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Funding & Opportunities

First World War and India project with The National Archives

www.operationwardiary.org

(Source: email from Krishna Kaur, Equality & Diversity Co-ordinator, The National Archives)

“I hope you don’t mind my approach on seeking once again your support and cooperation as key diversity community champions to reach out to wider communities. I am looking to make contact with a diverse range of local communities to engage them in a range of projects currently active including First World War and India. Therefore would you please circulate this information as wide as possible across your partnership networks, community group, forums, and mediums.

Recently we have made the 171 First World War diaries of the Indian Infantry units deployed to the Western Front available online to download via the [First World War 100](#) portal.

From the 25th September, these war diaries were added to [Operation War Diary](#), the online crowdsourcing project, so that you can help us to reveal the many stories still waiting to be discovered.

These diaries cover the entire period of the units' involvement in the war, including their journey by sea from India and the reception they received on arrival in Marseilles, with the first two brigades docking on 26 September 1914.

Highlights include:

- their long journey across the seas to what was an unknown destination at the time ([WO 95/3926/1](#)). Many men experienced sea-sickness and weather they had never encountered before. One diary even includes reports of a shark swimming around the ship on 1 September 1914 ([WO 95/3920/1](#))
- the 'magnificent reception' they received from the French upon their arrival in Marseilles where crowds greeted them with fruit, coffee, biscuits, flags and flowers ([WO 95/3926/1](#))
- how religious requirements were accommodated. One diary notes how Indian troops were allowed to go up to the promenade deck of the ship to pray, facing east towards Mecca ([WO 95/3920/1](#))
- the enemy in the trenches trying to communicate with Indian troops using a white screen inside their trench on two poles within inscription 'Indian Soldiers. The Holy War has begun. Come and join us. Death to the Hated British' ([WO 95/3948](#))

Indian soldiers in the Indian Army came from the Lahore and Meerut Divisions and the Secunderbad Cavalry Brigade. In October, Indians took part in some of the fiercest fighting at Ypres.

We are encouraging people to take part in Operation War Diary to help uncover all of the many stories contained within the 1.5 million pages of the unit war diaries from France and Flanders. Join the project here: www.operationwardiary.org.

I would really appreciate the opportunity should you wish to work closer in partnership with you to reach out to your communities whom may be interested in engaging with us on these projects. I would welcome any suggestions on how we could best explore on working together in partnership to engage with wider South Asian communities?"

The Accessible Britain Challenge Awards 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessible-britain-challenge-awards>

Just a reminder:

"The Accessible Britain Challenge Awards are intended to publicly recognise organisations, including councils, other service providers and businesses that are making an outstanding contribution towards communities being accessible and inclusive.

We expect that some nominations may involve partnership working and innovation. All will demonstrate how barriers have or are being removed to enable disabled people to live full and independent lives as active members of their community ...

Nominations for the awards can be made by individual disabled people or disabled people's organisations in your community. We hope that by limiting the source of nominations we will encourage disabled individuals and organisations to get actively involved and to recognise from their lived experience how they have benefitted from local projects, initiatives, services or social activities.

You cannot self nominate your own project, initiative, service or social activity. However, nominations can be accepted from service users, recipients and participants."

Closing date for nominations is midnight on **Friday 19 December**.

The Inclusive Technology Prize

<http://www.inclusivetechprize.org/>

(Source: DWP Age Action Alliance *Update*, 10 Nov 2014)

The Inclusive Technology Prize was launched on 16 October. It is looking for:

"... innovation in products, technologies and systems that enable disabled people, their families, friends and carers equal access to life's opportunities. Innovations can relate to any aspect of life including, but not limited to, education, home, leisure, transport and work."

Deadline for entries is **Friday 16 January 2015**.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“The LGF's LGBT history archives to go on show at Manchester Central Library”

[http://www.lgf.org.uk/news-articles/the-lgf-archives-to-go-on-show-at-manchester-central-library/?utm_source=LGF+weekly+bulletin&utm_campaign=665926a860-LGF Weekly Bulletin 10 28 2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_43f936b912-665926a860-197315569&mc_cid=665926a860&mc_eid=a859be8b1c](http://www.lgf.org.uk/news-articles/the-lgf-archives-to-go-on-show-at-manchester-central-library/?utm_source=LGF+weekly+bulletin&utm_campaign=665926a860-LGF+Weekly+Bulletin+10+28+2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_43f936b912-665926a860-197315569&mc_cid=665926a860&mc_eid=a859be8b1c)

(Source: Lesbian and Gay Foundation *Bulletin*, 28 Oct 2014)

“The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (The LGF) and Manchester Libraries are collaborating to make an important archive accessible to the public at Central Library.

The collection from The LGF, which has been deposited with the Archives+ Centre at Central Library, includes a comprehensive catalogue of local and national gay and lesbian magazines, including The Mancunian Gay, Outnorthwest, Gay Times, Diva, plus many other smaller and often short-lived grass-roots publications.

The archives also include historical documents and reports about a variety of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) issues, including Manchester’s Pride celebrations, culture and health issues, such as HIV and AIDS. Selected items from The LGF’s collection are now on view at the Archives+ Centre.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Bromley Briefings Prison Factfile

<http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/Bromley%20Briefings/Factfile%20Autumn%202014.pdf>

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 3 Nov 2014)

Very useful overview of the state of prisons in England and Wales.

“Making it REAL 2013-15”

Summary:

http://www.ncb.org.uk/media/1161157/making_it_real_evaluation_report_executive_summary.pdf

Full report:

http://www.ncb.org.uk/media/1161080/making_it_real_evaluation_report_final_version_230914_2.pdf

(Source: NCB *Members’ Newsletter*, Oct 2014)

The NCB Research Centre has just evaluated the first year of the project.

