

HEADLINERS

2009



[A problem shared](#)

Depression runs deeper in young people than we know say experts in the field



[A Questionable Victory](#)

Kaamil Ahmed, 18, explores the positive and negative consequences of BNP leader Nick Griffin's poor performance on Question Time.



[Asperger's And Me](#)

A Belfast teenager goes on a journey to find what support is out there for young people with autism.



[Balls In Our Court](#)

EXCLUSIVE:

Cabinet Ministers Ed Balls and Jack Straw met with young people at the Youth Justice Board Conference in North Yorkshire. Headliners reporters went to find out what changes they were planning to make to the Youth Justice System, and made this exclusive report.



[Barriers 2 Employment](#)

Wanting to change how the world often sees them, Headliners worked with a group of care leavers about the barriers they face in trying to find employment and in wider society.



[Be Aware and Defeat Depression](#)

Raising awareness of depression among young people



[Be inspired by Beth](#)

Markus laments the lack of inspirational stories about young people in the news



[Bebo brain drain](#)

Conor (17) delves into the darkside of Beboland



[Block the Rock](#)

What constitutes an art gallery? Bricks and mortar or a patch of grass? Our Headliners reporter has his say on the matter.



[Blue is the best ever!](#)

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[Blunt Reality](#)

Knife crime, you can't get away from it. It has been around for decades, from the mods and the rockers in the 1960's to the streets of London today. If you are a young person in the capital the likelihood is that you'll know someone who is carrying a knife. Headliners reporters ask why so many are rolling with a shank?



[Buggin' Out](#)

Headliners journalists prick up their ears and investigate the Mosquito. Find out what young people, shopkeepers and the Children's Commissioner of England have to say about the controversial device.



[Certified](#)

Chinwe Izamoje, 17, investigates the current film classification system in the U.K. to see if it is still pertinent in light of the recent controversy surrounding the films Bruno and Antichrist.



[Change in the media: good or bad?](#)

On Saturday 28th February 2009, The Rich Mix Cultural Foundation in East London played host to the 6 Billion Ways event. This was a day where the arts met ideas, discussion and action to explore the causes and find solutions to global crises. Kaamil Ahmed, 18, spoke to people at the event to get their opinion on the changing role of the media.



[Class of 2009](#)

Headliners would like to congratulate a recent group of graduates from the London Bureau. The following young people have recently turned 20 and are now at various universities up and down the country pursuing different degrees in the humanities. With one young person even going on to be a rising star at The Voice newspaper. We are obviously very proud of all the graduates of 2009.



[Climate of Fear](#)

Climate Camp protester Alex Kinnane made national news when footage emerged of him being hit by police at the G20 protests in April. Here he talks to Headliners about the violence and intimidation he witnessed at the demonstration.



Coming to Terms with Culture

In an attempt to define 'culture', a Headliners reporter takes to the streets of Belfast to seek answers on questions of shared cultural space.



Community Music

Headliners members attended the Annual Leeds Reggae Concert in August 2008. The reporters soaked up the vibe at the free community event, which is Europe's biggest black music festival, and interviewed organisers, traders and young performers. With the theme of anti gun and knife crime, the reporters discovered the concert's powerful effect on the local community.



Crime on Graffiti

Graffiti – originally a noun to describe 'scratching onto a property,' has attracted the attention of both the police and art dealers. It has been used to mark territory, express political opinions and create pieces of art.

From Basquiat to Banksy, this controversial artform has resulted in much public debate. Is graffiti art or crime? Should it be legalised or should we protect our blank urban canvas?



Dempsey On Ice

Young ice-skater Dempsey Andrews won't stop until she gets to the top. Headliners finds out what it takes to be one of the best young ice-skaters in the UK.



DLA The Subjective Decision

Headliners reporters interview Disability Living Allowance representative, Colin Smith on why there is so much variance in the benefit system and what we need to do in order to claim successfully.



Do It Safe

Is peer pressure the reason young people are having sex? Would you ask your mum for free contraception? Do young people learn about sex from porn? Six reporters from Headliners went to find out.



Do you get where I'm coming from?

Ahmad Ahmadi, 18, reports on what it's like growing up in a country at war



Do young people get the council



Don't they know? It's not the end of the world...

With the global recession getting constant coverage in the news, Headliners reporters investigate it's impact on young people.



Drug Pressures in Alum Rock

Young reporters from Alum Rock, Birmingham, investigate the pressures placed on their peers to take drugs.



