

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 167, 27 November 2014

Congratulations!

“Carnegie Partners for Carnegie Library Lab Announced”

<http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/news---events/latest/carnegie-partners-for-carnegie-library-lab-announc>

The seven winning applications in the first round of the Carnegie Library Lab programme were announced on 17 Nov:

“Northern Ireland (Libraries NI). Eileen Russell, Libraries Northern Ireland, Ballymena. Her library project Rub-a-dub-hub: Libraries NI virtual support for parents will create a virtual library for pre-school children and their parents to help boost the literacy rate of children when they start school.

England (Swindon): Anish Noble-Harrison, Central Library, Swindon. Her library project Get on your library bike! will see a ‘library bike’ taken out into the community to highlight what the library service can offer in a fun and interesting way through the likes of storytelling sessions, puppets, costumes and rhyme sessions.

Republic of Ireland (Dublin): Helen McMahon, South Dublin County Council Libraries. Her library project The Library After Dark Writers will see the library come alive after hours once a month on a Friday from 6:30-9:30pm. It will provide a writers café to support new or emerging writers and also a space for writers to spend time working on their materials.

Wales (Monmouthshire): Claire Lewis, Chepstow Library, Monmouthshire County Council. Her library project The Ideas Garage will create a community led coding space to be used by people who want to gain and share skills and experience of coding to create and develop websites/games to increase their employability.

Scotland (Edinburgh): David Hayden, Edinburgh City Libraries and Information Services. His library project Digital Toybox will see libraries within Edinburgh become technology hubs each with a toybox developed around a specific creative theme, ranging from video work, app or game design, programming skills, to music editing. Digital champions from among staff, schools and partner organisations will deliver the project which will include developing a mentor support system for young people using the service.

England (Newcastle upon Tyne): Aude Charillon, City Library, Charles Avison, Newcastle, Newcastle Libraries. Her library project Public domain, open culture and users’ rights will encourage members of the community to discover, use and create copyright-free works such as e-books and images while educating them on copyright laws and their own digital rights.

England (Huddersfield): Ben Burhouse, Kirklees Libraries. His library idea Kirklees Libraries Information showcase will use a cloud-based presentation and storytelling tool called Prezi to help create context around library statistical reports.”

Winners of 2014 CYP Now Awards

http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1148265/winners-2014-cyp-awards-revealed-celebratory-night?utm_content=&utm_campaign=251114_EarlyYears&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fnews%2F1148265%2Fwinners-2014-cyp-awards-revealed-celebratory-night

(Source: *Children & Young People Now*, 25 Nov 2014)

Storybook Dads have won the CYP Now 2014 Award for Children and Young People’s Charity of the Year.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Food for thought: an insight into why young people in England access foodbanks

<http://www.ymca.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Food-for-thought-Report.pdf>

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 17 Nov 2014)

“The purpose of this research is to understand and offer ‘*food for thought*’ on why young people are living in food poverty and being forced to access foodbanks in order to avoid going hungry ...

- The vast majority (88%) of YMCAs participating in the research now have to refer the young people they work with to foodbanks.
- Just under four in five (79%) of those YMCAs referring young people to foodbanks reported having to do this as a direct result of delays in receiving benefit payments and punitive sanctions.”
[pp2-3]

Dive in: a guide to choosing children’s books for reluctant readers and readers with dyslexia

http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/files/dyslexiaaction/dyslexia_friendly_book_guide_webcopy.pdf

(Source: email from CILIP YLG, ylg-list@jiscmail.ac.uk)

Dyslexia Action have been working on a project with the publishers Barrington Stoke to produce a book guide to help choose children’s books for reluctant readers and readers with dyslexia.

To accompany the guide, they have also produced: *Reading hints and tips ... for parents of reluctant and struggling readers*,

http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/files/dyslexiaaction/a5_01_4pp_leaflet_reading_hints_and_tips_aw.pdf.

The eleventh hour: are children and families being helped too late?

http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/media/9663726/redbooklight_11_spreads_lores.pdf

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 24 Nov 2014)

This is the 2014 'Red Book' report from Action for Children:

“This report provides a snapshot of the situations children and families face in 2014. Based on evidence gained from Action for Children service managers across the UK, it illustrates the environment they are working in and the challenges that the families they work with are up against. It shines a spotlight on mental health and wellbeing, deprivation and debt, and child neglect, highlighting them as key areas that have increasingly affected vulnerable children and their families over the last year.” [p4]

The 'Red Book':

“... is the Government's financial statement and Budget report, named after the colour of its cover. It contains economic analysis and summarises the annual Budget tax measures.

Action for Children has decided to release its own 'Red Book' analysis.”

(Taken from:

http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/media/1418298/red_book_google_scholar_version.pdf, p2)

“Books For Prisoners: Prisoners to be allowed more than 12 books in their cells”

<http://www.howardleague.org/more-books-to-be-allowed/>

(Source: National Alliance for Arts in Criminal Justice *News*, Nov 2014)

Just in case you missed this great news, the Howard League's press release says:

“The Howard League Books For Prisoners campaign won an important victory today (Friday 7 November) as the Ministry of Justice agreed to increase the number of books that prisoners can keep in their cells.

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) has sent an 'urgent' policy update to prison governors, granting them permission to allow prisoners to hold more than 12 books at a time.

The rule change, which has been introduced 'with immediate effect', follows months of campaigning.”

