

Progress Report: August 2001

Organisational members at August 2001

The organisational members (and date of joining the Network) are:

Barnet (July 1999), Bedfordshire (July 1999), Bexley (August 2001), Birmingham (May 2000), Blackburn (December 1999), Bracknell Forest (July 2001), Brent (June 1999), Brighton & Hove (November 1999), British Museum (July 2001), Buckinghamshire (April 2001), Bury (March 2001), CPI (July 1999), East Dunbartonshire (March 2001), East Sussex (July 1999), Enfield (November 2000), Essex (January 2000), Glasgow (June 2001), Gloucestershire (August 2000), Greenwich (November 1999), Halton (April 2000), Hammersmith & Fulham (July 1999), Haringey (September 1999), Hartlepool (June 2001), Havering (July 1999), Health Development Agency (January 2000), Heritage Lottery Fund (June 2001), Hillingdon, Hounslow (November 1999), House of Lords Record Office (June 2001), Isle of Wight (March 2001), Islington (October 1999), Kent (June 1999), Kingston upon Thames (July 1999), Knowsley (February 2000), Lambeth (July 1999), Lancashire (July 2001), LASER (July 1999), Leicester (March 2001), Lewisham (August 1999), Library Association (September 2000), LLDA (September 2000), Luton (July 1999), Manchester (May 2000), Medway (July 1999), Merton (May 1999), Milton Keynes (May 2001), Monmouthshire (February 2001), National Council on Archives (August 2001), Neath Port Talbot (July 2001), Newham (July 1999), Newport (February 2000), Norfolk (June 2001), North East Lincolnshire (March 2000), Nottinghamshire (November 2000), Oxfordshire (March 2000), Petrie Museum (July 2001), Poole (February 2001), Portsmouth (April 2001), Rotherham (January 2000), Sheffield (March 2000), Shropshire (April 2000), Slough (August 2000), Southwark (August 1999), Stoke-on-Trent (June 2001), Sutton (June 1999), Tipperary Institute (July 2001), Wakefield (May 2001), Walsall (July 2001), Wandsworth (February 2000), Warwickshire (March 2001), West Sussex (April 2001), Wiltshire (May 2001), Wolverhampton (June 1999), Wrexham (February 2000), York (June 2001)

Individual members

The Network currently has 14 individual members.

Non-member recipients of the Newsletter

The original members of the *Open to All?* research team (Dave Muddiman, Rebecca Linley) and Resource

Bookscan

British Library (Legal Deposit)

Library Association Record

National Literacy Trust/ "Read On"

ALAG

We are also working in partnership with ...

Anne Harding Training – to develop the course on children’s library services and social exclusion

ASCEL – to develop a training programme for ASCEL social inclusion champions

BBC Education – to link the work that Fiona O’Brien, their Project Officer, is carrying out to social exclusion and the Network

Bookscan – a consultancy project to assess their current services and range of materials in the light of the needs of public libraries tackling social exclusion

David Walters – to develop mental health training courses

Kent Arts & Libraries – to distribute the social exclusion video/resource pack

National Literacy Trust/“Read On” – to share information about social exclusion, and the role that public libraries can play in developing approaches to family literacy

Resource and Leicester University – to develop training for museums staff

Society of Archivists – to develop training for archives staff

Warwick University Business School – participation in the “Local Authorities and Social Exclusion” Programme

Well Worth Reading – to share information and develop joint approaches to tackling social exclusion via reader development

Courses and other events (June 2000 – August 2001)

1. Our own open courses

Briefing: “‘Clause 28’ and its effects” (August 2000)

Implementing Standards to tackle Social Exclusion (September 2000)

Library Services for Refugees and Asylum-seekers (October 2000)

Managing Public Libraries for Social Exclusion (December 2000)

Developing your Annual Library Plan (March 2001)

Roach & Morrison 3 years on (April 2001)

2. Other organisations’ open courses/Lectures

Talk on social exclusion and children for the Youth Libraries Group of the Library

Association London and South East Branch Day School (October 2000)

Paper on EARL Course, “Grey Power and the Web: Senior Citizens and Inclusion in Public Library Networking” (October 2000)

Paper on EARL Course, “Children, Social Inclusion and Public Library Networking” (December 2000)

Managing public libraries for social inclusion for the Library Association (April 2001)

Talk, “Open to All? Libraries and social exclusion” for the Library + Information Show, Birmingham (June 2001)

Paper at the Black Contribution to British Librarianship Conference at Umbrella 6, Manchester (July 2001)

3. In-house courses and talks

Social Exclusion training day for SHARE (July 2000)

Course for Westminster Libraries staff (September 2000)

Reaching Out: Social Inclusion and Librarians for Gloucestershire Libraries Residential course (September 2000)

Talk to Enfield Library Service Joint Management Team meeting (October 2000)

Talk to library staff at City and Islington College (October 2000)

Managing public libraries to tackle social exclusion for Wandsworth Libraries (November 2000)

Talk to Kent Libraries & Arts staff (November 2000)

