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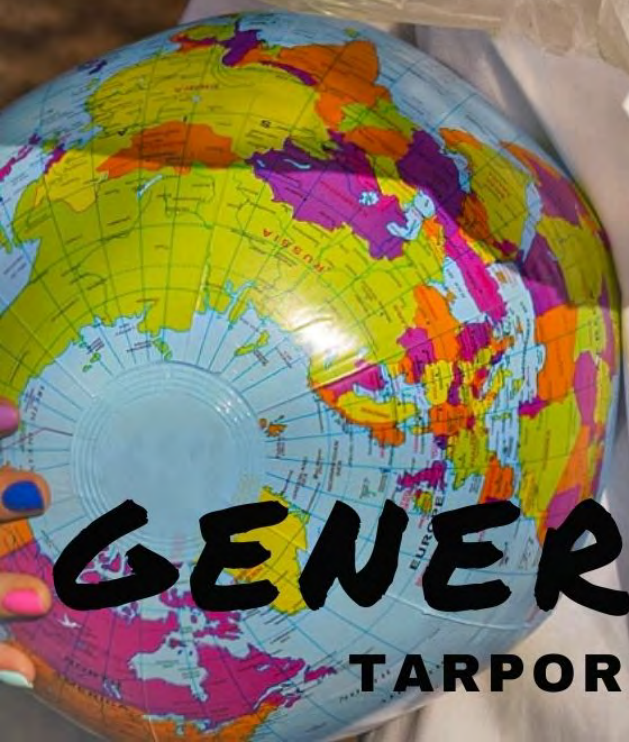
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NOTE

In my application to become the eighth Editor of TERM I stated that "TERM is more than just a school magazine". Producing the "Generation Us" issue has further consolidated this statement to reality. I have seen creative and ambitious individuals do what they do best; create. I believe it's finally time for young people's voices to be heard in a society which dismisses us regularly. Generation Z has gone through so much already in our short span of life: war, a global pandemic and the threat of single use plastics and carbon omissions suffocating our planet hangs above us constantly.

Still, we as young creatives thrive and bounce back no matter what is thrown at us. I believe we are the change needed to restore order, although us at TERM feel like we are a small part of the change needed to make a difference. Our articles, photography and art are all representing views from our generation, from shining light on a topic to telling a personal story, each piece reflects diverse opinions from across our team.

"ITS FINALLY TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES TO BE HEARD"

Being passed down the role of Editor by an amazing group of students felt very daunting, especially in the time of political and societal uncertainty, however, TERM became mine and the team's outlet to get our thoughts down and provided us with a diverse and accepting environment to do so.

As a young queer person myself, I was fed up of seeing the same type of representation and views in the media and with this issue I wanted to highlight real inspiring young students who are creating thought-provoking pieces in the ever fluctuating society we reside in.

Finally, I would just like to say one big thank you to all of the TERM team and contributors for putting up with nagging requests for work and deadlines and for helping me create something purely beautiful!

We are the change the future needs.

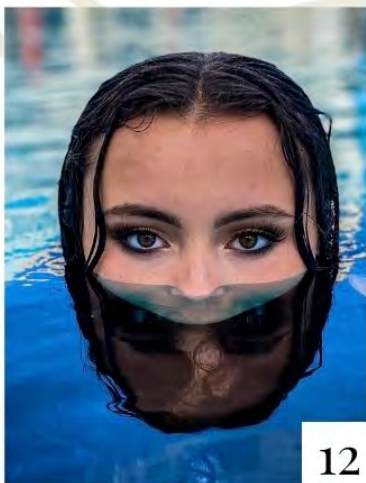


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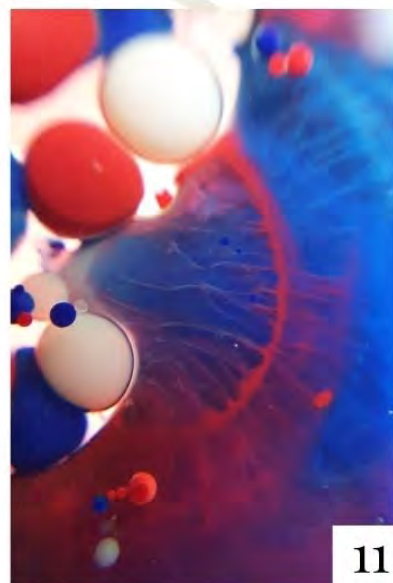
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"Glastonbury: The Festival through the eyes of the bin"

By Ellinor Linsdell

Clonk, cling. It's that time of year again. It's all beginning and it's going to be the best one yet. The farm starts to bustle and the bins start to move. A forgotten part of Glastonbury that starts right from the beginning. The bins are at the heart of Glastonbury's aim to be eco friendly, as they are recycled 45-gallon drums. That in a previous life held mostly fruit juice concentrate and now provide the receptacles for food waste, cans and all other waste, with each type of content being defined by a clearly labelled plastic top held in place with an elastic bungee. During the winter months, these bins spend their lives piled up in an almost pyramid-like, long stack, up at the top of the site patiently waiting for the (hopefully glorious) summer months to come back around, so that they can once again find purpose in their rubbish lives.

They are unstacked, they are cleaned, they are painted and they are moved.

The bins are taken down from their piles, they are inspected and judged to perfection, but for those bins which don't survive the winter and get bent out of shape or grow rusty edges, they will be reincarnated into a different life after the short trip to the scrap yard right on the site. They are cleaned from last years antics and made all fresh, which gives a pop of colour to the festival itself. Just awaiting the next few steps and approaching the painting. Bin painting has been a part of Glastonbury since the mid - 80s, originally Glastonbury founder Michael Eavis noticed the few painted and decorated bins and decided to have them across the whole site. Believe it or not, Glastonbury's bins have even made it into America's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as well as into the Glastonbury archive in the Victoria and Albert Museum. Roughly 14,000 bins are painted or repainted every year, with two groups of bin painters in charge of painting them all. Even just the painting of the bins highlights how unique Glastonbury really is. The painting stage is calm and tranquil, and takes quite some time with quite a lot of painters. The painters add something new each year. From Kanye West's face to crazy cows, the bins are painted with all sorts of patterns and colours, which only makes the festival more unique and special. It's looking good, and the excitement is building. The date is getting closer so the bins are moved around the site and find their final resting place.

Its May and the countdown is starting. We're rather envious of the bins and how much they see, they are the hidden part of the festival but play a vital role. The prime spots are taken sat on mount music, over looking the Pyramid stage. The stages are nearly all up, the 'ribbon tower' is standing tall and the toilets are being placed around the site. Arguably the most important field in the whole festival, the 'kidz field's' convoy has arrived and the famous big red bus is on the farm. The big pink princess castle in the 'kidz field' is cleared up and re-painted, ready for the little festival-goers. The catering vans are assembled and the aroma of various cuisines has begun to linger.

It's Monday the 20th of June, all those lucky people who get their tickets free just for sorting the bins and serving the paying punters have arrived. The final gathering of the recycling team commences, with hygiene and high-vis (because working with the bins can be dangerous - at Glastonbury you'll never know what you find). It's all beginning and it's nearly Wednesday. Wednesday 8am has arrived and possibly one of the best parts of the festival, the punters are arriving. It might be wrong and it might be mean but its hard not to giggle at those newbies. The bins have been sorted, lids are on, and the festival is peppered with colourful bin cans.



On the 10th of April 2022 many LGB individuals and annoyed Trans people stormed to 10 Downing Street to rebut the bill that the government passed to keep conversion therapy for Transgender individuals in the UK. The hashtag stand #WithTheT was trending on Twitter and hundreds protested outside Boris Johnson's humble abode for hours, with no response from either parliament or Boris himself over the last couple of days I can assume his stance stays the same... Trans rights in England are Utterly Abhorrent.

However, he was quick to thank the LGB members for their "hard work" many months ago for helping in many fundraisers and awareness topics regarding the community. This tells you everything you need to know about Trans rights in the UK at the moment...

For a quick recap for many who don't know of the horrors of where Trans youth are being sent to; conversion therapy is the poor treatment by health and social care services, including by staff who believe that sexual orientation or gender identity is something that can be 'cured'. Any form of treatment or psychotherapy which aims to change a person's sexual orientation or to suppress a person's gender identity is unethical and harmful. Never mind the lifelong trauma this can inflict on the person.

Even though Boris has been very happy to write numerous offensive articles about the very same people who he is thanking. He once called gay men "BumBoys" in a telegraph column in 1998. Make the UK make sense! How can we elect a Prime Minister who can't respect basic human rights and has said multiple sexist, racist and misogynistic comments with little to no apology? This same man is now targeting trans individuals to the psychological torture of conversion therapy which emotionally manipulates people to believe who they are is wrong. So, Boris Johnson, I ask you this, what would happen if one of your children was in the position of many of these Trans youth shipped off by their parents to become "normal", would you be happy? Scared for your child's health? All we can ask for is loving parents who can take care of us and except us unconditionally, I'm sure Boris feels the same way too about his own children, why is it different story for Trans youth?

Work with us, not against us. Smash the patriarchy, end gendered violence, stop anti LGBTQIA+ hate crimes and create a more equal society for everyone. Not just people who vote for a system which would rather see us change then be our authentic self. We are NOT the enemy. We won't stay silent until we have equality.

