

# The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 169, 19 December 2014

This is the last Ebulletin for 2014 – with very best wishes to you all for 2015.

## Funding & Opportunities

### “Files on Film”

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/filesonfilm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/filesonfilm)

(Source: email from Sara Griffiths, TNA, 16 Dec 2014)

“I wonder if you, your family members, students or friends be interested in 'Files on film', The National Archives' award winning short film competition sponsored by the Friends of The National Archives? Please do have a look to see if you too could be inspired!

This year, the theme is the First World War as part of our centenary programme. We have selected ten diverse documents from the period, reflecting different experiences of war time. We invite you to interpret these and tell us the stories you see - how does our history inspire you?

To enter, read some or all of the documents we have selected and let one of them inspire you to make a short film (no longer than three minutes). You can choose any aspect of what you see - a character, a line, or the whole document, to create a film of your choice. Anyone can enter, using any type of film equipment from mobile phones to studio cameras.

Entrants have the chance to win £500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, £200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and £100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Winning films will be shown on The National Archives website. To watch last year's winners, visit our [website](#).

This year our judging panel includes Chris Croucher, an award winning filmmaker and producer of season five of 'Downton Abbey'.

The closing date for entries is **midnight on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.**”

### “Our Voices” Competition

[http://www.opengeneration.org.uk/voices-of-the-open-generation-competition/?utm\\_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm\\_campaign=ac43cc5675-Open\\_Generation\\_16\\_12\\_2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1084a7080c-ac43cc5675-197822741](http://www.opengeneration.org.uk/voices-of-the-open-generation-competition/?utm_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm_campaign=ac43cc5675-Open_Generation_16_12_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1084a7080c-ac43cc5675-197822741)

(Source: Migrants Rights Network News, 16 Dec 2014)

“Open Generation is looking for young creative outspoken individuals to become the Voices of our Generation to speak up ahead of the next National elections in May 2015.

We are worried that values that promote diversity, freedom of movement and multiculturalism are being eroded and that we are becoming a less open society. We want to defend a society that defines itself *beyond national borders*, where people *differences* are considered essential to our community and being *extraordinary* is an advantage. We are tired of being fed fear of foreigners and differences; only by being open we can

improve our lives. We are looking for *open-minded* people that want to speak up and tell our political class what is the society we want to live in!

We are launching a Competition to find the Voices of the Open Generation. If you are an aspiring filmmaker, photographer, or spoken word artist, you are under 25 and live in the UK, we want to hear from you!”

Further info on above weblink. Deadline to apply is **midnight 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015**.

### **Art Fund Museum of the Year 2015**

[http://www.artfund.org/prize?utm\\_source=TWAM+Communications&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Museums+North+East+-+16+December+2014](http://www.artfund.org/prize?utm_source=TWAM+Communications&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Museums+North+East+-+16+December+2014)

(Source: *Museums North East*, 16 Dec 2014)

“Applications are now open for the Art Fund Museum of the Year award 2015. The Prize identifies the finest museums in the UK and awards £100,000 to the very best – the 2015 Museum of the Year. The judges will present the 2015 Prize to the museum or gallery that has best met some or all of the following criteria:

- Undertaken projects that will provide a lasting legacy or have a transformative effect on the museum
- Demonstrated excellence, innovation and imagination
- Brought its collections to life for audiences – engaging, inspiring and extending public understanding
- Delivered an original education and outreach programme
- Clearly won the support and enthusiasm of its visitors and users

The deadline for applications is **4 February 2015 at 12pm** and the winner of the Award will be announced on 1 July 2015 at Tate Modern, London.”

### **Tackling social and digital exclusion – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government**

**Press release: “£23 million to help homeless turn around their lives”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/23-million-to-help-homeless-turn-around-their-lives>

(Source: *NCB Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 15 Dec 2014)

“1600 of the most vulnerable homeless young people in the country will be helped to get their lives back on track with the £15 million [Fair Chance Fund](#), while the £8 million Help for [Single Homeless Fund](#) will support around 22,000 single homeless people ...