“The Making it REAL Rollout project ... sets out to improve the quality of early education and care of young children ... The project uses the evidence base for the approach to early literacy through partnerships with parents, drawn from the original Raising Achievement in Early Literacy project by Professors Cathy Nutbrown and Peter Hannon. The Making it REAL training and projects are designed to enable practitioners to use the REAL evidence-based approach that reaches out to parents and families, building confidence and knowledge to support the early

home learning environment: this has been shown to have a powerful impact on children's outcomes and on family literacy practice.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Dementia handbook for carers

http://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/page_sa.asp?fldKey=344

(Source: *Later Life Newsletter*, 61, Nov 2014)

This handbook has just been launched in Berkshire West; it aims to help people's understanding of dementia, also providing practical tools and signposts to local and national support services.

Good example of a local guide that has info that's valuable for everyone.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Tech Thursday: Get textbooks in text-to-speech: Sign up your school to Load2Learn”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-get-textbooks-text-speech-sign-your-school-load2learn>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 172, 10 Nov 2014)

The Tech Thursday guidance from Dyslexia Action published on 16 October looks at provision by Load2Learn.

Just in case you haven't come across this before, Load2Learn (<https://load2learn.org.uk/>) “provides accessible textbooks and images to support dyslexic, partially sighted or blind learners who have difficulty reading standard print.”

Their resources include:

- **“Textbooks:** This is the most common material. There are over 5,500 of textbooks and recommended readings from a number of curriculum areas across all Key Stages. There's a good chance at least some of the textbooks you're using are on there.
- **Simplified images:** You can download nearly 2,000 curriculum images that have been simplified by the RNIB to be accessible by touch when printed on special raised paper. But they can also be used by students with visual impairments or by dyslexic students who find images in textbooks very busy.
- **Past exam papers:** Several exam bodies have provided past exam papers in several areas.
- **Practice worksheets:** This is still a developing area but you can find a number of RNIB's Curriculum Bitesize articles.
- **Audio books:** Load2Learn is not your primary source of audio books but you can find a number of audio books there, as well, synchronised with text using the DAISY format.”

“Tech Thursday Tip: Make Productivity Magic with Keyboard and Mouse”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-tip-make-productivity-magic-keyboard-and-mouse>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 172, 10 Nov 2014)

The guidance published on 23 October “provides tips on how to become more productive on your computer not just by getting things done more quickly but by making your computer more accessible.”

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Country information and guidance reports”

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 27 Oct-7 Nov 2014)

The Home Office has just published another 6 reports:

- *Eritrea: religious groups*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365456/CIG - Eritrea - Religious Groups v1_0.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365456/CIG_-_Eritrea_-_Religious_Groups_v1_0.pdf)
- *Libya: violence against women*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/362008/CIG - Libya - Women - October 8 2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/362008/CIG_-_Libya_-_Women_-_October_8_2014.pdf)
- *Zimbabwe: women*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364126/CIG Zimbabwe Women v1_0.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364126/CIG_Zimbabwe_Women_v1_0.pdf)
- *Zimbabwe: prison conditions*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364127/CIG Zimbabwe Prison Conditions v1_0.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364127/CIG_Zimbabwe_Prison_Conditions_v1_0.pdf)
- *Zimbabwe: sexual orientation and gender identity*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364125/CIG Zimbabwe LGBT v1_0.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364125/CIG_Zimbabwe_LGBT_v1_0.pdf)
- *Zimbabwe: political opposition to ZANU-PF*,
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364128/CIG Zimbabwe Political Opposition v1_0.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364128/CIG_Zimbabwe_Political_Opposition_v1_0.pdf)

Migration issues – Other Agencies

The fiscal effects of immigration to the UK

<http://www.cream-migration.org/files/FiscalEJ.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Migration News*, 10 Nov 2014)

Here is the link to this new report from UCL, which has had considerable media coverage:

“The report, from UCL’s Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), finds that European immigrants who arrived in the UK since 2000 have contributed more than £20bn to UK public finances between 2001 and 2011. In addition, they have endowed the country with ‘productive human capital that would have cost the UK £6.8bn in spending on education.’”

“Creating a more welcoming Scotland”

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/social-justice-and-poverty/features/creating-a-more-welcoming-scotland>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 416, 10 Nov 2014)

Positive news story about Usman Pradesh who plans to create a support network to help asylum-seekers across Scotland.

And, finally ...

“Perceptions are not reality: the top 10 we get wrong”

<https://www.ipsos-mori.com/researchpublications/researcharchive/3188/Perceptions-are-not-reality-the-top-10-we-get-wrong.aspx>

(Source: Email newsletter from Richard Sved, 3rd Sector Mission Control, 28 Oct 2014)

You’ve probably seen excerpts from this in the press:

“A new survey by Ipsos MORI for the Royal Statistical Society and King’s College London highlights how wrong the British public can be on the make-up of the population and the scale of key social policy issues.”

Here is a couple of examples:

- **“Immigration and ethnicity:** the public think that 31% of the population are immigrants, when the official figures are 13% ... Even estimates that attempt to account for illegal immigration suggest a figure closer to 15%. There are similar misperceptions on ethnicity: the average estimate is that Black and Asian people make up 30% of the population, when it is actually 11% (or 14% if we include mixed and other non-white ethnic groups) ...
- **Age:** we think the population is much older than it actually is – the average estimate is that 36% of the population are 65+, when only 16% are ...”