Emily Benn Profile

Most young people dream of becoming footballers, singers or even models, but for Emily Benn, at the mere age of 19, she has already made her name in British politics. Should she be elected at the next general election she will become the youngest Member of Parliament since the parliamentary Reform Act of 1832. Despite her busy double-life as a politician and an Oxford University undergraduate, she took the time to reveal all to Headliners.



Exploring Racism



Face It Don't Chase It

School is back and so are the bullies. It'd be nice to say that hundreds of young people are not affected by bullying but unfortunately that is not the case. Headliners reporters talk to the bullies and the young people trying to stop it.



Face YOUR prejudices

Headliners hear from two men who were involved in 'The Troubles'



Footballers with KICKZ

Headliners reporters find out what the KICKZ project is doing to help young people and interview Lee Carsley on the responsibility of being a good role model and his alternative career paths.



Free Kicks

Young people are always being told to do something positive with their lives. However, finding funding for those things can be a problem. Headliners reporters from Arsenal Positive Futures investigate just how difficult it is for young people to find and apply for funding.



From the East End to Eurovision and Beyond

After representing Britain at Eurovision Jade Ewen still has that down to earth quality about her. Headliners spoke with the new Sugababe about her solo single, My Man, and all the gossip behind the scenes.



Get the picture



Growing Mad

Young people produce peer media kit to help deal with teenage life.



Growing Up In Care

Do you ever wish you could get rid of your parents? Don't they really annoy you sometimes? Well, I don't really blame anyone who thinks that way. But imagine if you had to grow up without your parents. Would you be or have been able to handle it? Hamida Begum, 14, interviewed a couple of care leavers to find out more about life in foster homes.



Headliners care

Grace gives young carers the acknowledgement they deserve



Held Back or Moving Forward?

In September 2008 the school leaving age in England and Wales was raised to 17. Will this help improve young people's education or does it just hold them back from making their own choices? Headliners speak to young people affected by the new laws and question Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP about the thinking behind the changes.



HIV Campaign Steps Out On The Dance Floor

Headliners reporters talk to Dance4Life about its fight to push back HIV and AIDS and on lowering the age of sex education in schools.



Homophobia whats that

Headliners volunteers bring sexual identity out of the shadows



I.D. Diversity in Modern London

Headliners reporters watched four films as part of a project exploring different cultures in London.



Is Thin Beautiful?

Media coverage of underweight models, teen diet fads and size zero celebrities leaves a bad taste in the mouth of Headliners reporter, Laura Lee, 16, from Belfast.



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2010

Headliners attend the launch of the world's largest youth speaking event and talk to the finalists from last year's competition.



Journalism in the dock

Young people put the media on trial in the court of young people's opinion.



Keep It Simple

Headliners reporters in Leeds examine what sexual health information is available to young people with learning disabilities.



Leaving it too late

New laws are coming into place that will see the school leaving age raised to 18. Charlotte Gray, 15, looks at why the Government are doing this and speaks to other young people to get their views on the changes.



Lend Your Voice Craigavon

Teens talk hip hop and why Mario is still super in their latest newsletter.



Lend Your Voice Lisanelly

Young people set the record straight on what's the attraction with Disney and greyhound racing.



Letters to America

Climate change, world hunger and poverty were some of the issues Belfast members addressed in their letters to US president, Barack Obama.



Lights, Camera, Action...What Else? But Summer Uni

While many young people were stuck at home this summer some young people put their investigate hats on and discovered what type of activities the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea had to offer them.



Living with depression - a casestudy

An 18-year-old shares her story



Local Band Makes Good

Headliners reporters find out how a local festival in South Leeds is helping develop the potential of its young musicians.



Muslims Are Open

In March 2009 the Young Muslim Advisory Group (YMAG) hosted a multi faith conference in Leeds to give young people the opportunity to offer their views and opinions to decision makers.

Headliners reporters from Bradford went to investigate.



PM says "Just do it!"

Annie Pickering and Aakash Bharania are covering the historic United Nations Framework Climate Change Convention in Copenhagen after winning a competition run by PLAN UK, which helps children in the poorest countries of the world.



Positive Action!

Headliners reporter Jelisha Barracks joined the Student Stop AIDS Campaign at the Department for International Development (DFID). The campaign aims to bring young people who are affected by HIV and AIDS to the UK to take part in speaking tours in schools, universities and parliament to raise awareness about the disease.