“Helping young adults with offending histories to volunteer”

http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2014/11/25/helping-young-adults-with-offending-histories-to-volunteer/?cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXlub3JnLnVr&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Monthly%20Members%20Bulletin&urlid=6

(Source: NCVO *Members' Bulletin*, Nov 2014)

Interesting NCVO blogpost which looks at the importance of volunteering, but also at the barriers that young adults with offending histories can face.

There are also links to a series of briefings from the Institute for Criminal Policy Research and the Institute for Volunteering Research on “Involving young people with criminal convictions as volunteers”:

- Young adults briefing, <http://www.ivr.org.uk/images/stories/Institute-of-Volunteering-Research/Projects/completed-projects/is-volunteering-for-everyone/young-people-with-convictions-as-volunteers-young-adults-briefing.pdf>
- *Guidance for volunteer-involving organisations*, <http://www.ivr.org.uk/images/stories/Institute-of-Volunteering-Research/Projects/completed-projects/is-volunteering-for-everyone/young-people-with-convictions-as-volunteers-vol-involving-orgs-briefing.pdf>
- *Guidance for resettlement organisations*, <http://www.ivr.org.uk/images/stories/Institute-of-Volunteering-Research/Projects/completed-projects/is-volunteering-for-everyone/young-people-with-convictions-as-volunteers-guidance-for-resettlement-orgs.pdf>

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

“What no waiting times! NHSE 5 Year Plan – Localism, Challenge and Culture Change?”

<http://localdemocracyandhealth.com/2014/11/18/what-no-waiting-times-nhse-5-year-plan-localism-challenge-and-culture-change/>

(Source: email from Jo Ward)

Interesting blog-review of the NHS 5 Year Plan, which also includes a useful summary of the main points. The Plan identifies three key gaps:

- Health and Wellbeing – and the risk that ‘deep’ health inequalities will widen
- Care and Quality – highlighting some of the particular challenges for a number of groups in particular vulnerable people over the age of 85
- Funding and Efficiency – the need for ‘reasonable’ funding.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

“Highlights of our 'social prescribing' live discussion”

<http://www.bigassist.org.uk/news/highlights-our-social-prescribing-live-discussion>

(Source: NCVO *Members’ Bulletin*, Nov 2014)

In October, Big Assist hosted a live discussion on social prescribing, and the highlights are available at the above weblink.

Their report also has links to a number of other key resources:

- Voluntary Action Rotherham started a pilot in September 2012 that has been operating for just over 2 years. They have five advisors that work

as part of integrated case management teams linked to all the GP practices in Rotherham. This is an evaluation of this pilot project: <http://www.shu.ac.uk/research/cresr/sites/shu.ac.uk/files/social-economic-impact-rotherham-summary.pdf>

- “Why social prescriptions are just what the doctor ordered”, an article from *The Guardian* by Rachel Williams: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/nov/05/social-prescribing-fishing-group-doctor-ordered>
- “‘Ways to Wellness’ – a new approach to long term conditions in Newcastle – FAQs”, http://www.vonne.org.uk/policy/waystowellness/ways_to_wellness_faq.php

Big Assist offers “a wide range of support and opportunities to voluntary sector infrastructure organisations. Prioritising those that are ready and needing to implement change. This could mean they are developing new services, new ideas and products or new innovative ways of working, developing new more sustainable income, new partnerships, consortia or mergers.”

See: <http://www.bigassist.org.uk/about-us/>

Disability issues – Other Agencies

UK Disability History Month 2014 "War and Impairment: The Social Consequences of Disablement"

<http://youtu.be/Q8j9w6VsZK0>

(Source: email from Stephanie Nield, Leonard Cheshire Disability to archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk)

“Leonard Cheshire Disability have released rare footage of our founder, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC talking about his experience of war, the challenges of adjusting to civilian life and the events that led to him becoming a humanitarian.”

An excerpt from the film can be seen at above weblink.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

How to talk about immigration

<http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/How-To-Talk-About-Immigration-FINAL.pdf>

Much-publicised report by British Future:

“Drawing on three years’ original research by British Future into public attitudes, the report sets out the conversations that the British public believes we need to have about immigration and integration.”

British Future:

“... is a new independent, non-partisan thinktank seeking to involve people in an open conversation, which addresses people’s hopes and fears about identity and integration, migration and opportunity, so that we feel confident about Britain’s Future.”

There is an interesting, and critical, review of the report by the Migrants' Rights Network at: http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2014/11/how-talk-about-immigration?utm_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm_campaign=4ab77f632f-MRN_News_24-11-2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1084a7080c-4ab77f632f-197822741.

2014 Sanctuary Summit Communiqué: The Birmingham Declaration

<http://migrantforum.org.uk/2014-sanctuary-summit-communiqué-the-birmingham-declaration/>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, Southend)

One of the outcomes of the first Sanctuary Summit held in Birmingham on 15 November 2014 was this important Declaration, the principles of which include:

“We commit ourselves to work together to ensure that our great country continues to be a safe place for those fleeing persecution and a welcoming place for all people who come here to study, work or join family and who will work alongside us to build a just and fair society.”

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“Volunteering for all”

http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2014/11/21/volunteering-for-all/?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXIub3JnLnVr&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Monthly%20Volunteering%20bulletin&urlid=1

(Source: NCVO *Volunteering Update*, 25 Nov 2014)

Interesting blog-post from NCVO about the importance of ensuring diversity in volunteering.

Understanding society: Insights 2014

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/insights2014>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 19 Nov 2014)

This is the latest report with findings from the Economic and Social Research Council's study, “Understanding Society – the UK Household Longitudinal Study”.

It includes chapters on ‘Living in Recession’, ‘A Diverse UK’, and ‘Family Ties and Social Connections’.