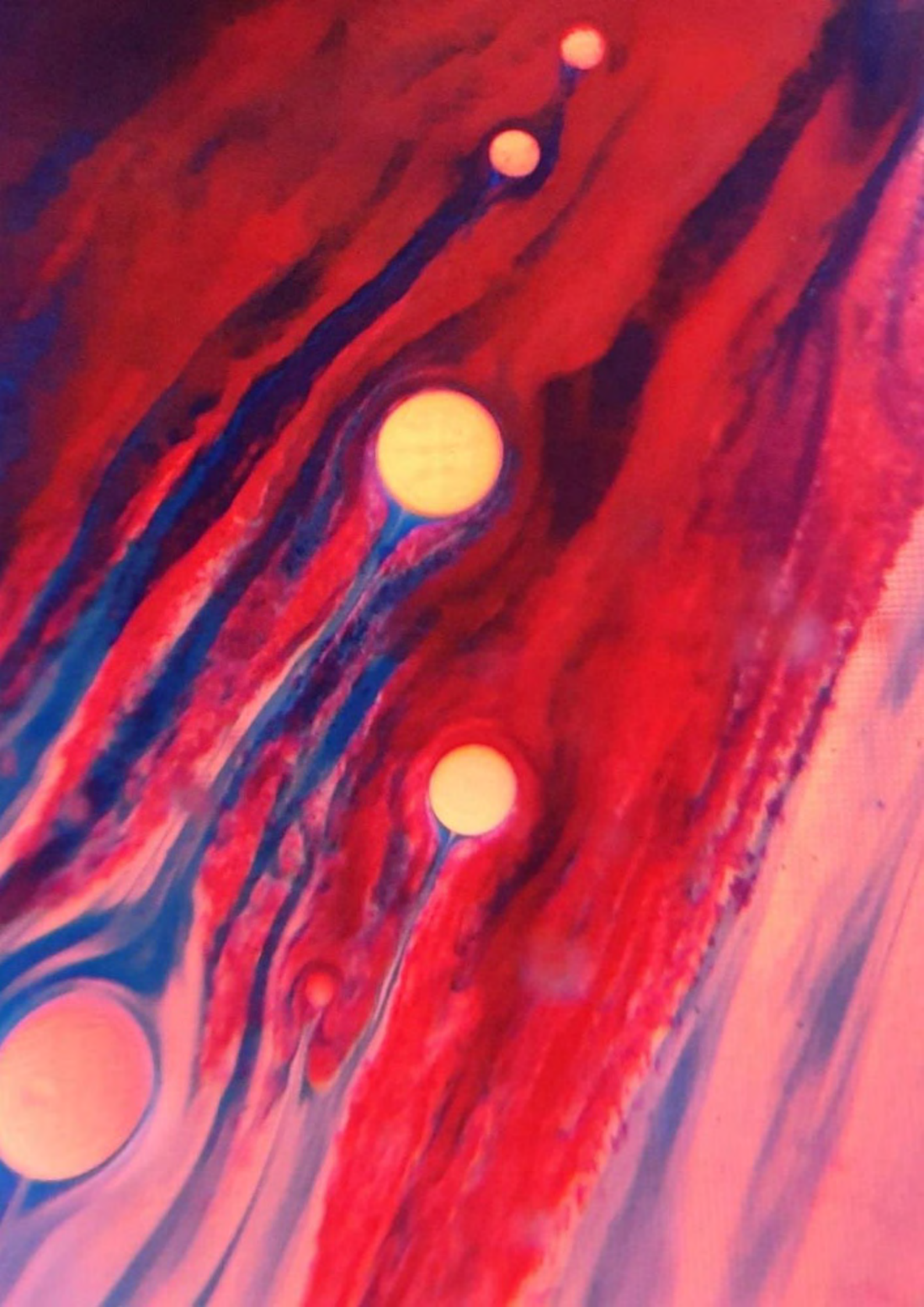
There is constantly lots of groups trying to gang up against Trans, Non-Binary & Queer people, while the real enemy to their rights, freedom and safety is the right-wingers that endorse these groups. We have been fighting for the freedom to be able to live normally in society since 1969 when the first brick was thrown at stonewall by drag queens and Trans people and the fight for equality hasn't stopped since. Although in the 21st century we don't have to physically fight oppressors, we have to justify every action and explain ourselves to the deniers and tyrants that we EXIST in society and will thrive no matter what you throw at us. The UK government has chosen its stance on us; where do you stand on the line for equality?

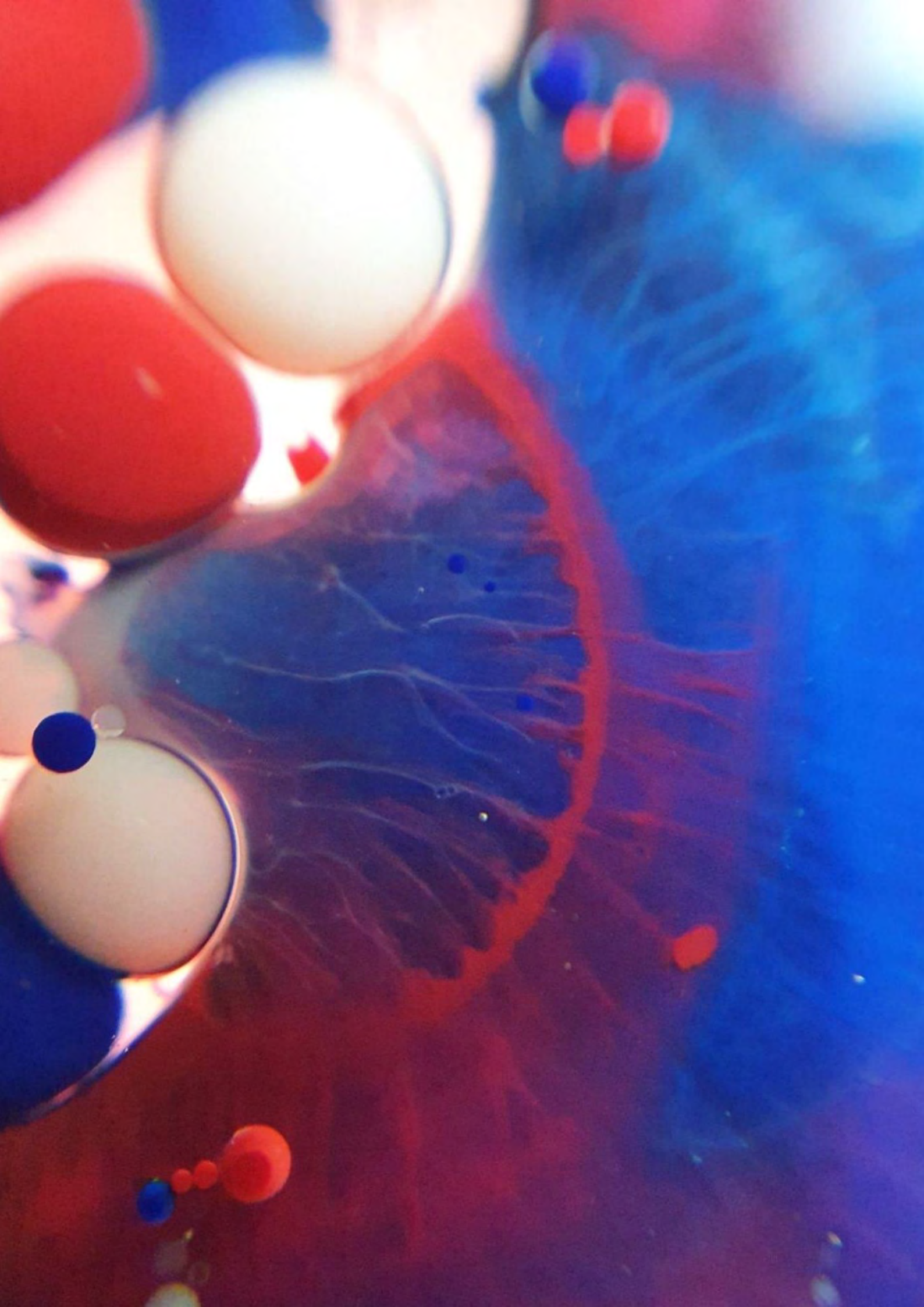
No one should be told their identity is something that can be cured.

Trans Rights In England; "Utterly Abhorrent"

By Sam Heaton







"Travel, Such Stuff Dreams Are Made On"

By Fliss Stockton

Teens, lend me your ears. It's time to talk about travel. Travel is a panacea for our mundane and monotonous lifestyles. It is a truth universally acknowledged that travel offers an escape from reality, a break from the never-ending hamster-wheel, a rest from the constant facade. I know what you're thinking - surely no one would deny the chance to voyage our wondrous world? But some guilty culprits need convincing, so here goes...

It's about that time of year 13 - time to start thinking about the future. What on earth should I do? University? An apprenticeship? Gap year? Book a getaway. That's what time it is. Time to book that exclusive road trip across the states; or that long-awaited language course in Barcelona; or that once-in-a-lifetime volunteering expedition in Peru. It's time for a well-deserved break from education. Because, if not now, when? We need to begin to treasure the plethora of cultures and locations at our fingertips. And don't choose to go globetrotting to satisfy your futile followers with some superficial snapshots of your 'so-called' paradise. Do it for you and only you.

To Rome or to Japan? That is the question. The possibilities are endless: from flying over the Grand Canyon to exploring the Ancient Pyramids of Egypt, the world really is your oyster. Who would have thought it would take a global pandemic and two years of salient restrictions for us to appreciate travel's marvellous and multifaceted nature? Well... not me! But normality is cautiously crawling back into society carrying with it a myriad of opportunities to help ameliorate our universal nadir.

Truthfully, the course of family holidays never did run smooth. Or booze-filled stag do's. Or romantic weekends away. But the trials and tribulations of our odysseys are what makes them the best of times (and occasionally the worst of times). The thought of wasting the opportunity of a sojourn in Paris to cherish modern art or rejecting the chance of gallivanting through the depths of the Sumatran rainforest, bewilders me. However, if you enjoy the exam-filled, stress-overdosed, mental health diminishing tendencies of life, well, please continue with your tiresome malarkey.

If not, keep turning the pages.

There's no more time to waste. Commence the peregrination of our globe, indulge in the wanderlust captivating our nation. When all the world's your destination, before you know it you're on first-name terms with the travel agent, never truly unpacking your bulging suitcase and puking up your ardent desire to explore yet another mesmerising location.

So, tell me now, are you going to be the guilty culprit who denies yourself this delight? Live a little (or a lot). Because as a generation, we have a choice; a choice between freedom and normality. A choice between normality and us. And it's about time we choose Us. Generation Us.





Life After Lockdown

"Getting life back on track"

By Jess Bradley

We are all aware of the 180 degree flip that the world did over the past 2 years; from the constant social distancing to the never-ending zoom calls, we all made drastic changes within our everyday day lives, but no one has really spoken about the importance of getting our lives back on track and adapting to new habits and new ways of living.

Remember when we got told to wear masks for the first time? Got told to wash our hands for at least 30 seconds? Got told to take a lateral flow test when we felt a cough coming? Well 2 years ago we would have questioned all these actions, and would have stopped for a second to think twice about them, however these measures have now become a way of living for most of us, and have become everyday habits in which we don't even bat an eyelid to when we do them. It's safe to say that one of the main impacts that Covid-19 has had on the world is the switch to the virtual world of work; it was to Zoom those users across the world turned to stay in touch during the lockdown effected to stop the spread of the virus. Yuan, the creator of zoom, stated in a blog post that over the course of May 2020, Zoom was seeing 200 million daily meeting participants. The following month, this figure had risen to 300 million. These figures just show the vast impact that this global conglomerate has had to so many companies across the globe in order to keep their businesses running during the pandemic. However, its not just Zoom that has been at the heart of work and staying in contact during the pandemic, companies like Microsoft Teams, Skype, FaceTime and so many more have been keeping many families in touch and keeping millions of people sane throughout the carnage of the past 2 years.

Coping with the 'new normal' of life has been a struggle for many of us, it's been a difficult period that everyone has had to adapt to. Humans are creatures of habit and when our habits are disturbed it can create anxiety and stress, therefore the importance of having a routine can help you feel grounded, comforted and secure when things in the world are feeling a little insecure. Everyone has a routine that they stick too, so when coming out of that routine it can be extremely difficult and stressful to adapt to it, so we all have all needed a way of finding our feet again after the hardest 2 years of our lives. One aspect of our everyday lives that has been affected juristically is our sleep cycle; our sleep cycle can change the way in which we approach every day and how productive we can be in a day, however due to Covid-19 and the hit of lockdown, this has created a massive setback for many across the globe as people are going outside a lot less so are exposed to significantly less sunlight than normal, therefore people are getting less sleep at night.

It feels weird to admit that something as simple as eating food outside our homes has become such an event for many people, but people who are struggling with anxiety, I guess it's hardly surprising after so long spent living under restrictions that people feel like that. In a weird way, the coronavirus restrictions have become a kind of comfort zone at a time when so much has been going on, it's been almost comforting to have those rules there when you are unsure with what is going on in the world. Anxiety has been one of the main struggles for people during the pandemic and it has been so hard for people to share how they are feeling as everyone has been so isolated for so long. Nevertheless as life is progressing, people are getting back into the swing of things and are finding new ways in which to speak out about their worries and they can finally get back to work again.