Premiere Talent

Young filmmakers from West Leeds premiere their short movies at the Hyde Park Picture House. Headliners reporters from Bradford went to check it out.



Primary Colours

Pupils at Holy Family Primary School, Belfast talk about diversity and why they are 'citizen's of the world'.



Public Image Ltd.

Fat, thin, stacked and packed. Does body image still have a hold on young people and old? Headliners reporters investigate.



Richard Shoyemi Profile

Richard Shoyemi never thought to pursue a career in fashion and never did it cross his mind that he would one day become one of the youngest "semi-established" fashion stylists of his generation at the age of 20. Making him not only what he is today but a role model to follow in the future.



Rock Off!!

Art in public spaces versus free open grassland for sport. Headliners reporters investigate the issue.



Simply Academic?

Headliners reporters in South Leeds investigate whether the plans to turn their school into a City Academy will benefit the pupils, or further disrupt their education.



Skaters Have Their Say

Headliners reporters from Kings Heath compare skate parks in Birmingham and ask what improvements could be done to their own by interviewing the architect who designed it and the councillor who funded it.



Slang Art Movement



Speaking out about coming out

Mr Gay Northern Ireland talks to Headliners



Stand Up Speak Out

Bullying - It's something that touches all of our lives. Headliners reporters investigates its impact on young peoples lives.



Steer clear of crime

Headliners urge young drivers to act responsibly



Stop AIDS discrimination

Young people from New Cross Gate, South East London, were invited to interview speakers who were on a tour to highlight the need to stop discrimination of those with HIV and AIDS.



Subtitles in Cinemas

Deaf audiences seem to get an unfair deal when it comes to having equal access to entertainment such as cinemas and stage performances, but whose fault is it and what can we do to puts things right?



Taking note

Annabelle Kraly, 12, considers the hard work that musicians put into getting their work noticed.



Teenagers have their say on radio

Young people discuss the Troubles after recent murders by dissident republicans.



Testing Times

Headliners member Aaron offers an alternative method of exam revision.



Thamesmead Estate of Mind

In 1968 the first residents moved into Thamesmead estate. 40 years on, Headliners reporters find out what life is like for the young people who live there today.



The Date

A film by Headliners that promotes the benefits of greater understanding between hearing and deaf communities.



The Spirit Of Carnival

In the build up to the 2009 Leeds Carnival, Headliners reporters meet the team who bring the oldest West Indian Carnival in Europe to life.




The Tragedy of Youth Gangs in London

Headliners reporter Clio Russell-Bryant interviews a young person from West London about his past experiences in a gang to find out what it's like from a first-hand perspective.



Training the Teachers - Deaf Awareness in Schools

Young Deaf students face problems when interpreters don't turn up to classrooms. We investigate the possibility of including Deaf Awareness and

 British Sign Language in teaching courses.

Underage Drinking Debate

Underage drinking is one of the problematic issues constantly associated with adolescence. Eshe Nelson, 17, speaks to her peers and gives their perspective on the debate as well as her own.

Using the Media

The media's influence on forming and reflecting public opinion has been well documented. But we wanted to find out how decision makers use the media to access voters and communicate their messages.

Views of the Future

Members of the UK Youth Parliament could be the country's future leaders. Who does the youth parliament attract and how far are young people from diverse ethnic backgrounds represented? Ghazale Alimohammadiha, 18, reports.

What young people in Hackney need

What's Going On In There?

When a new building appears at the Islington School, Hugh Myddelton Primary, six Headliners reporters are called in to investigate. This is what they found.

What's Going On In There?

When a new building appears in an Islington school, Headliners reporters want to know just what is going on in there?

When's old enough to drink?

At the age of 16 you can join the army and kill another person or have sex and get married if you choose to. Yet you can't have an alcoholic drink. Is this right? Eshe Nelson, 17, puts this question to her peers.

Who's Judging Who?

From goths and emos to chavs and hoodies, Headliners finds out about the way young people and adults stereotype each other based on what they wear. Can fashion styles be intimidating? What pressures are there to keep up and look good?

Young people storm the Assembly

Headliners members Holly Foskett, 16, and 15 year old Aaron Crossey have produced a film for the BBC's Learning Zone that will be used to explain the Northern Ireland political system to secondary school pupils in England.

Young sailors are ship shape

Headliners reporters are shown the ropes by young seafarers and festival volunteers.

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