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2006



"I'm being returned to a place I don't know.."

17-year-old Alem is an unaccompanied asylum seeker; who will be forced to return to a country she escaped from and where she knows no-one.

19 September 2006



999 emergency service

Members of Children's Express went to Holloway fire station to meet Station Manager Bruce Davidson and members of White Watch.

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A brave new world is upon us

Lyra McKee despaired about trying to get in to the media. But then she was rescued by an e-mail from Channel 4 Television, no less.

23 October 2006



A Fiennes Family Affair

Martha Fiennes talks about her new feature film, Chromophobia during the Foyle Film Festival

2 February 2006



A small step for man

We look at the ever growing popularity of leaping between buildings and swinging from lamp-posts that is known the world over as Parkour.

May 2006



A Snap Too Far

Will the press be responsible for the introduction of a new privacy law? Lyra McKee thinks so.

4 September 2006



Addicted to telly

Are there better things to do than watching endless hours of TV?

1 March 2006



AIDS - a Lesson for Life

Schools in Northern Ireland are to be involved in a unique AIDS education and awareness programme.

21 October
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All stations to Moon Unit, do you copy?

Are celebrities choosing exotic or ridiculous names for their kids?

1 April 2006



American telly invasion

We watch their sitcoms and rush to check out the latest Hollywood flicks, so is it any wonder that our obsession with America has hit the news bulletins more than other countries? But is this really fair? Nick Barrett investigates

23 June 2006



Another Sick 'Gotcha' GMTV Style

Broadcasters should really know better than broadcast scenes of horrific violence at breakfast, says Lyra McKee.

11 September 2006



Anti Bullying in 2006

We look at the issue of bullying, and how different groups are trying to tackle it. 14 November 2006



Are Books as Good as TV?

Pile up all those revision, school and exercise books and the last thing you'd want to see or read is another book. But what has happened to our love of books, have we grown out of them or are books just boring? Samantha Chanudet-Denny, 13, tell you what she thinks.

4 May 2006



Are Gangs Ruining Young People's Lives?

Two young people from north London report on the very real experience of having a friend stabbed by a rival gang. 15 June 2006



Are young people really being listened to?

Is the participation of young people simply something that is talked about, or is it actually happening? 1 April 2006



Are young people the solution to the Africa HIV/AIDS epidemic?

Two Children's Express reporters went to Kenya to discover how young people in Africa are using peer-education to help save lives.

27 November 2006



ASBO Mania

Are ASBOs working or are young people being failed by the system? 1 January 2006



ASBOs - More harm than good

This week Sorcha Boyle looks at the controversial issue of young people and ASBOs. 27 November 2006



Bad News Bad Press

Do you ever get the feeling that the journalists of our national newspapers are attempting to bring us all to the verge of suicide?

10 July 2006



BBC Sports Personality of the Year

Ben Ritchie turns his attention to the farce that was the annual BBC Sports Personality of the Year. 18 December 2006



Belfast Festival Poetry Evening

Seamus Heaney is regarded as one of the best poets around, and it's easy to see why when he fails to turn up. 10 December 2006



Beware the Ides of March

The month of March has seen the exit of most of the English clubs from the Champions League - what's going wrong? 1

March 2006



Big Brother - Why Bother?

Aoife White is sick of Big Brother already. 29 May 2006



Big Brother goes overboard

Much that she likes Big Brother, Sharon McLaughlin thinks they may have gone too far this time. 14 August 2006



Blaine crazy

Are you fed up with David Blaine and reality TV in general? 1 May 2006



Bowled Over

Ben says England have little chance of retaining the Ashes, and should instead start planning for the next series in 2008.

11 December 2006



Bullying - the big issue for young people

Young people face a common day-to-day dilemma - bullying! 1 March 2006



Can we end the dream now please?

Have you now had enough of Celebrity Big Brother winner Chantelle? 1 April 2006



Celebrity AIDS Advocates 'a Distraction'

The attendance of celebrity advocates like Bill Clinton, Richard Gere and Bill Gates has led many delegates at the International AIDS Conference to feel marginalised.

13 August 2006



Celebrity Big Brother

Is Celebrity Big Brother good entertainment or just reality bullying on tv 13 February 2006



Celebrity Gossip - a World Gone Wrong

Why have the public become so obsessed with wanting to delve into the lives of the rich and famous? 1 February 2006



Children's Ex-stress

Being a journalist isn't always what it's cracked up to be. As Headliners Lyra McKee discovered at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada.