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that you might promise yourselves things that just don't work for you. The future thought of going for a run at 6am might feel like a very healthy thing to do, but it isn't realistic for a lot of people. If you are a person that prefers to exercise in the evening then plan it then and if you are a night owl, plan your work for when you feel your brain works best. Don't be afraid to adapt things to work for you. This kind of mindset shows the importance of having a healthy lifestyle in which you don't feel pressured to do anything you don't want to do, as you can be at risk of slipping into an unhealthy mindset and losing your routine.

An essential aspect to any person's life is having a healthy relationship with friends and loved ones, as this is the one escape we had during the pandemic. Remember the time in our lives that we would look forward to seeing friends in our 6-person maximum groups? Well, this is the kind of thing we take for granted. Nothing is getting back to the way they were. Most of us don't realise the amount of immense pressure that everyday life has on us and the number of obstacles that get thrown at us, when in actual fact the one thing that keeps us grounded and stress free is having that one day or one night a week spending time with loved ones or friends to even do the simplest things like; watching a film on Netflix or having a picnic in the park, or even just that one Zoom call every Saturday night in which we just relax and catch up with friends. The importance of keeping these habits is essential to keep a stress free and happy relationship with ourselves and also all the people around us.

A global catastrophe as big as coronavirus has not been seen for the past 100 years and so many of our lives have been disrupted, it has been extremely hard to pick ourselves up again and restart. So, although I have mentioned the word 'routine' almost 50 times, I am trying to get the message across about the importance of having a routine to stick to and to keep our mind and our bodies feeling secure throughout the pressures of everyday life. Finding that 'new normal' that everyone always talks about, really is the key to having a healthy mindset and a healthy relationship with ourselves.

One of the many ways in which people have been adapting to the new ways of life is keeping everything de-cluttered and organised. While you are planning your new routine, have a think about everything you need to do in the day, see what can be reduced or if something isn't that helpful don't include it. This is a good time to "de-clutter" and look at old patterns in your day that weren't helpful or productive. People have been thinking about any new hobbies that they have picked up throughout lockdown and have included them in their routines. What needs to be remembered throughout this whole process is that change is good and taking care of your routine is essential to having a healthy lifestyle. Another thing which I have seen a lot a lot of people doing is planning around what is best for you and your day. A common trap you might fall into when you plan a routine,

Drink Spiking Awareness: Think Before You Drink

By Lexy Inch

Reports of drink-spiking have trebled in the last three months, according to the Merseyside Police, which is a perturbing statistic. Drinks spiked with alcohol or drugs can make someone extremely vulnerable and at high risk. Did you know that spiking someone's drink could lead to a minimum of 10 years in prison? Not long enough if you ask me!

What is drink spiking?

A person's drink can be spiked for a number of reasons such as intent to steal belongs or assault. The different types of spiking substances can include alcohol, 'date rape' drugs, illegal drugs or prescription drugs (stimulants, tranquillisers, sedatives, opiates).

Spiking can happen in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Some drugs are often tasteless and have no visible chemical reaction when put in the drink. Some reactions take longer to appear whereas others can be noticed in as little as 15-30 minutes. So, it is important to recognise the signs and symptoms of spiking.

Symptoms of spiked drinks

Symptoms vary depending on the substance and the amount that has been put in the drink. Some drugs react more or can have worse effects depending on how much alcohol you have already consumed. Some of the symptoms include:

- Loss of balance
- Feeling sleepy
- Problems with vision
- Confusion
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Unconsciousness

How to protect yourself and lower the risk of drink-spiking?

As much as we all enjoy making new friends and giving advice in club bathrooms when out and about, please try to never leave your drink unattended or with someone you don't know. We never know a person's true intentions. Try and avoid drinking too much, know your limits when consuming alcohol. If you suspect you or someone else has been spiked, tell a bar manager or member of staff, keep talking to them, and call an ambulance if necessary. Please don't let yourself or others go home with someone you've only just met. Stick together with your friends, look after one another and keep an eye out for anything suspicious. Most importantly, stay safe and enjoy your night!

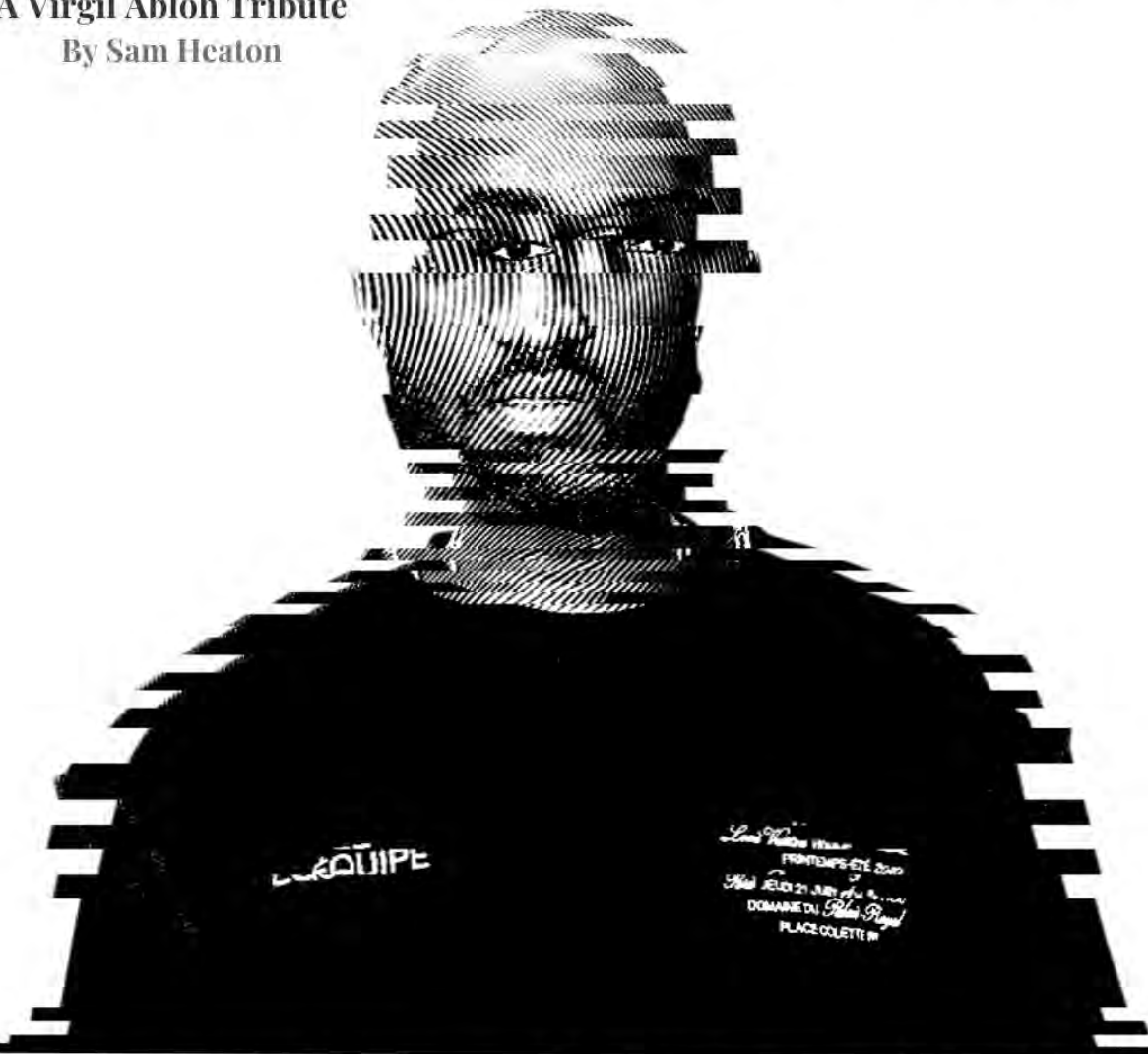




A HOLE MISSING IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY

A Virgil Abloh Tribute

By Sam Heaton



“For me, the only thing I truly am is a creative person. I have ideas across all categories, so in a way it's a matter of understanding and offering a suggestion to what the future could hold. Fashion is just one field of many that design can be applied to. My general premise is not about selling clothes.” - Virgil Abloh

On the 28th of November 2021 the fashion industry lost one of its most gifted and innovative individuals of the decade. Virgil Abloh. A two-year battle with cancer brought his very short 41 years of life to a devastating end and sent shockwaves throughout the fashion industry globally. It came as such a shock to many as his career in fashion was just getting started. Now we must share the legacy of the iconic Virgil Abloh. Many of his fans and collaborators showed their respects and admiration for Virgil and demonstrated how much he truly inspired everyone with his work.

Virgil broke down stereotypes of what a fashion designer had to be. He came from a small town in Illinois and felt the societal pressure to fail as a black youth. Unwillingly, he went on to study architecture at university to satisfy his parents, but his true passion for fashion remained. Once he started his brand Off-White in 2013, he skyrocketed into mainstream media even managing to become artistic director at Louis Vuitton (The first black male to do so, a major moment for the luxury fashion company). He merged streetwear with high fashion which helped bridge the gap between the streets of Brooklyn to the avenues of Paris and Milan. Two communities which were segregated due to wealth and social class now in harmony due to his designs.

He was dubbed the “Millennium Karl Lagerfeld” but he was more than this, to categorize him in someone else's shadow would not justify his talent for design. His streetwear influences and industrial inspirations created his distinct design that can be recognised undoubtedly. Though Virgil is no longer with us physically, his essence lives through his fashion still. In the most recent Off-White show (FW 2022) you can see his quintessence throughout the designs, illustrating that Virgil will truly live on forever.

Fashion will miss you. Young black creatives will miss you. We will all miss you.
Rest In Piece Virgil Abloh (1980-2021)







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"Social media, I need a break. I'm done."

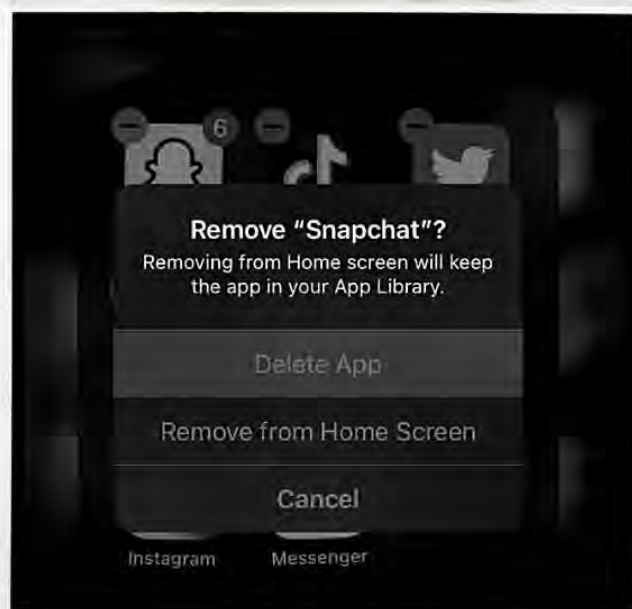
By Mia Venables

Social media, I need a break. I'm done. You seem to be taking over the whole world with your followers, likes, constant tweeting and I've had enough of it. 56.8% of the world is currently active on social media. Over half the world is stuck playing your little mind games. Constantly controlling us. I'm not doing it anymore.

