, stores or processes any kind of information about people anywhere in the European Union, needs to adhere to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which come into force in May.

Training is available for organisations in North Yorkshire at: [Scarborough](#) ; [Skipton](#) ; [Northallerton](#)

Trans & non-binary outcome based accountability. January 24th 2018 4pm – 7pm. Central Leeds:



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Resources

Next month is LGBT History Month. Each year The Proud Trust writes a simple, easy to use, Education and Resource Pack. Free to download on the following page, they also have a limited number of printed packs available to buy through their online shop: [Get prepared here](#)

Blogs

India has 600 million young people – and they're set to change our world. This new generation is motivated: it combines the cultural values of the traditional Asian family with the life goals of the American teenager. The effect will be to "change our world in ways we can't yet imagine":

["They make up the world's largest ever cohort of like-minded young people"](#)

Knife crime - we need to support Young People to thrive, not just survive. The reasons why young people are carrying and using weapons are complex, and it is often the same group of young people who are both victims and perpetrators: ["Youth on youth violence costs the NHS £2.9 billion a year"](#)

Has strong become the respectable face of skinny for young women? A generation of Instagram stars and personal trainers are challenging old-fashioned notions of femininity, replacing images of thinness or fecundity with brute strength. Whether this is healthy is another matter:

[The 'ripped' look – where every muscle stands out – involves stripping away almost all your body fat](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities

Your first EURES job is a European Union job mobility scheme to help young EU citizens to find a job, traineeship or apprenticeship opportunity in another EU country, also Norway or Iceland and to help employers find a qualified workforce. It aims to match young jobseekers with remunerated employment offers across Europe: [Eures - Your first EURES job](#)

Youth Exchange Course to offer an international learning experience for practitioners active in the youth work field, enabling them to develop their competences in setting up quality Youth Exchange projects. This course is from 24-28 April 2018. Deadline Sunday 25 February 2018.

[Training Course for newcomers to youth exchanges. Takes place in Germany](#)

Young People: Do you want to continue being part of a young European generation? Meet young people, decision makers and share your ideas. Then hurry and apply now for the upcoming Europeers project in Finland: [Very tight deadline - apply right now](#)

Consultation

Trailblazer - Draft Youth Work Apprenticeship Standards Survey. The survey is reopened until Thursday 18th January: [Final chance to have your say](#)

Funding

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, has said that **£90m of an estimated £330m being reclaimed from dormant bank accounts over the next four years will go to youth employment initiatives:** [Government announces £90m for youth employment initiatives](#)

Grants and contracts from the Department for Education. Following a meeting between the Department for Education and representatives of the voluntary and community sector, Mike Green has written to confirm DfE's commitment to positive relationships with the sector: [Read the letter](#)

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