15 August 2006



Circles of Influence

Ginisha attended an event at the British Museum where government ministers could hear the views of young people. 27 May 2006



Cold comfort for Olympic viewers

The Winters Olympics included many obscure sports but is it nothing more than a spectacle? 1 March 2006



Death in the name of entertainment

Lyra McKee from Belfast thinks comments about the death of Steve Urwin are unfair. 18 September 2006



Do I need the right to read?

Shouldn't every house have a book shelf instead of a TV screen? 1 May 2006



Do we need Jamie Oliver to Make the Nation Fitter?

Jamie Oliver has taken on school dinners but now we need a national fitness campaign 1 May 2006



Download Overload

Illegal downloads may not be paid for, but do they help to generate an interest in the artist and boost profits from live shows and merchandise.

1 April 2006



Drugs - is the government's message getting through?

Anti-drugs campaigns: are the millions being well spent or is it just another case of money going down the drain? 1 May 2006



Duke is our Special Choice

Peter Wilson aka Duke Special talks about his recent musical success and future plans 24 February 2006



Evelyn Glennie Interview

Percussionist Evelyn Glennie talks to a group of reporters who are deaf about her music, her beliefs and how she communicates despite her own deafness.

28 June 2006



Ever Interviewed a Famous Fantasy Writer?

Ever wanted to meet the author of one of your favourite books? Ellie and Crystal got the chance interview Philip Pullman when they went to the Unicorn Theatre, near London Bridge. 18

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Fighting for the cause or the covers

This week Emmet Barr discusses whether some celebrities use acts of charity to use gain publicity in the media.

23 October 2006



Flipside of Christmas

Nicole Lynch looks at how the media need to be careful about how they present their coverage of Christmas. 18

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Football Crazy

Terri McLaughlin takes more than an armchair look at the crazy amounts of money flowing around the world of football. 15

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Foreign footballers in an English game

Are our native English footballers letting the side down are they really not good enough to represent their own country? So, why are they getting left out of the English squad and being replaced by foreign footballers? Jason McLeod, 15, investigates 13

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Forty Years of Hurt

This week Brian tackles the thorny issue of media and fan bias when it comes to England's World Cup hopes. 22

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Freedom of expression - a new victim of happy slapping?

If you dress as an individual you could be attacked by groups of men for the fun of it 1 March 2006



From Dreams to Reality

Headliners worked in conjunction with Trócaire, an Irish charity dedicated to alleviating poverty and injustice throughout the developing world. 25

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From Young People to Billionaires

Bill Clinton, Bill Gates and Richard Gere were among the well-known figures at a AIDS conference in Canada, but the real stars were the young people. 9

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Gambling with a gift

The UK spends 50 billion a year on gambling so is it fair that Wayne Rooney has received so much criticism 1

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Games consoles - the next generation

8 December 2006



Games for a laugh

Are the Commonwealth Games as popular as they once were? 1 March 2006



Gaytime TV

This week Lindsey McQuitty turns her attention to the ongoing struggle that the marginalised gay and lesbian community face when trying to have their voices heard on mainstream television. 30

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Halloween Teen Horrors

This week David Hunter looks at the dangers that exist for young people on the scariest night of the year. 30 October

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Heroes and villains

Brian looks at the differing fortunes of two of football's modern day legends. 21 August 2006



HIV AIDS exhibition

1 December 2006



Hockey - it's a man's game

Hockey is popular with both boys and girls but is it still seen as "a girl's sport"? 1 March 2006



How far is too far?

This week Gavin wonders if our idea of entertainment has reached a new low. 9 October 2006



If I were in Charge

What would happen if 15-year-old Kauthar Siddique-Parks was in charge? 25 April 2006



If I were in charge

What would happen if Usman Pasha was in charge? 2 May 2006



Is English football still English?

Is the English game losing its soul as a result of the inclusion of too many foreign players in the Premiership? 1 March 2006



Is Nuclear the Way Forward?

This week David looks at what can be done to tackle the issue of diminishing natural resources. 20 November 2006



Is the future bright or is it plastic?

This week Sharon McLaughlin is fed up with the influence reality television shows might have on young people. 25 September 2006



It's time for The World To Deliver

Even though the International AIDS Conference was being held in Toronto the Canadian government were conspicuous by their absence. 10 August 2006



Jingle Bells Rock?