When I was 11 years old I joined you. I was allowed to download my first social media platform: Instagram. At the time I thought it was astounding, I felt like an adult, like I was allowed some sort of freedom to begin to understand the outside world. Innocent little me thinking the world was my oyster just from downloading an app, but no. This was before I was sucked into the reality of you. This was when I thought the fact I had an insight to Zoella's life was the most important thing in my life. I bet you never thought about the long-term effects you would have on me did you? No.

As I moved onto high school, social media was even more opened up to me with the multiple other platforms you had waiting for me. The next heavy hitter; Snapchat. Everyone had the deadly Snapchat. The idea of Snapchat was exhilarating at the time, I really was grown up now, I really had entered your deadly world. Each download of more and more social media sites gave me more of an insight into what you are really like. I started to see a different side to you, the real side to you. The dark twisted side which made me hate every inch of me. Are my lips too small? Am I too tall? Am I good enough? All the things I once loved about myself, now shattered by unrealistic stereotypes portayed to me by a silly little emoticon on my screen.

The fact I now had no way of switching off from you. You lived in my brain like a constant headache. You had me enthralled with who was going to get the most likes, the most followers? It became toxic. The only way of communicating with people was social media. Nobody picks up the phone anymore to have a real life conversations, its all text messages and the latest tweets. High school was toxic enough without you, so adding you to the equation just made everyone's lives harder. The drama that had happened in the school playground would follow me home through my phone, made so much worse as behind the screen there is a different person to who you would see in school, and I'm done with it. Social media needs to be wiped from the planet.



Social media, you win. You really have taken over the world. No one can stay away from you. You're addictive and I abhor it. Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat have all taken over the youth in society and corrupted them into unimaginative, unqualified, uninteresting robots. Everyone is constantly sucked into your stupid little lies, your fake news. No one knows what's real and what's not anymore, the first thing people see on social media is instantly believed and its draining. You really have taken the realism out of life. Everything just seems so fake because of how people portray themselves online compared to real life, what people read compared to what's going on in real life. Its not normal! I miss the old you, how you used to make me feel. When social media was used for uploading your new favourite selfie with your best mate, not a constant battle of who gets the most likes or followers. Instagram likes does not account for people's popularity, but you seem to have become a part of people. When snapchat was used as a way of communicating with your friends, not just sending pictures of your ceiling or occasionally the corner of your eyebrow. Its boring and pointless and I've had enough.

Social media, you used to be fun. You raised me but your mind games have got to my head. You were great at times and I thank you for that and the lessons you have taught me but it's time to say goodbye. I need a break. I'm done.

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Climate change: The future is ours to change

By Meg Drinkall and Sam Heaton

Heat waves, droughts, cyclones, blizzards and rainstorms are becoming ever apparent in society due to a phrase we have heard become popular in modern day media: climate change. But what is climate change and why is it causing an anxiety pandemic in young people?

Climate change as a term was coined in 1975 by scholars in Columbia university, but was first recognized in the early 19th century when ice ages and other natural changes in paleo climate were first suspected; the natural greenhouse effect was identified. But why has it taken us decades to finally decide climate change is something to fear and take action on. To put it simply, many people are in denial about the inevitability of global warming, despite the scientific understanding we have behind it. Large numbers of people avoid, minimise, switch off, or distance themselves from effectively engaging with the problems.

Young people however, and Gen Z in particular are increasingly aware of the corruption of our planet. Nearly 60% of young people said they felt a certain amount of apprehension towards climate change, and more than 45% of those questioned said feelings about the climate affected their daily lives. Understandably, for young adults and adolescents, climate change is inescapably daunting. The destruction of our planet threatens our future, and is unavoidably personal. Being left such a burden of saving the planet has felt like an enormous pressure to our generation. As well as the pressure to make a change for the better, a change which must happen now if we want to see immediate effect for the future. Perhaps a daunting thought, but nevertheless a valid one: if we don't take action, the planet is likely to see global temperatures rise by 2-4 °C (3-7 °F) by the end of the century. The stakes are high, and young people in particular, may be faced with substandard and drastic global changes. Global changes that will effect generations to come.

The unsuspecting enemy creeping up on young people is "Climate Anxiety". We can't deny that we have felt this personally and many other young people have said the same too. 59% of young people globally had said they were "extremely worried" about their future due to the climate crisis. We have grown up with this distinctive feeling that we may see less greenery in our countryside and less birds in the sky.

It's said that our children and grandchildren may not get to see cities like Venice and New York which are projected to be submerged in water in 50 years time if serious change isn't enacted now. Wonders of the world completely gone and animals extinct in a matter of decades.

This isn't a warning. It's a reality. A reality which has been ignored and side-lined so the people in power can benefit from



destroying the planet. COP 22 Summit was a perfect example of the climate hypocrisy, a convey of cars emitting carbon dioxide followed many prime ministers and presidents where they sat and talked about ... well, about how to stop more serious damage to earth (Make it, Make sense!)

The Earth is what we all have in common and without endless amounts of money and fossils fuels, we can't leave it. If we want to see significant change, we need to turn to the big conglomerates which add up to 71% of overall global emissions. They need to change their methods to be more sustainable.

So... exactly what do we mean by this?

Our planet could go in one of two directions. 1) If we combat climate change, we will observe economic growth, cleaner air and a preservation of vital ecosystems to name a few. 2) On the other hand, we will see an increase in air pollution, extinction of animals and natural disasters. Arguably however, these disasters aren't so 'natural' and are rather the cause of human inhabitants.

Combatting Climate change: To begin with an undoubtful positive, here is what 2030 could look like if we win the war of climate change.

Traffic congestion will have almost halved, with people taking the preferred route of public transport. We will see a deflation in carbon emissions, as fossil fuels are cut, and other sustainable energy sources, including solar panels, are globally invested in. Brighter skies, a diverse array of wildlife and cities jewel-like in colour; elusive night skies, azure oceans and genuine seasons of



change, will all start to evolve. From the systematic regularity of wrapping up warm in the snow, to dressing in shorts during the summer season.

Single-use plastics are now a distant memory. You still grab a to-go coffee, but it comes in a reusable cup that you turn in at the next coffee shop to get your deposit back. This happened during your 15 minute walk to work by the way, because you now wake up 10 minutes earlier so that you don't have to drive. It's been an unattainable benefit towards your personal health too, as well as the climate!

The triumph of climate change: If the climate crisis does develop into a further risk we will be at danger of losing our home to extreme weather and the drastic warming of our planet will create unbearable living conditions for us and the other inhabitants of Earth. I'm afraid there is no time to debate whether or not climate change is a problem. It is a problem. It's time to act now, if the people in power won't help, we as young creatives must change our lifestyles and point our green thumbs to the conglomerates which refuse to change.

The future is ours to change...



The Bubble:

Youth's naivety to the world

By Mia Venables

Youth are in an impenetrable bubble, not yet popped by society's troubles. War, pandemics and climate change all ensue around us, but children have no idea. Don't we all wish we could turn back time to playing in the playground all day with your mates, where you would just sit on a swing and be completely stress free. The only thing ever to worry about was what you're having for dinner and who's it on Tag at lunch. When we didn't have to worry about the real world and the problems that it carries.

Purity

Childhood purity is a wonderful thing, a mix of youth and virtue. A child's biggest problem being so minuscule that an adult would be happy to swap places. However, should this change? Should we shatter childhood fantasies at a younger age and introduce them to what our world really is? They have a lack of understanding for the real world's events, usually just thinking they're a small problem when realistically they're shaping their future. It's even simple things that are outside of the bubble they are in such as growing up. To children, the school system is primary school, to high school and then you're an adult in a 9-5 job. They don't know what college or university is. To them, university isn't even a place of education, it's just somewhere grown-ups go to figure out their jobs. They have a literal mindset, they believe what you tell them literally, no background information or thought into what they're told. To them, their teachers don't have a real life, they believe that the teachers don't ever leave the school grounds and are emotionless robots with a thirst to serve them information.

Naivety

The global pandemic; when our little bubbles of society were introduced to a whole new meaning of bubbles and isolation. When the pandemic hit at the start of 2020, we were all effected but the youth of the world even more so. At the beginning, as we all did, they just viewed it as two weeks off school, a long easter holiday, not understanding the reality of what was really happening in the big wide world that they're so oblivious to.

The children of 2020 not being able to go to school was seen as an unusual event for us but to them it was nothing. They didn't understand the importance that school life has on their development. All interaction with other children was taken away from them and the ability to learn inside a classroom was placed onto a computer screen, introducing them to the digital realm. Was this a bad thing to introduce something as dubious as the internet to the impressionable youth?

The youngest of the bubble being in nursery or early years of school weren't even able to hold a pencil and didn't understand how it worked due to the lack of education in their earliest years. It also created struggles in developing friendships and communication with other children was found extremely difficult as they were so used to being around family in their own homes, not a classroom with multiple children who they're expected to get along with when not even knowing how to develop basic social skills.

Innocence

The children of our society are being affected by climate change more than anyone else without even knowing what it means. The only understanding they have of it is that we need to care for our environment and our animals to keep them protected, they won't understand what "greenhouse gases" are or "ocean acidification" is, most adults don't even grasp the notion of what's really going on. They just have the understanding that turning the lights off is saving the world. Yet that is fine, because it isn't affecting them, yet, but turning the lights off is only going to extend the future of our planet insignificant amount.

Children are more likely to experience health complications caused by the impacts of climate change in water and food security, leading to a greater chance of them catching diseases and infections. It can also lead to complications in cognitive and physical development, educational performance and even deaths from health complications. All these issues that they will have to deal with later on in life, despite not even playing a part in causing them to happen in this world or understanding what it even means. Our selfish adult society is creating these problems and leaving them behind for our youth to have to deal with. Should their bubbles be popped earlier or should they stay protected for longer?

"Should their bubbles be popped earlier or should they stay protected for longer?"

Impressionable

The oldest of our bubbles - those who are nearing the end of their time in the playground - have a better understanding of the real world.

The current war going on in Ukraine is slightly understood by them in simple terms but not to the severity which creates distress and unease in their daily lives. Our children are experiencing high levels of anxiety at the age of 8 years old because of events that they don't understand. Children's minds going straight to the image of history lessons on the World Wars and the destruction that they left behind,. Their distress being caused from not knowing what's coming next. As young adults we display some worry and we have a clear understanding of what will happen but as a child, our world is popping their bubble of innocence way to early. Their only troubles should be learning their times tables in class, not when the next war is going to be.

It's not only now that it is effecting their lives, but forever it will follow them. Shaping their adult lives from childhood experiences that they cannot control.

Bubble

The bubble has officially been popped. We can see the toll that all these societal, environmental and sometimes unpredictable events have caused the youth of today, but will they be able to recover from these almost traumatic events? Will it shape them into improved individuals who can change the future for the better? Can the bubble be repaired?





6 types of travellers you're likely to meet this summer

By Meg Drinkall

Well, we're back- sort of. While Covid still has its flaws, the prejudicial pandemic isn't completely ruining our lives anymore, and we can all get back to what we love doing most... holidaying. A two week holiday, jetting across the blissful ocean and into the radiant sunshine, leaving behind the bleak and emulsified UK. What more could you want?

Despite this, it's been... a while (to say the least) and us holidayers certainly shouldn't fret over the prospect of travelling again; it's all quite predictable. They'll be lots of duty free, aeroplane grub and 'leg room,' as well as the annual reoccurrence of certain types of travellers.

As a prior warning, and a some-what nostalgic reminder to life pre-pandemic, here are six types of travellers you're likely to encounter as you jet away this summer...