Talk to Lambeth Libraries staff (November 2000)

Social Exclusion training morning (March 2001) for Plymouth Library Service

Alternative routes to reading for Birmingham City Libraries (May and June 2001)

Managing children's and school library services for social inclusion for Dudley Library Service (May 2001)

Managing public libraries to tackle social exclusion – follow-up course for Wandsworth Libraries (May 2001)

Managing social inclusion in public libraries for Islington Library & Information Service (June 2001)

Managing children's and school library services for social inclusion for East Sussex Library Service (June 2001)

4. Conferences

There have been two major Conferences so far:

June 2000 *Lifelong Learning, Best Value and Reader Development; Quality Leaders Project*

June 2001 *Libraries, Museums, Galleries and Archives for All – Tackling Social Exclusion across the Sectors*

Speakers/Trainers

We have drawn on the skills of a large number of trainers/speakers, including:

Frank Anti (Merton Race Equality Partnership), Chris Atkins (DCMS), Dean Bartlett (University of North London), Jan Bild (Lambeth), Jackie Campbell (Bath & NE Somerset), Diane Chilmaid (Kent Arts & Libraries), Shiraz Durrani (Merton), Martin Dutch (Sheffield), Patricia Flynn (Leicester), Ros Hardie (ALG), Anne Harding, Frances Hendrix, Paul Joyce (University of North London), Caroline Lang (Resource), Rebecca Linley (Resource), Miranda McKearney (Well Worth Reading), Roger McKenzie (Elected Member – Islington), Carol Meads (British Library), Fiona O'Brien (BBC Education), John Pateman (Merton), Chris Pickford, Di Reynolds (Merton), Sharon Sperling (Kent), Fiona Talbott (London Museums Agency), John Vincent (Networker).

Other Activities

- Production of monthly newsletters (the August 2001 issue is number 28)
- Regular column in *Public Library Journal*
- Regular column in *Personnel, Training and Education: a journal for library & information workers*
- Business Meeting of the Network, Birmingham 25 January 2001
- Support and involvement in development of the Quality Leaders Project
- Distribution of the Quality Leaders Project Newsletter
- Copy of *Open to All?* and information about the Network sent to every 'Chief Librarian' or equivalent
- Copies of flyers for the Conference, courses, the video/resource pack and the Handbook sent to every 'Chief Librarian'

Responses made by the Network

- *A New Commitment to Neighbourhood Renewal: National Strategy Action Plan*
- *Consultation on Young Runaways: Background Paper by the Social Exclusion Unit*
- *The Horizons of Heritage: Towards the new Strategic Plan for the Heritage Lottery Fund*
- Islington Library and Information Service: Social Inclusion Strategy 2001/3

Report by the Networker (January-August 2001)

The Network has really taken off this year! Since the last progress report (December 2000), I have worked some 787 hours¹ for the Network, and this is an outline of what that has involved.

A major part of the work has been in developing and delivering the wide range of training courses (listed above).

I have contributed articles to *Public Library Journal* and *Personnel, Training and Education* and have collected most of the content for and written the 8 issues of the Newsletter in this period.

I have also attended a number of meetings, including: the Enfield Library Service Warwick Report Steering Group; the Library Association Policy Advisory Group (together with Shiraz Durrani, Rebecca Linley and John Pateman); with David Murray, Director LLDA; with Kent Arts & Libraries Senior Management Team; the Social Exclusion Portal Development and Monitoring Group; the Sexuality Issues in Libraries Group; meeting with Book Aid International visitors at Merton, March 2001; with Katie Norgrove (then Archive Development Officer for the Regions) and Dawn Routledge (the current post-holder); with Ian Hobbs, Devonshire's Corporate Strategy Officer; with Gary McKeone, Literature Director, The Arts Council; Terry Turner, Jennifer Holland, Janet Holden, Dermot Stoney (Norfolk CC); meeting at Resource to discuss social exclusion initiatives; with Noelene Cookman (David Haynes Associates) to discuss areas of common interest; with Laura Williams (HLF) to discuss their role in funding and to prepare a piece for the newsletter; with Fiona Hutchison, Website designer.

In addition, there has been a considerable number of meetings to develop training courses, including with: David Walters to plan mental health courses; Keiron Shortt to discuss training programme for Oxfordshire; Jane Allen and Meryl Jones to discuss Wandsworth training day; Anne Harding to discuss children's courses; Caroline Lang (Resource) to discuss training issues; Caroline Lang, Richard Sandell and Jocelyn Dodd to discuss cross-sectoral training; Linda Saunders, Ann Jones and Lesley Sim (ASCEL) to discuss their training programme to develop champions.

I attended the seminar to launch *Out of sight but not out of mind: visually impaired people's perspectives of library and information services*, May 2001.

In addition, I have carried out all the administration for the Network, including invoicing and banking income; dealing with suppliers' invoices and raising cheques; and answering the large number of letters and e-mails about the Network's work.

¹ Up to the end of July 2001.