Ella says we need a wider range of musicians to write Christmas music to save us from having to listen to the same predictable tunes. 11

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[Jumping the World Cup Ship](#)

The World Cup is nearly upon us, and Annabel McLeod is fuming. "It means more football adverts, more England merchandise being thrown at my face, more annoying ringtones and a serious lack of anything half decent on telly. I'm abandoning this World Cup ship."

27 May 2006



[Kenyan HIV/AIDS interview on ITV London Today](#)

Two reporters went to Kenya to see how young people were trying to prevent the spread of the HIV virus. Shortly after they landed back in the UK they were in the studios of ITV London Today to talk about what they'd discovered.

24 August 2006



[Kenyan HIV/Aids report on BBC News 24](#)

Watch the report on the HIV/Aids epidemic in Kenya, which was shown on BBC News 24 along with an interview with one of our reporters.

August 2006



[Kick racism out of comedy?](#)

This week, Ella asks whether comedians making us laugh at minorities are helpful or not. 20 November 2006



[Krishnan Guru-Murthy interview](#)

Four members of Children's Express interviewed Channel 4 News presenter Krishnan Guru-Murthy after he gave a lecture at London Metropolitan University.

29 November 2006



[Life is not that simple](#)

Are so-called 'Dumb Blondes' from America having a negative influence on the UK? Aoife O'Connell thinks so! 4 December 2006



[Living with HIV](#)

To mark World Aids Day, Headliners reporters from Foyle find out the human story behind HIV. 1 December 2006



[Lordi lordi](#)

With Eurovision over for another year, can anyone remember the winner? 1 May 2006



[Mayor to work to provide more for young people](#)

Before she recently travelled to Los Angeles to attend an international conference for young people Children's Express reporter Emma Arbuckle interviewed new Mayor of Derry City Council, Helen Quigley, to find out her plans for young people in the city.

20 August 2006



[Media must stop them now](#)

Connor O'Kane is disillusioned with how the media fails to filter out what he sees as failures on behalf of the record industry.

September 2006



[Media websites hold young people to ransom](#)

Young people are encouraged to keep up to date with current affairs but are fed up by fees to access online news archives

May 2006



[Mind Your Own Business](#)

This week Gavin Leung wonders why Prince Harry and William should be a source of entertainment for both the public and the media.

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Mixed PE Classes Right or Wrong?

Ella Parry-Davies reckons that more needs to be done to sort out the inequalities in school PE lessons. 20 October 2006



Money Can't Buy me Love

Now that Paul McCartney's marriage has ended it seems that the media is obsessed with the divorce settlement 1 May 2006



Mourinho dives for cover

Diving in football is common these days but are top managers like Jose Mourinho doing enough to stop it? 1 February 2006



My Hero

Who's Your Hero? Headliners members from Toffee Park Adventure Playground in London make a film about their heroes.

21 May 2006



MySpace

Viola reckons that a site like MySpace is exactly what we need to get people interested in music again. 15 June 2006



New Season New Kit

David Gordon discusses the reasons Football clubs change their kits so often. 1 September 2006



No big deal

Dave looks at why people become addicted to seemingly pointless television shows. 11 December 2006



No laughing matter

This week David McReynolds feels the time has come for social networking sites to clean up their webspace. 6 November 2006



No Sex Please we're Teenagers

Who is to blame for making sex seem acceptable without making people aware of the consequences? 1 April 2006



Not Very Sporty, Is It?

Using celebrities in sports programmes is not going to motivate us to get exercising says Tara Brown. 18 September 2006



Nuclear: fuel for the future or blast from the past?

The issue of nuclear power has been widely covered in the media recently but what's all the fuss about? 1 May 2006



Olympic Dreams

James Michael says that we've got to do more if we want the 2012 Olympics to really make a difference. 28 July 2006



On Air with Barney!

In the middle of the summer holidays, Layla, Harley and Frankie went along to the BBC studio to appear with CBBC presenter Barney on Radio 4's Go4it programme.

1 October 2006



On Yer Bike!

According to the Government, the days of the daily school run in the car are numbered. For young people all over the UK, it's time to take to our bikes. Cycling is considered a healthy activity for young people. But have we considered all the factors involved? How easy is it for young people to swap four wheels for two? Lathaniel Dyer, 16, investigates...

November 2006



O'Neill - Irish blood, English heart?

Martin O'Neill might be one of the contenders for the new England football manager job but does he have the heart for it?