The Over-Packer.

Your likely to spot the over-packer before anyone else. This traveller is usually spotted scurrying sluggishly through the terminals with a marginal three suitcases lugging behind them. Particular items include: three hairdryers (you never know, one might break) fourteen pairs of sunglasses (a pair for every outfit) and twenty pairs of shoes. How on Earth is it humanly possible to wear all twenty pairs of shoes on a week long holiday?

Usually titled the 'fashion trailblazer' by the end of the holiday, or with a semi-snapped ankle from their 6ft, Beyoncé, stiletto heels.

The Shopaholic.

It's fairly effortless to identify Kim Kardashian's offspring amongst the airport congestion. Once through security, and the first monumental duty-free sign appears, their heart stops, and they break into some sort of dash across the airport.

They're no better than a desperate puppy, frantically searching for their mother (the mother being a pair of gleaming Louis Vuitton heels if that wasn't clear).

The Olympic Sprinter.

Symptoms of the Olympic sprinter include hoping out of their taxi, darting through the automatic doors, and swerving through the endless cues. It's quite a talent when you think about it; they're so skilled that they could easily steal Olympic qualifying times for the speeds at which they run. Scarcely skimming Usain Bolt's personal best.

Once they make it through security with 10 minutes to spare, the final charge arrives, with the last lung crushing gallop to the gates. Phew they made it - with about 3 hours to spare!

The Partygoers.

We all dread the prospect of sharing a flight with either a stag or hen do, as they sound like a brass band who haven't tuned their instruments for months. Either that, or they simply just can't play. The majority of us hope that the only reason they're so offensively loud is because they have been drinking since 7am that morning. However, their extreme aptitude for infuriating people, makes me question that concept.

They crack a joke once, and even if it's not the slightest bit amusing, the whole party is screaming with laughter. The ego boost then reinforces a second joke, and then a third if they get enough attention.

The Complainer.

Complainers usually activate their antipathy to its fullest form once above the clouds. For the most part, it's the aeroplane 'cuisine' that reinforces their detest and revulsion.

Whilst the majority will except that they're never going to get Jamie Oliver's finest on a flight, complainers most definitely don't hide their emotions. In fact, they make it so blatantly obvious that even the pilot could probably hear the commotion from the cockpit, despite the passenger sitting two rows from the back!

"This isn't a pizza, this is a mistake. This is an Italian tragedy." Okay... yes, the complainer may have a valid point, but they most certainly don't think twice about hopping on to Trip Advisor to give that nightmare review.

The Honeymooners.

There's nothing quite like a honeymoon; a special destination, a holiday with your nearest and dearest.

The honeymooners seem to be in awe from the very moment they get to the airport, expressing their fondness for one another excessively. Children are left in sheer disgust, and quite frankly, so is everyone else!

Usually, walking hand in hand, it's difficult to miss these intense and all consuming lovers.





HAS THE MEDIA REALLY EMBRACED QUEER PEOPLE THIS DECADE?

By Sam Heaton

The 2010s have been 10 years where LGBTQ+ privileges and opportunities have progressed – superficially. Yet, have these advances been matched by a more crucial change in perspectives towards LGBTQ+ individuals and is that apparent in mainstream media?

To answer the question bluntly and truthfully, no. It's hard to deny that both film and TV have paved the way for LGBTQ+ individuals, pushing queer people into the forefront of Hollywood film, forcing people to change their perception on them, but there is one key aspect missing from these films; representation of marginalised groups, hear me out...

Films like *Call Me by Your Name*, an award winning film published in 2017, has a very narrow minded view on the young gay experience. Firstly Elio (Played by Timothée Chalamet) is a white male and a social main protagonist, similar with the love interest Oliver (Played by Armie Hammer). In real life, both actors are straight cisgender men so why weren't queer actors hired to portray Elio and Oliver's dynamic love story set in the luscious northern Italy? It's not the lack of queer actors, there is plenty; Ezra Miller, Olly Alexander, Brandon Flynn, to name a few. It's that these roles were only ever made to be played by these cisgender, straight, white males. This is because these are the only acceptable thing that consumers will go see in cinemas. And there is the first reason why the media has not embraced queer people this decade, due to the systematic homophobia embedded in our society. It makes watching these shows as a queer audience uneasy, as we know these films are not even supporting queer actors or their true stories. Meaning, we can't say "That felt like 100% a story I can relate too." I just can't say that about many films I have ever watched during this decade - and I have watched a lot of films.

Now, let's talk about the complete binary opposition of this film in terms of representation.

Moonlight is a coming-of-age drama film which presents three stages in the life of the main character: his childhood, adolescence, and early adult life. It explores the difficulties he faces with his sexuality and identity, including the physical and emotional abuse he endures growing up. *Moonlight* has been cited as one of the best films of the 21st century. It became the first LGBTQ film with an all-black cast. By avoiding the overblown clichés so often used to represent black American

life in film, Barry Jenkins (Director) has created something achingly alive. This overall cumulation creates such a beautiful movie which tells a complex story. I think anyone can take a lot from this movie; its diversity and storytelling allows anyone to relate to Juan (Played by Mahershala Ali) creating a Hollywood masterpiece and a production I can entirely enjoy as a queer person. The use of ethnic minorities in feature length films gives good role models for young black youths who are struggling with their identity. An identity that's never been seen before and therefore further highlights the ever so present need for representation of all races, genders and sexualities in the media. I feel like no one talks about the importance of seeing someone who looks like you on the big screen, but even more importantly, seeing someone being embraced for something that you have been rejected for. This is representation in its fullest form and it can make all the difference in a young queer person's life. I believe these are some of the first steps we can take to having a more open and accepting society, through spreading awareness of different people, rather than just the 'default'.

Characters like Elio and Oliver are only deemed to be sympathetic when they are squeaky clean - as opposed to Juan being a complicated, real, quirky, flawed and sexual character. The fact is, homophobia hasn't disappeared, it's merely switched to stealth mode, attacking the weakest and most vulnerable around us. Just because the white gay lifestyle has become more equally represented, doesn't mean there has been a fundamental change in the human heart for ethnic minorities, especially queer ethnic minorities. The media highlights this even more as every show and film nowadays includes a queer character (mainly white), solely to pander to a queer audience for means of generating a profit. But why not create real queer stories ... is this too much for me to ask?

Even in magazines we are seeing male 'celebs' break down 'toxic masculinity', simply by wearing typical feminine clothing. However, LGBTQ icons Billy Porter and Marsha P Johnson were doing this decades before it was a trend amalgamated by cis white men.

We live in a society where straight men wearing dresses are praised and gay men are shunned for the same actions. Does this seem fair? Does this demonstrate why the media still hasn't embraced young, underrepresented individuals who only have a dream to love equally?



HOW TO BREAK UP WITH FAST FASHION: (aka your toxic ex)

By Fliss Stockton

Fast fashion is the toxic relationship we're all stuck in, but impulse buys and endless scrolls aren't hurting anyone. Or at least that's what we thought...

The fashion industry is one of the largest in the world with around 45 million employees worldwide, yet less than 2% of clothing workers earn a fair living wage. This is a catastrophe of colossal scale. Aside from the modern slavery crisis, there is a second victim to fast fashion's abysmal antics; our planet. It is the second most polluting industry in the world, creating more pollution than the shipping industry and the aeronautical industry combined. Just to put that into context: 73% of the 53 million tonnes of fibres used to make clothes and textiles are burnt or sent to landfill every year. And there's more damage than the landfill calamity, as an industry it uses around 1.5 trillion litres of water annually in order to make enough clothes to satisfy our never ending treadmill of trends.

So what changes can you make in order to tackle this disaster? We've come up with four major factors for you to consider when you decide to end this wretched relationship.

1. Contemplate alternative options. Next time you feel the urge to make a garment purchase, think about your other options. For a start, charity shops are a sterling replacement as they are able to recycle more than 90% of donated clothing. However, they have tokened a reputation for being full of rubbish - 'tat' to be frank - but they are truly a labyrinth of hidden gems. Trust us. Although, if you still crave that quick scroll, why not try a resale shop such as Depop or Vinted. Fortunately, there has been a huge rise in resale apps in recent years with 90% of Depop users being under 26 and an increase in popularity due to the aspect of human quality throughout the site. There is also some unorthodox resources such as clothing rental services (perhaps ideal for occasions) and clothing swap sites or events. In summary, there is a plethora of options before you decide to hit up that ex.

2. Make use of what you have. Unsurprisingly, the most sustainable garment is the one already in your wardrobe yet most people wear 20% of their wardrobe 80% of the time. As a nation, we are under the impression that once an outfit has been seen on the 'gram, it becomes redundant. But clothes aren't a disposable asset so it's about time we start treating our clothes with the respect they deserve. UK shoppers own £10 billion worth of clothes that they don't wear, so how do we combat this? A first step can be to experiment with what you already have, try different combinations and ways to wear things, in essence its time to play Dress Up! If a play date with your wardrobe isn't up your street, try dusting down your sewing kit to update your wardrobe. Whether it's adding some pockets to that dress you adore, altering those jeans or just embellishing an old cardigan, giving your wardrobe a new lease of life can replenish your wardrobe without a single click online.

3. Time to do some admin. A fact that we often turn a blind eye to is the fact that fast fashion and social media are best friends, meaning they go hand in hand. So, it's time to unfollow those negative influencers and replace them with sustainable fashion advocates (honestly, it's for your own good). And it's finally time to address those pesky emails, unsubscribe from the temptations landing directly in your inbox. This step is essential for a lasting and healthy break-up.

4. Make an effort to buy better. It's time to interrogate your buying habits, 93% of Gen Z in the UK buy clothes every month, so we can't hide away from our responsibility in this matter. One way to improve our ways is to question yourself before buying; do I need this item?; is this a considered purchase?; (and most importantly) will I wear this at least 30 times? The #30Wears rule is a crucial method to deciding whether an item is a necessity or not. Another immensely important aspect to consider is #WhoMadeMyClothes, a simple, yet powerful weapon in the fight against exploitation. When shopping online, look for keys words such as organic, sustainable and eco-friendly in order to make an informed purchase. Always remember that paying more for an ethically produced product isn't ideal when you can buy clothes for pennies from fast fashion retailers, but you would be ensuring a worker receives an acceptable living wage and works in safe conditions.

Now it's up to YOU. We hope you will consider these four major factors next time you fancy a shop with that toxic ex.







Our Planet, Our Job

5 simple things us students can do to help protect our environment.

By Annabel Moulton

In comparison to the immensity of our world, us students may feel relatively insignificant. Although a morbid thought, our individual existences may seem somewhat 'irrelevant' in the grand scheme of things, especially regarding momentous and consequential quandaries such as the preservation of our planet.

However, 8 billion of these individual lives accumulate to one large destructive machine, a machine which is now rapidly disintegrating our environment. Large corporations, factories and businesses may be the most notable contributors to global warming by mass, but our ever-expanding population is equally as deadly. Don't believe me? Let's review the facts.

Global experts have estimated that the ideal carbon footprint for one human is around 2 tonnes per year. Devastatingly, this ideal is not reality. The average American has a shocking carbon footprint of 16 tonnes per year, 8 times the target limit. This is unsustainable and catastrophic.