Young people with the greatest needs, which other services may already have failed, will be helped by charities to find accommodation, gain qualifications and move into work using investment from innovative new social impact bonds.”

## **Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies**

### ***Not home: the lives of hidden homeless households in unsupported temporary accommodation in England***

[http://www.ippr.org/assets/media/publications/pdf/not-home\\_Dec2014.pdf](http://www.ippr.org/assets/media/publications/pdf/not-home_Dec2014.pdf)

(Source: *IPPR Newsletter*, 12 Dec 2014)

This is the first report from a three-year project:

“Homeless households living in unsupported temporary accommodation represent a hidden social problem. It is absent from official statistics, and the acute and complex problems associated with such households are left unrecorded. This cannot continue.

This initial report seeks to make a small but important first step in challenging the status quo and putting the plight of the hidden homeless more firmly onto the policy agenda.” [p6]

### ***The door is closed ...***

[http://www.coramvoice.org.uk/sites/default/files/The%20Door%20is%20Closed%20-%20final%20-%20single%20page%20layout\\_0.pdf](http://www.coramvoice.org.uk/sites/default/files/The%20Door%20is%20Closed%20-%20final%20-%20single%20page%20layout_0.pdf)

Executive summary:

<http://www.coramvoice.org.uk/sites/default/files/The%20Door%20is%20Closed%20-%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 16 Dec 2014)

Subtitled “A report on children who are homeless because they are failed by the system which is supposed to protect them”, this new report from Coram Voice:

“presents the findings from a review of case notes of 40 homeless children and young people supported by Coram Voice ... during 2013-14.” [p1 of Executive summary]

The key finding is that many councils are failing to fulfil their statutory duty to help young people, and claims that many children seeking help were either turned away or offered inadequate support.

### ***Reaching safe places: exploring the journeys of young people who run away from home or care***

<https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk/media/37812/14rach001-br-cr-brochure-digital-low.pdf>

(Source: *NCB Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 15 Dec 2014)

New report from charity Railway Children, which looks at what causes young people to run away, and what emergency provision there is. It “found that the vast majority of the estimated 100,000 under-16s in the UK who run away each year are not given emergency accommodation by councils. Two-thirds of UK councils who responded said they did not offer accommodation to any under-16s last year. In all, just 157 children were offered emergency accommodation last year.”

### ***Low pay Britain 2014***

<http://www.resolutionfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Low-Pay-Britain-20141.pdf>

(Source: Equality Trust *Monthly News*, Nov 2014)

Fourth annual audit by the Resolution Foundation of low pay in Britain.

“... those most at risk of low pay include female workers, the young, those in lower skilled occupations, part-time and temporary workers and those employed in hospitality, retail and care.”

The figure that has been picked up by the media is that:

“One-in-five employees (22 per cent, or just over five million individuals) in Britain earned less than the low-pay threshold in 2013.”

Quotations from: <http://www.resolutionfoundation.org/publications/low-pay-britain-2014/>.

***Time to be heard: a call for recognition and support for young adult carers***  
[http://www.carers.org/sites/default/files/time\\_to\\_be\\_heard\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://www.carers.org/sites/default/files/time_to_be_heard_report_final.pdf)

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 15 Dec 2014)

“From the first large-scale survey of this group we now have a fuller picture of the lives of the estimated 375,000 young adults in the UK who pick up the pieces when their families with care needs are left without adequate support ... The research ... found that young adult carers:

- Miss or cut short an average of 48 school days a year because of their caring role.
- Were four times more likely to drop out of college or university than students who were not young adult carers.
- Miss work an average of 17 days per year, with a further 79 days affected because of their caring responsibilities.
- Have higher rates of poor mental and physical health than the average young person.
- Rarely receive the assessments they are entitled to, with only 22% of those surveyed receiving a formal assessment of their needs by the local authority.
- Experience high rates of bullying – one quarter reported bullying and abuse in school because they were a carer.” [p2]

### **Health & Wellbeing issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations**

**“Reading Well Books on Prescription for Dementia”**

<http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/news/reading-well-books-on-prescription-dementia-scheme.html>

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Nov 2014)

Just a reminder that The Reading Agency and SCL are launching Reading Well Books on Prescription for Dementia 26 January. TRA suggest that libraries organise local launches following this event from the first week of February.