1 March 2006



Only two to tango at the top of the league

With Arsenal and Liverpool lagging far behind in the Premiership table I think its time that people (including me) finally accepted that Manchester United and Chelsea are the best two sides in the league. 27

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Pay to see it live, or stay at home?

Some England fans have paid up to and over 500 to watch their team in action this week, but would it have been easier and less expensive to watch it from home?

19 May 2006



Pimp and ho chic

What effect is this new pimp and booty culture having on young women of today? 1 March 2006



Plastic surgery - the fake debate

Plastic surgery started out as extreme "beauty" treatments for A-List celebs only, but now it's getting closer and closer to home. Chisom Edomobi puts her stake in the fake debate. 4

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Positive Lives - Concern Worldwide Exhibition

Concern's Positive Lives photography exhibition documents the lives of people with HIV and Aids 3 February 2006



Positive press

71% of news about young people is negative. Children's Express journalists investigate. Samantha and Samir report on why and what can be done about it. 23

January 2006



Pukka! Agincourt House hit Fifteen restaurant

Members of the Agincourt House Project Subway group recently went to Jamie Oliver's Fifteen restaurant to find out about the place and the people who work there. 21

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Reality rubbish

This week Chinwe Izamoje tells you exactly what he thinks of reality TV and why it is poisoning the minds of the British public. 1

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Record companies fight back in download war

Aoife White discusses new developments in the battle to tackle illegal music download sites. 16 October 2006



Rise and Shine

Not got enough money to go to an expensive festival? Antonio and Jason discover some alternatives which are a lot cheaper.

24 July 2006



Rural Lifeline

When it comes to entertaining yourself while living in a rural area what can one do to pass the time? Conor O'Kane has faced and overcome this dilemma.

18 September 2006



Sale of the century

Ben Ritchie considers the increasing phenomenon of big business buy-outs of English Premiership clubs, and thinks their motives may be questionable. 4

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'School just isn't fun any more'

Siobahn Slowey says endless testing at school, and anti-social behaviour, are making life unhappy for today's teenagers. 19

September 2006



Seen, killed and unheard

Young people were victims of the violence in Lebanon and Israel. Two of our reporters talked with some of those affected by the recent fighting. 1

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Sir Clive's New Challenge

The British Olympic Association's decision to appoint Sir Clive Woodward as the Director of Elite Performance is a surprisingly bold step. Just take a look at his recent CV.

6 September 2006



Sitting comfortably at home?

Are football matches still being spoilt by a minority of vandals? 1 May 2006



Snorting your way to victory

Has the career and image of Kate Moss suffered after her recent cocaine scandal? 1 March 2006



So much for sportsmanship

Despite all the sunshine reporter Gavin Leung reflects on what has been a dark week for the world of sport. 14 August

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Spreading the word of youth volunteering

Six young people, all active volunteers in their local communities, took part in Rhubarb and Custard, a three-day media training course in August 2006 organised by Youth Action Network. 3

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Stereotypes?

the media regularly stereotype young people in a negative way but don't highlight the positive 1 February 2006



Stop the abuse

This week I look at the problems associated with the continual verbal assaults on sportsmen and women, particularly on those who ply their trade in the English footballs Premier League. 20

November 2006



Story Mountain Video

Members of Children's Express in Newcastle created a video to explain the Story Mountain to other young people. 1 February 2006



Stress explained

Preparing for summer exams can be very stressful, but where is the strain coming from? 1 April 2006



Swedish Play that was more than just Rubbish

12-year-old Odaka Olugu thinks a play for children dealing with mental illness makes him think about the lives of others. 11

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Teen Depression

One in twenty people will become clinically depressed between the ages of 15 and 18. We look at some of the reasons why, and what can be done to solve the problem. 31

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Teen Media Mind Meltdown

How often do we see celebrities grace the covers of newspapers and magazines for something good? 1 March 2006



Teens will be teens

The image of teenagers throughout the years has undergone many changes but is this fair? 1 April 2006



The Ad Generation

Do celebrities help promote the product when they appear in the TV commercials? Annabel McLeod isn't entirely sure. 8

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The Beeb in the Headlines

Do David Cameron's views on the Westwood Rap show hold any weight? Annabel McLeod certainly thinks there are other more important issues.