It's all well and good blaming our gradually incinerating planet on those in positions of power and leadership, however, although we may be 'mere' students in comparison, we obtain an equal level of control over our personal actions and lives. This power must be utilised. The choices we make leave an impact which may be infinitely ingrained in our surroundings, and these choices may also influence the behaviour of others. Subsequently, taking a passive position is simply not an option in the current climate crisis; we must each take responsibility for our actions and make minute alterations to our daily lives.

As students, we may feel perplexed and misguided. Surely an affliction with the magnitude of global warming must require a response of equal grandeur? Yes, this is a necessity, however even the smallest of changes can garner, and result in integral change. Thus, I have compiled a list of simplistic daily adjustments to assist fellow students in college life, and allow others to contribute to the restoration and liberation of the natural world encompassing us:

- 1) Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – a phrase seemingly overused, however still extremely prevalent. Instead of buying bottled drinks daily, use a refillable water bottle throughout the school day, and recycle any unavoidable plastic used.
- 2) Review and reconsider your transport – take the school or public bus, if you can drive, share lifts, or if in close proximity, walk or cycle.
- 3) Shop with care – cut down on purchasing clothing from 'fast fashion' brands and use sites such as eBay or Depop to resell your unwanted items or buy new ones.
- 4) Plant a tree! – this may seem simplistic, yet is an easy solution to improving biodiversity in your local area.
- 5) Educate others – if you notice someone with a lack of care for their environment, or someone taking a passive role in helping to save the planet, simply share this list or inform them of the significance of their choices.

Earth's replenishment is not impossible, but we must all take on an active role to achieve this restoration.





As the world moves on, Gen Z feel the pain of being left behind

By Meg Drinkall

Our lives today are overflowed with the incessant flood of posts, stories and tweets. Acclaimed memes and content that became our closest companion in lockdown 2020. From TikTok to Snapchat, Gen Z found their solace in such content; Zoom calls, whipped coffee and the infamous TikTok dances to name a few. A notoriously long stress-free summer holiday for so many of us. But I'm sure your aware of the inescapable darker side to the nature of lockdown.

That's right. I'm talking about the social sacrifices that coronavirus had on Gen Z. A daunting thought but nevertheless a legitimate one.

Labelled the "sacrificed generation," we were starved of genuine human interaction. Forsaken with our thoughts and overpowered with anxiety. Now we're returning to a disrupted version of life prior to the pandemic, its salient that Gen Z is acknowledged, and that we don't fall deeper into this unceasing sacrifice.

With schools closed for most pupils, the systematic regularity for adolescence – from lessons and free periods with friends, to lectures, exams and celebrations– were put on indefinite hold. You might have anticipated a cascade of resentment: over jobs lost, friendships forcibly weakened, dates cancelled, but for so many of us the results differed. For young people with a stable home environment, lockdown brought some welcome respite from the everyday stresses of school and exams. The percentage of young people feeling stressed some of the time decreased from 47% to 34% between March and June 2020.

Given the news that the ever long, six-month lockdown was coming to an end, our thoughts turned to counting down the days until we could go out again. For the first few days at least, we hit the shops, got our first Nando's and went on a walk somewhere other than around the block. The Thursday night clap instead became a pizza and Netflix night with friends, and diaries were filled with lunch date catch up's, instead of virtual garden picnics. Calendars rapidly overflowed and group chats began to resurface, with continual notifications quoting "... is typing."

So, what exactly is plaguing our generation?

It soon became apparent to many, that when you've had a year of it being so quiet, the restless regularity of everyday life became mentally draining. A term coined the "social hangover" came into question as Gen Z, and quiet frankly everybody else, felt that daily

social interactions were deprecating all of their energy.

Therefore, with intent to change this, an ingenious solution was discovered: simply to not socialise at all.

Little did we know just how detrimental this would be. A collective quiet throughout the majority of Gen Z became evident. We had nothing left to say. We were tired of saying "I can't wait to see you" and "I've really missed you." So, for the most part, we said nothing at all.

"Some may struggle more than others as we re-engage with societal norms"

- Sam, age 17



The verb "re-engaging" can be defined as participating/ becoming involved again. In this instance, we can apply this towards society, post-pandemic and restoring a sense of normality. Yet, the concept of this, isn't quite as unequivocal as a lock and key scenario. For many, the truth disclosed, that there wasn't a significant or underlying reason for their absence of mind and 'struggle' as it were, it simply just took some longer to readjust than others.

As anticipated however, mental health did act as a reason for some young people, around their battle to re-engage with societal norms. Largely fuelled, or even resurfaced due to the pandemic, mental health problems, we're undoubtedly precarious. One major repercussion for Gen Z, was the result of anxiety, which naturally influenced adolescents' willingness to participate in social activities. To specify, social anxiety: one of the leading mental illnesses for all teens globally.

Agonisingly but truthfully, the influences delve deeper; a disrupted education, falling behind in school and the prospect of our future to name a few. Labelled "the biggest disruption to education in modern history," our anxiety is comprehensible. This, along with a surge in inflation, leaves Gen Z ultimately helpless and radicalised.

"I feel like as a generation, our future has been hit the hardest"

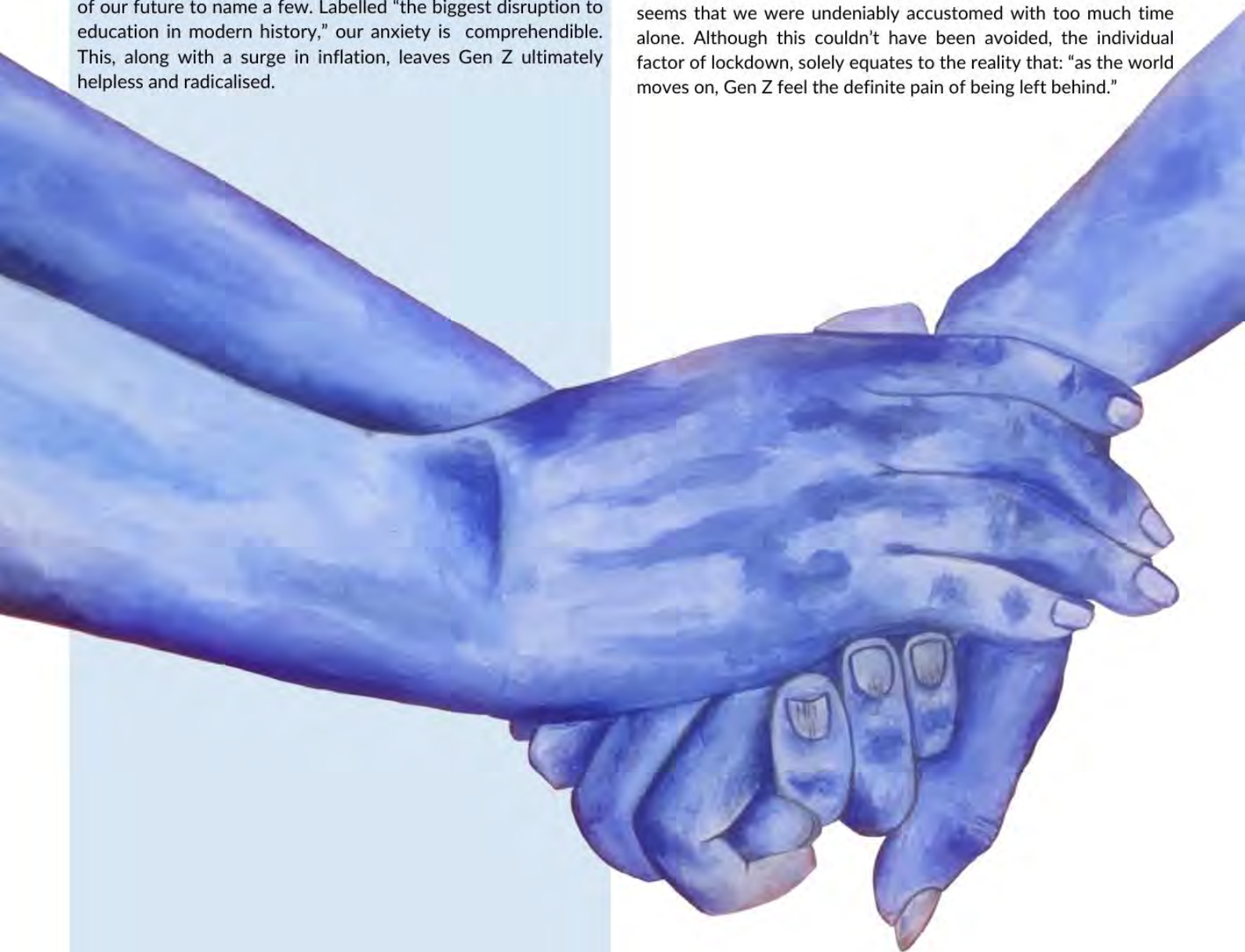
- Ella, age 18

Just in case you're still unaware of the sacrifices Gen Z has endeavoured, I will proceed to explain.

Ideologies around the concept of 'future,' can be taken in one of two ways. 1) Elation, motivation and passion. 2) Apprehension, hindrance and distress. Given the prior effects I have mentioned, it may be slightly obvious to conclude that the majority of Gen Z have taken on the second concept. It is believed that this is solely down to the vast expanse of time that we had to overthink our pathways, resulting in endless ramifications.

Everyone craves time. But the question is, were we given too much?

In summation, I will argue this question, blatantly and honestly. It seems that we were undeniably accustomed with too much time alone. Although this couldn't have been avoided, the individual factor of lockdown, solely equates to the reality that: "as the world moves on, Gen Z feel the definite pain of being left behind."







Social Injustice In The Workplace:

"What Can Be Done?"

By Jamie Richardson

Social injustice is defined as wrongful actions against individuals within society. As society becomes more socially aware, more people are embracing inclusivity and social justice – and nowhere is this more apparent than in the workplace. Whilst the Office for National Statistics tells us the that gender pay gap is at an all-time low, does that mean we no longer need to strive for social justice in the workplace? Have we done all we can? Whilst we will be mainly focusing on the gender pay gap other such injustices must not be ignored. All social injustice in the workplace must be eliminated by our generation.

78% of companies pay men more than women. This shocking fact is built on generations of systematic sexism and it is our generation's job to remove this injustice. But how?

Education:

One of the most effective and easily implemented ways of making the population aware of the gender pay gap is through education. Social injustice is not currently part of the curriculum, for example, in late 2021 it was reported that 85% of primary school students were unaware of the gender pay gap. This lapse in judgement from the government must not be ignored. Students must be educated on this topic from an early age and the government is obliged to ensure that this continues through their education so that when they enter the workplace, they can recognise this injustice and fight for change.

Laws and regulations:

Arguably the most effective method of preventing the gender pay gap is through laws and regulations. While many factors contribute to the UK's gender pay gap, unequal pay is the largest contributor. The Equality Act of 2010 states that men and women in the same role should be paid equally, however it only requires businesses with over 250 employees to publish their data on this. Only 0.1% (8000) of the UK's private businesses have over 250 employees, whilst the rest (5.58 million) of the businesses have less than 250 employees. This allows a large majority of businesses to escape scrutiny particularly surrounding the distribution of gender within senior positions, which is a contributing factor to the pay gap. This law must be modified to ensure there can be justice. This could be done by ensuring that all UK businesses have to publish their data on the gender pay gap.