### **Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies**

**“Four common myths about young people and mental health debunked”**

<http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2014/nov/26/myths-mental-health-problems-young-people>

(Source: email from Anne Harding)

Just in case you missed this informative piece on *The Guardian* "Teacher Network".

### **New leaflets for people with dementia**

<http://www.vision2020uk.org.uk/news.asp?newsID=5529&section=000100050006>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 173, 16 Nov 2014)

"The VISION 2020 UK Dementia and Sight Loss Interest Group have produced new leaflets for people with dementia, offering practical and easy-to-follow advice on wearing glasses and eye examinations."

- Eye examinations,  
<http://www.vision2020uk.org.uk/news.asp?newsID=5524&section=000100050006>
- Wearing glasses with dementia,  
<http://www.vision2020uk.org.uk/news.asp?newsID=5527&section=000100050006>.

### **"Doctors at St. Mike's launch project to address root causes of poor health"**

[http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2014/12/14/doctors\\_at\\_st\\_mikes\\_launch\\_project\\_to\\_address\\_root\\_causes\\_of\\_poor\\_health.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2014/12/14/doctors_at_st_mikes_launch_project_to_address_root_causes_of_poor_health.html)

(Source: email from John Pateman)

Interesting article describing how one Ontario hospital is starting to work to address the root causes of poor health.

### **Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government**

#### **"Inquiry into disability-related harassment"**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/our-legal-work/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-into-disability-related-harassment>

(Source: EHRC *E-News*, Nov 2014)

The EHRC has pulled together onto one webpage links to their work on disability-related harassment.

### **Disability issues – Other Agencies**

#### **"Tech Thursday: How to make accessible PDFs with Microsoft Word"**

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-how-make-accessible-pdfs-microsoft-word>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 173, 16 Nov 2014)

"... it's really easy for everyone to make accessible PDFs with just a few simple rules. Here's how."

### **Migration issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations**

#### **"Making information accessible – an essential precondition for effective refugee protection?"**

[http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/making-information-accessible-essential-precondition-effective-refugee-protection?utm\\_source=Communicator\\_membership\\_list&utm\\_medium=Email&](http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/making-information-accessible-essential-precondition-effective-refugee-protection?utm_source=Communicator_membership_list&utm_medium=Email&)

[utm\\_content=Untitled45&utm\\_campaign=Weekly+News+from+CILIP%2c+11+December+2014](#)

(Source: *Weekly News from CILIP*, 11 Dec 2014)

“On Human Rights Day 2014, Maurice Wren, Chief Executive at The Refugee Council, gives his views on the importance of information literacy as a tool to empower refugees.”

### **Migration issues – Other Agencies**

#### **“UK PM David Cameron's immigration plan in numbers”**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/datablog/2014/nov/28/uk-pm-david-camerons-immigration-plan-in-numbers>

(Source: email from Peter Brown)

Just in case you missed this piece by *The Guardian's* Alberto Nardelli, which looks at some of the background, eg:

“Research has found that one of the main drivers behind Brits’ negative attitudes towards immigration is due to the fact that the debate in the UK is primarily about the “how many”.

First of all, it’s important to look at the numbers involved and to put these into context.

There are 2.7 million EU nationals in the UK (4.3% of the total UK population). The employment rate among EU nationals in the UK is 78.2%, slightly higher than among UK natives (73.6%).

Secondly, the graphic shows the proportion of people receiving tax credits and different types of benefits, relative to the size of the claimant population. Relatively speaking, EU nationals are less likely to claim benefits overall than UK natives, but are more likely to receive some, particularly tax credits or JSA.”

### **Broader issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations**

#### **“Libraries Change Lives”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgkUZylvsP0>

A good libraries promotional video from Libraries 2020 (see:

<http://www.publiclibraries2020.eu/content/libraries-change-lives>).