14 June 2006



The Brit Awards 2006

The Brit Awards can be predictable and unchallenging but it can be fun to watch 1 February 2006



The diary of a temporary vegetarian

Trying to be a vegetarian for a week - how easy is it? 1 April 2006



The evolution of women and soul

Has the soul gone out of pop music? No, says Odaka Ologu, 13, soul music is on fire, and it is women who are setting it alight.

27 November 2006



The Final Curtain for Agassi

James Michael looks back at the career of one of the best-loved tennis stars of recent times, ahead of his retirement in a fortnight. 23 August 2006



The Fourth Estate is in Decline

This week Ben Ritchie from Childrens Express in Belfast discusses what he thinks is a problem in current reporting practices. Ben isn't happy about the apparent spin and agendas in the editorial departments of news organisations. 13

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The Irish Are Here Too

One of the best speakers at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto was the human rights campaigner and former President of the Republic of Ireland Mrs Mary Robinson. 14

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The Keys To The Kingdom Were All Mine

Lyra McKee, 16, was sceptical about celebrities attending an AIDS conference, until she realised some of them could make a difference. 10

June 2006



The problem with Peaches

Is Peaches Honeyblossom Geldof the voice of young people today? 1 March 2006



The problems with previews

Have you ever been to watch a movie after looking at the trailers and discovered it was not as good as the previews promised? 1 March 2006



The Ribbon is Red

As part of the Global Eye project, three young people from our Foyle newsroom spent a week making a video about HIV and AIDS.

7 December 2006



The 'Time to Deliver' has Finally Arrived

Three young reporters from Headliners reported from the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Here they give their first impressions.

9 August 2006



The Truth about Chavs

The media seems to be all for chav-bashing, but at the same time they seem to talking them up. Annabel McLeod doesn't like what she sees.

30 June 2006



The want it now generation

The mobile phone has truly been pimped but how far will the pimping of new media go? 1 May 2006



Think twice before you stereotype

Can young people accept difference in today's Northern Ireland? 1 March 2006



This is Huge!

The sheer scale of the International AIDS Conference in Toronto had to be seen to be believed. Thousands of delegates and journalists were in attendance.

August 2006



Ticket madness

Seeing your favorite artist live might cost you more than you think 1 May 2006



Ticket Terror

We're all being encouraged to go and see live music, but how can we when they charge so much for the tickets?

15 May 2006



Tied to the Telly

Emma Arbuckle feels young children need to discover the great outdoors. 11 September 2006



Time to give referee abuse the red card!

Football referees have a hard job so is it time to cut them some slack? 1 May 2006



Top of the Pops

James Michael says the BBC was right to drop Top of the Pops, but it shouldn't be forgotten for what it was. 16 August

2006



Ugly Football

Why does England always seem to miss out when it comes to getting anywhere at football? Is it just bad luck or is there really something wrong with the way we play the beautiful game? Fayyaz Muneer, 17, thinks we're not such beautiful players

30 October 2006



Underage and over the limit!

Are young people under increasing pressure to start drinking alcohol when they are underage? 1 April 2006



Walking a Thin Line

This Nicole Doherty hasn't been sucked in by the new size-zero clothing lines. 13 November 2006



Weblogs - the changing face or a waste of webspace?

Are weblogs just vanity publishing or an opportunity to share ideas and opinions? 1 February 2006



What happened to the good old fashioned children's TV presenter?

Has children's Saturday morning television gone downhill in recent years? 1 March 2006



What makes children and young people happy?

Recent surveys say that some young people have considered suicide, but what makes them happy? 1 February 2006



Where are the Kids?

Thousands of people are in attendance at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto but not many of them are children and young people. Why should this be the case?

12 August 2006



Why does the media pick on young people?

The media needs to carry more positive stories about young people says 12-year-old Nyasha McLean. 26 May 2006



Women in sport - the struggle for equality

This week Nicole Lynch is demanding a better deal for women who participate in professional sports. 5 June 2006



Would you call yourself a thief?

Downloading music is definitely the future; but is it going to ruin the music industry in the way some people are predicting? 24 July 2006

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XVI International Aids Conference

Three Headliners members, Lyra McKee, Ciaran McFarlane from Belfast and Emmet Barr from Derry, travelled to the International AIDS Conference 2006 in Toronto, Canada as guests of Save the Children.

18 August 2006



You reap what you sow

This week, Sonya Gorman and Hayley Andrews hold court on the controversy surrounding the adoption of a 6 Malawian baby by pop superstar Madonna and her film director husband Guy Ritchie.

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