Maternity/Paternity leave:

Currently statutory maternity leave is 52 weeks (1 year) whilst statutory paternity leave is only 2 weeks. Men are more likely than women to work in highly paid occupations, like managers, directors and senior officials, where women earn 16% less per hour on average. This is due to women's careers being impeded by taking leave to look after new born children. But why aren't they equal? It's the father's responsibility to look after the new born child as much as the mothers, right? This regressive law needs to be addressed and made so that maternity and paternity leave are equal, to ensure that women get an equitable opportunity to have successful careers. Our generation has the privilege to bring about serious change. Don't waste it.

Social injustice in the work place may be viewed by some as a problem of the past, but it as an issue of the present and there is no excuse for our generation to not rid society of this ill injustice. So don't live up to the stereotype and sit on the PlayStation doing nothing whilst the world earns for change, prove that our generation is good for more than just video games!





The Impact Social Media Has On Spreading Awareness For Climate Change

By Hannah Thomas

Climate change was first mentioned in the media in 1999 within an article that was produced in the USA and since then, there has been a clear acceleration in the amount that this topic is mentioned. As our world has continued to develop, so has the rate of climate change and therefore so has it's popularity within the news. But although it has a larger media coverage, the speed in which it is increasing is still concerning to scientists. Countless articles have advice on how to reduce your carbon footprint or tell people to plant trees, but very few explain it in a way that is coherent to the general public so the lack of understanding has resulted in a lack of activism. This is where social media has come into play; posts have been made with simplified explanations of this growing problem, the reasons why it is so alarming and how it can be changed or reduced. This has caused even more of the public to understand why this is widely broadcasted in the news.

By now, we are all aware of how drastically social media has developed in the last few years with most platforms having over a billion users across the world, a large majority of these users being teenagers. With engagement of more traditional ways of spreading news decreasing, people are beginning to create posts or share stories informing their following of social issues and problems that they are passionate about. Within this, news gets shared to an audience that may have limited engagement with a topic, successfully raising awareness and with 58.4% of the world being on one or more social media platforms, there is a high chance that awareness can become global. Social media's wide variety of users can become a useful tool for creating a worldwide movement and bringing awareness towards a topic that could be detrimental.

"We have the ability to create worldwide awareness and activism"

We have all had our fair share of helping parents or grandparents grasp newer technology, so with our generation having grown alongside it, we have the capacity to use this to our advantage. Gen Z is said to be the most advanced, and with technology on our side, we have the ability to create worldwide awareness and activism. Social media has shown us to be willing to fight for what we believe in, to bring acceptance and attempt to make change, this all alongside our perseverance has resulted in our voices being heard. With this in mind, educating teenagers could be used to reduce the impact of climate change and as we continue to live in a generation that wants change, improvements could be made faster than ever.

So, with the understanding that social media can play an important role in terms of bringing awareness to this heavily weighted topic and allowing younger members of society to develop a better level of understanding; what can you do? It is not something that can be reversed through one person changing some of their habits, so spreading awareness is equally as important. Read posts about all elements of climate change, share these posts to encourage others to become educated and be proactive. Change starts small.



Black Lives Matter: Two Years On...

By Jess Bradley

The fight for equality has been at the heart of the world for almost a decade now, and as it is getting more and more recognized, changes are being made. Equality is a word that can be thrown about a lot, however many people don't truly understand the importance of having that fairness and equability within society in order to keep things balanced and running smoothly. Even though we talk about equality a lot, another word we have been hearing more of is diversity. Diversity is an extremely important aspect to our society as it creates a sense of uniqueness to our everyday lives and ensures that our world is not all the same. Trying to accept diversity in the world has been a struggle for many, therefore we need to address it more and get more people involved in the fight for equality and diversity.

In 2013 we started to see a change in this on-going battle as three activists took charge and were determined to see that change in the world. Alicia Garza, Patrice Cullors, and Opal Tometi are the three minds that started the movement in which we now call "Black Lives Matter" and their initial aims were to eradicate white supremacy and dismantle systemic racism. Issues which they are still fighting for today, however there has definitely been significant change. The women wanted to create "a Black-centered political will and movement" in response to the shooting and death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin in 2012, and the acquittal a year later of the man responsible for his death, George Zimmerman. Even though this tragic event was the starting point for the movement; there was one event which was the pivotal moment in making it well-known across the globe, which I'm sure we are all aware of.

Black Lives Matter began trending after footage of the arrest and death of George Floyd went viral, inciting international outrage. The 46-year-old dad died on May 25 after cop (now former cop) Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes whilst arresting Floyd in Minneapolis. Since Floyd's death, tens of thousands of Americans have protested against racism in the US and around the world. Demonstrators have waved flags and signs bearing the black power fist and have donated to BLM or signed petitions to support the movement. The black power fist at the time took over social media and is still at the forefront of many signs and messages used today to promote the movement.

Social media as we know has revolutionised over the past few decades and is now what everyone relies on to see news, admire what people are up to and even ordering endless UberEats. However, social media is what people rely on every day to see the latest trend, so when BLM became prominent, social media blew up. Due to the videos of the tragic incident, as well as the videos of the vast protests across America, people were beginning to see the importance of BLM and even major celebrities were using '#BlackLivesMatter' in all of their posts. This influenced their audiences to use it too, therefore the hashtag became almost like a chain reaction across social media sites.





We have to remember that social media is undoubtedly more favoured as a news source among the younger generations, whilst older generations tend to favour the more traditional methods for their updates. However, it is vital to recognise that, in a world where racism is still such a prevalent issue, prejudice may only ever be accurately depicted by those who have witnessed and/or experienced it. Therefore, the unfiltered freedom of social media is ultimately the most effective source when portraying the racism that exists today. Furthermore, social media is clearly so powerful that it can flip from having a viral video of a cat, to a viral video of mass protests in America. Hence that, when BLM came about, the world of Instagram, Twitter, Facebook became took a more serious turn and began focusing on global issues which should have been addressed a long time ago. Therefore, this switch from relaxed to more momentous content, has almost changed the perspective of social media for good.

I've spoken a lot about how we saw the BLM movement when it went viral a few years ago, however it's important to think about how BLM has evolved and developed from two years ago. Although we don't hear as much about the movement in the world today, it is still very much around and it is extremely important to keep it that way. The tragedy in which we sadly lost George Floyd as I said was a pivotal moment, not just for the BLM movement, but in history as it is something that will be talked about for generations and generations. So even though we don't see it as much on social media or on the news anymore, it is still very much there and we should not lose sight of the importance of this historic movement. BLM has a distinguished website in which you can see news, updates and even join the BLM movement. The website gives various updates of events that have happened all over the world and plans in which the ambassadors and founders of BLM have for the future to raise awareness about the movement.

It all started on 2013 with the tragic death of Trayvon Martin and also the '#BlackLivesMatter' that became more and more popular, however as they started to grow they became more famous and more powerful. The courageousness was recognised and in January 2021, the Black Lives Matter movement was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Norwegian MP Petter Eide. His written nomination noted that, "awarding the peace prize to Black Lives Matter, as the strongest global force against racial injustice, will send a powerful message that peace is founded on equality, solidarity and human rights, and that all countries must respect those basic principles."

This award just shows just how the BLM movement went from something so small and to having a huge following that now influences the world so greatly. 9 years later, BLM has grown into a global community working towards Black liberation and freedom — and still, their movement of promise is not done with the work yet. They are not even close.

Going back to the beginning, I talked about the importance of equality and diversity. BLM represents what these two words really mean. The movement has helped so many people realise how important it is to have equality and diversity in our society today because without it, the world would be an objectionable place. Everyone is different in their own way but as BLM has evolved, it has shown people that we need a range of races, cultures and ethnicities in order to enrich our society that we live in. We can all now agree that BLM has changed the world's perspective on diversity and equality yet, it is still fighting to see further change within civilisation. Nonetheless, there is definitely still a long journey ahead.

The Loveless Generation

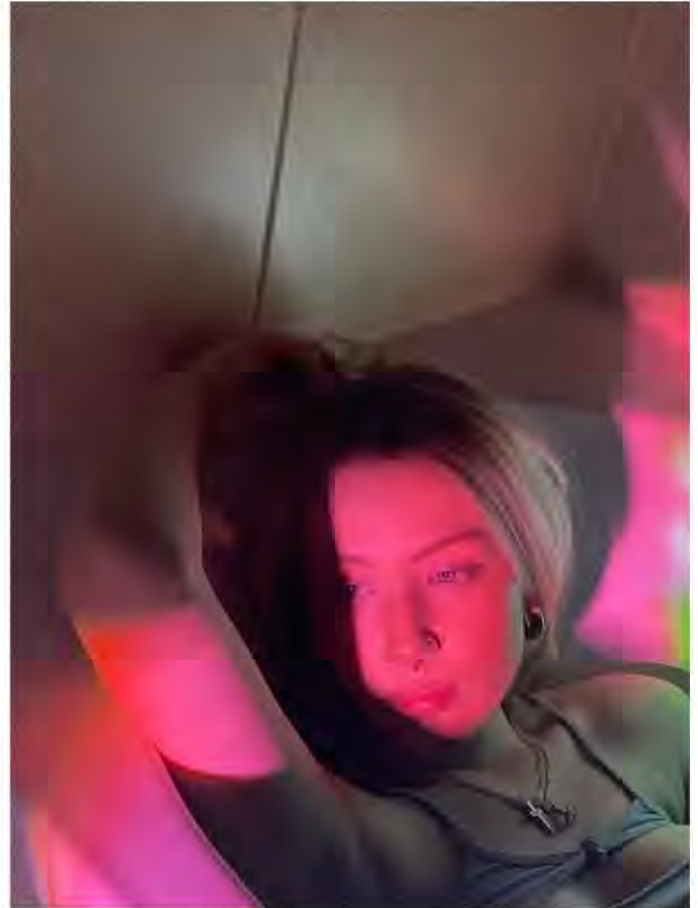
By Kenzie Hough

The timeless saying that “life imitates art” becomes more notably true if you apply it to growing up. At age 13, you morph into those girls in the rom-coms who got “princess diary-ed” in hopes of finding your prince. 14 years old and your hair would get chopped and bleached several times, clutching to the belief that beauty enables a Barbie and Ken lifestyle. When you’re 15 and become the girl in the movies, who’s brain is only aware of the words “hot” and “boys”, you realise that the 7-year-old girl who loved the boy in her class (solely because he sat with her at play time) is gone.

Some lustful woman took her place and now, at 16, you sit with your girlfriends and pick apart every potential love interest, right down to the shape of their ears. Life becomes more about wearing makeup to school and opening your phone to 42 snapchats. When you get teased for talking to someone because “They have a nice personality!” you come to realise that looks are everything. In a society that revolves around lip fillers and Love Island, it turns out that beauty will always be an underlying cause for success. Women especially fall victim to this trap. Girls become viewed as commodities as soon as they develop a smaller waist, or wider hips, or pinker cheeks; seen as the main goal in the game of male ideology. The prettier the girl on your arm, the more respectable you are as a man.

The number of girls I know that beg for the bare minimum is appalling; seeing a woman crave for the attention of an absent-minded boy is not a pretty sight. Nor is being that girl. Everyone’s done it (or knows someone who has, if you’re still in denial) and I think it reflects on how unhealthy these ever-growing situation-ships are. When a woman excuses a man’s insalubrious desire for all things physical just because he’s a boy and it’s what they have been taught, it causes a noxious wave of internalised misogyny in the air. This then contaminates every susceptible girl, allowing 9/10 men to get away with cat-calling and annoying 2AM “you up?” texts. Toxic behaviour becomes addictive, so when the boy you love says he doesn’t do relationships, you immediately permit him access to every part of you with no second guessing, just without the commitment. Commitment is what everyone lacks. It’s like somehow over time the part of our brain that allots our faithfulness to one person has expanded, now leaving room for five to fit all snugly. Relationships conflict freedom for a lot; when you’re in one you miss life before, but when you’re not it feels like watching all your friends having fun while you’re at home alone. I’m clearly not talking about everyone, but when broken relationships become so apparent in the media, it’s hard to focus on anything but. Seeing people getting married and divorced several times and partake in open relationships takes a toll. The definition of a relationship has become so blurred to fit peoples increasing needs that it may as well not have a meaning at all.

And this is the problem, when relationships seemingly have no set definitions, there’s no boundaries. Everyone’s different, and no you’re not crazy for not wanting your significant other



flirting with their friend or going out and ignoring your calls. A lot of people want different things from a relationship, and if you don’t discuss your needs, it’s never going to end well. Even if it may seem insignificant, if they ignore limitations, it’s just a sheer lack of respect that no one deserves to put up with. Pretty much everything stems from the patriarchy in some way, which may be the reason males feel the need to be dominant in relationships the majority of the time. They get teased for being a pushover or being too infatuated with their partner (I’ve never understood why this is a bad thing). As you grow, you realise reciprocated feelings and over the top adoration are majorly valued, just hard to come by. People feel the need to be distant for a number of reasons and while it probably isn’t personal, it sure feels like it. You shouldn’t have to cry because your other half doesn’t agree that anniversaries are a big deal.

In part, I think people just need to grow up. To put it bluntly, love has become a game; trying to win the wealthiest, hottest, tallest partner, adoration is no longer about feelings. Why is telling someone you like them such of a big deal of a sudden? So many opportunities are missed because people feel the need to play hard to get. Trust me, the person you like isn’t telepathic. Girls and boys aren’t so different if you peel away the exterior that is coated in the sticky residue of their diverse upbringings. Everyone wants authentic love, but we’ve all been taught different ways to display it. Different ways that wouldn’t be so different if people learnt that love is meant to make you happy, not miserable.



TERM

Environmental pledge

At TERM magazine we pledge to be environmentally conscious and as a team to reuse, reduce and recycle to help reduce our community's carbon footprint. We will give back, in every way we can, to both our people and to our planet. We hope to educate people around the value and wonder of the natural world.

We are so lucky we live in a clean, safe and liveable environment to learn and grow while many other young people globally go without these basic human rights.

We at Tarporley Sixth Form are pledging to keep our environment we work and socialise in, free from litter and as students think more ethically about our consumption of products which cause harm to the place we call home.

We have organised a fundraising day for the magazine to raise money for both printing cost and for the WWF charity which are the World Wildlife Fund, who help keep endangered animals. Everyone within our sixth form came in wearing something green or thrifted and made a donation. We as a school also adopted an Orangutang of Bukit Piton Forest to prevent the animal from near extinction due to poachers and deforestation. Within sixth form, we have also organised a litter pick in our local village during our free period where we collected two bin bags full of rubbish, stopping our community's local wildlife from being harmed by leftover rubbish.

“Young people – they care. They know that this is the world that they're going to grow up in, that they're going to spend the rest of their lives in. But, I think it's more idealistic than that. They actually believe that humanity, human species, has no right to destroy and despoil regardless.

– Sir David Attenborough ”





THE IMPACT OF THE UKRAINIAN WAR ON SPORT



By Chloe Bott

The sporting world shifted on its axis on Tuesday the 1st March. It had to. There was no alternative but to cut away the cancer and confirm that in sport, as in war, Russia is an untouchable state. When Putin struck Ukraine, we heard Russian athletes banned from taking part in the Olympics, we heard FIFA and UEFA suspending all Russian club teams from their respective competitions and we heard Russia being banned from competing in the world athletics series events. These are just some of the headlines we are hearing. The world of sport has been turned upside down.

FIFA has finally given in to the pressure to ban Russia from the Football World Cup and announced that all Russian teams will be excluded from international competition, whatever the sport. This came after an announcement from the IOC urging that all Russian athletes and officials be excluded from global competitions in response to the invasion of Ukraine. A statement from EA SPORTS FIFA came out on twitter stating how all their sympathy is with Ukraine. "EA sports stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and like so many voices across the world of football, calls for peace and an end to the invasion of Ukraine" This message was very poignant to the followers of EA sports but, surely the Russian players don't deserve this?

Tottenham's boss Antonio Conte expressed his sympathy with Russian athletes who have been banned from competing at top level sports. While Conte has voiced his horror at the war and at Russia's actions, he says the impact on sporting stars is "very sad" given the dedication it takes to get to the highest level. "I repeat, it's very sad that this serious situation, this war between Russia and Ukraine, is affecting football and the sporting world. I know very well the work that they do every day for the World Cup. You have to pay for this situation, I think it's not right. Honestly, I hope the situation is going to be solved, because it's creating a lot of damage. We're in 2022 and to see this is horrible for everybody."

Subsequently, the football manager Markus Gisdol has stepped down from his position as Lokomotiv Moscow boss due to the war. The German has over two decades of experience in football coaching but his spell at Lokomotiv was his first role outside of his home nation in sport.

This war has affected all sporting competitions, not just the Olympics and the Football World Cup. The winter Paralympics too, tennis, F1 and athletics. Many of the athletes and competitors have jumped on the bandwagon of trying to represent their country, but under a different name – such as the Federation of Russia – but this hasn't been well received by the Governing Bodies of any sport because, at the end of the day, the athletes are Russian, and the sporting world are trying

to make an example of the aggression that their leader has undertaken.

Perhaps it is unfair; what have these athletes done wrong? Nothing, is the answer, but the sporting world is not trying to punish these stars, they are preventing them from competing to try to exert pressure on the Russian regime to abandon their invasion of a democratic and peaceful nation.

These decisions to disallow athletes and sports stars from competing and representing their clubs and country will undoubtedly have far-reaching consequences. Where do they go and earn their crust – or their reputation? How do they put themselves in the public eye to try to obtain recognition for their talent? What about their futures? Do they completely alter their sporting ambitions and switch to other industries? How does this impact their families? Where does mental health fit in to all this?

In conclusion, there is no winner here. The world doesn't get to see Russian sporting talent at these major sporting occasions, athletes don't get to travel the world, the shining stars of the sporting landscape will go unnoticed, and the talent will be wasted; all because of the greed of one man. What a waste, what a shame and what next?







Youth Is Wasted On The Young

By Annabel Moulton

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“Youth is wasted on the young”; a phrase which has floated around my family for as long as I can remember. I simply thought it was another witty, one-liner my Grandad had curated in his remarkably sarcastic yet wonderful mind. I had never taken much notice of it, until recently, when it suddenly stuck out to me.

These transitional and tempestuous years of self-realisation are possibly the most challenging, and yet simultaneously can be the most cathartic of our lives. Unravelling our identity meanwhile scrambling to gauge our route ahead is simply the norm for young adults. Living in a turbulent time of such uncertainty and discovery, the mind is persistently evolving and within this time of reflection, “youth is wasted on the young” has become prevalent in my mind. Thus, I have attempted to unravel it's meaning.

'Youth' is undoubtedly a complimentary adjective. Throughout my life, I have observed the glow develop on the faces of adults around me as they are described as “young”, or the flustering exhibited as they are asked for ID when buying a drink. I watched their faces blush as their age was underestimated and their skin described as pearlescent and lustrous. I witnessed the formation of a magnificent grin as they were told, “you've barely changed!” whilst exploring photographs from the past, and at first, I wondered why. Well, being 'youthful' can be further digested into a second adjective, as well as a noun.

In its descriptive form, 'youth' also denotes purity, a sense of energy, enthusiasm, and an optimistic lens through which the future is observed. But by definition, 'youth' is first and foremost a noun, referring to a period of time – the early years of life. During these years, we are naïve, inexperienced and in the duration our childhood, with no integral responsibilities. It seems the view on this one word is drastically distorted, and the world has failed to acknowledge that it is remarkably contradictory.

Enveloping its significance has been puzzling, like deconstructing a piece of intricate machinery and being told to put it back together with no guidance or explanation. To dissect its truth, I first unravelled the differing ideologies of 'youth'. At this point, I discovered the almost comical juxtaposition. The time of 'youth' and the compliment of 'youth' simply do not fit, one is a lock, the other a key but an incorrect door. Let me elaborate:

During our initial years of life, we are new to the vast world around us. Of course, everything is relative, and the struggles endured throughout adolescence seem prominent at the time. But, in terms of human existence, and the tribulations of adult life, these issues are minuscule. Ageing correlates with an evolution of expectations. From pressures to 'succeed', to financial predicaments, these problems are unfathomable to me - although the constant reminders of the 'downhill spiral' of growing up, looms over me.



"Figuring out the tangled mess of life and its unjust unfairness is all part of being human."

As a generation, we should be living in the moment. These days are 'the best of our lives' after all. I understand that being only a teenager myself may provide a sense of levity, but my potential 'naivety to the real world' doesn't dispute the oil and water relationship of old and young. We are continuously instructed to live life to the fullest, and enjoy every second, being reckless and as irresponsible as we desire to be, but throughout these years we are equally working as hard as we can to secure a direct path to a substantial life in the future. Yes, our 'youth' is spent (or is primarily expected to be spent) working towards adulthood. Thus, I query, what use is 'youth' during our period of 'youth'?

It's an indisputable truth that each of us should enjoy every minute of every day, yet it seems to only make sense to me that the spirit, the energy, and the optimism of being 'youthful' belong later in life, for example; whilst in the midst of career working to build a foundation, during the challenges of parenthood or when nearing the end of our time on earth.

Not only do I now understand my Grandad's hilariously perplexing complaints, but I agree. Why is it when are physically at the prime of our early years that we obtain optimism, excitement, and the expectation to live free? This time of choice, growth and renewal should in fact correlate with a time (whenever this may be) when we have built a foundation, both physical and knowledgeable, and have more understanding of ourselves and our next steps moving forward. A time rarely in our early years. I often find myself bubbling with energy and the desire to succeed educationally, working unimaginably hard towards something. However, this goal is currently intangible in my mind, as my future aspirations remain undetermined. And yet, I have the freedom to choose to endeavour any pathway or open any door before me. This corridor, containing an overwhelming plethora of doors, should be walked by someone with much more experience and knowledge of not only the world around us, but themselves.

Life and its complexity are backwards. Whether it's emotions, physicality, wisdom or spirit, nothing seems to fit perfectly together. However, figuring out the tangled mess of life and its unjust unfairness is all part of being human, and thankfully something humanity endures together.

To conclude this calamity of nonsense pulled from my thoughts, it seems my Grandad was far wiser than I ever could realise; youth is undeniably wasted on the young.



LAST WORDS

Society will try to silence us and push us to the sideline due to our age. However, in this year's edition we wanted to enable young peoples voices to be heard. Our magazine although seems like small steps in the right direction, it will hopefully create an uplifting generation of new creatives which will expectantly take us to new heights as a collectively conscious individuals.

We as young artist, writers and photographers have the power to speak through our magazine to the young people in the world who worry where their future will take them.

We hope that other generations of TERM will continue to flourish by using this platform as a voice. A voice of unity, and one that can inspire and influence many generations to come.

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