

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 205, 3 March 2016

Events

Events have been added to the Courses & Events pages on The Network website – see: <http://www.seapn.org.uk/courses>.

Funding & Opportunities

“UK Community Foundations announces New Beginnings Fund to support refugees”

http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/media/news_article/uk_community_foundations_announces_new_beginnings_fund_to_support_refugees

(Source: j4bCommunity Funding *Newsletter* 17 Feb 2016, <http://www.j4bcommunity.co.uk/>)

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“Museums in a time of austerity: a comparative analysis of the impact of financial constraints on museums in Britain and the United States since the 2008 economic crisis”

<http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/research/research-study/scholarships/2016/museums-in-a-time-of-austerity.php>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 318, 26 Feb 2016)

PhD studentship – applications close **21 Mar 2016**.

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

Briefing Paper for Libraries Taskforce visit to Swindon

<http://www.librarycampaign.com/briefing-paper-for-libraries-taskforce-visit-to-swindon/>

Strong paper by Elizabeth Ash of the Libraries Campaign, which really emphasises the role that Swindon Libraries play in tackling social exclusion and creating community cohesion ...

“Turning libraries into community centres”

<http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/turning-libraries-into-community-centres/18057#.VtM1e9HcvIV>

(Source: email from Desmond Clarke via lis-pub-libs, 24 Feb 2016)

... which it's a pity that the author of this backward-looking piece hadn't read! It's subtitled “Libraries are for reading, not knitting.”

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

Housing and communities' inequalities in Northern Ireland

Full report:

<http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Delivering%20Equality/HousingInequalities->

[FullReport.pdf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KeyInequalitiesHousing-ReportLaunch](http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Delivering%20Equality/HousingInequalities-SummaryReport.pdf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KeyInequalitiesHousing-ReportLaunch)

Summary:

[http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Delivering%20Equality/HousingInequalities-](http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Delivering%20Equality/HousingInequalities-SummaryReport.pdf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KeyInequalitiesHousing-ReportLaunch)

[SummaryReport.pdf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KeyInequalitiesHousing-ReportLaunch](http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Delivering%20Equality/HousingInequalities-SummaryReport.pdf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=KeyInequalitiesHousing-ReportLaunch)

(Source: Equality Commission for Northern Ireland *New Research*, 3 Mar 2016)

The key research findings include:

- “Segregated housing markets in Northern Ireland lead to differing experiences of waiting lists for social housing, with a particular impact upon Catholic and Other religions reference person households
- Access to adequate accommodation for Irish Travellers is limited, with some experiencing a lack of basic amenities
- Migrant workers are often subject to tied accommodation with poor conditions and overcrowding
- The homes of minority ethnic people and migrant groups may be vulnerable to racial attacks
- Those with a learning disability or mental health problems are not always afforded an opportunity to live independently
- Many people with disabilities live in homes that are not adequate to meet their disability related needs
- Lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people can feel harassed and unsafe in their own homes and neighbourhoods”.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

“No Harm Done”

<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/noharmdone>

(Source: YoungMinds *Newsletter*, Feb 2016)

YoungMinds have teamed up with The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust and The Royal College of Psychiatrists to create a series of co-created short films and digital resource packs on self-harm with young people, parents and professionals.

Dementia Awareness Week 2016, 15-21 May 2016

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/dementiaawarenessweek?utm_campaign=February+2016+Newsletter&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

Further info to appear shortly on the Alzheimer’s Society website.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Publisher launches a series of books in braille for children”

http://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/new-braille-series-children-launch-march?utm_medium=email&utm_source=February-Insight-2016&utm_campaign=Discover%20the%20series

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, 25 Feb 2016)

Press release from RNIB, announcing the launch of a new series from Dorling Kindersley, see also: <http://www.dk.com/uk/explore/education/an-intro-to-dk-braille-books/>.

SEND issues – Other Agencies

Special educational needs and their links to poverty

https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/special-educational-needs-and-their-links-poverty?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2022nd%20Feb%202015&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2022nd%20Feb%202015+CID_53f34b7c9f889f43ef48ce9854c7291f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Today%20new%20research

(Source: JRF *Weekly Round-up*, 26 Feb 2016)

New research report from JRF, which shows that poverty is both a cause and an effect of SEND.

The report makes a series of recommendations, including:

- “Policy-makers and school and early years leaders should prioritise SEND.
- Staff in schools and early years settings should be trained to identify needs so that they can be spotted early and over-identification and under-identification are reduced.
- Targeted funding for pupils with SEND who are at risk of exclusion should be provided so that schools can support them before they are excluded.”

Migration issues – News

“Massive increase in unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1156137/massive-increase-in-unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children?utm_content=&utm_campaign=260216%20Daily%20CH&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F1156137%2Fmassive-increase-in-unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children

(Source: *Children & Young People Now*, 26 Feb 2016)

“Statistics published by the Home Office show that in 2015, a total of 3,043 unaccompanied children applied for asylum in the UK, compared with 1,945 in 2014 – a rise of 56.5 per cent.

The figures also show that the number of unaccompanied under-18s being refused asylum has hit a seven-year high – both in overall terms and proportionally.

In 2015, there were 343 asylum refusals from 1,932 initial decisions – a refusal rate of 17.8 per cent. This compares with 154 refusals from 1,269 initial decisions in 2014 – a refusal rate of 12.1 per cent.

The 2015 figures represent the highest refusal rate since 2008 when there were 511 refusals from 2,718 initial decisions – a refusal rate of 18.8 per cent.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Patrick Ness Raised \$1 Million for Refugees. But Don’t Call Him a Saint”

<http://www.slj.com/2016/02/industry-news/patrick-ness-raised-1-million-for-refugees-but-dont-call-him-a-saint/#>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 9 Feb 2016)

Article outlining how Patrick Ness galvanised co-authors and others to raise funds.

International Book Giving Day 2016

<http://www.playingbythebook.net/2016/01/06/international-book-giving-day-2016-and-how-you-can-help/>

(Source: email from Anne Harding, 12 Jan 2016)

“International Book Giving Day #bookgivingday takes place on 14th February each year. The aim of the day is to get books into the hands of as many children as possible thereby increasing children’s access to and enthusiasm for books.”

Young migrants in the UK labour market

<http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/migobs/Briefing-Young%20Migrants%20Labour%20Market.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 15 Feb 2016)

New report from the Migration Observatory. Key findings include:

- “Although most migrants in the UK are of working age, they typically arrive in the UK when they are young: about half of foreign-born people coming to the UK in recent years have been under the age of 25
- This means that some or even most of their education in the UK may be beneficial for young migrants’ integration when they enter the labour market, since it means they are likely to have UK qualifications and greater opportunities to learn English. The vast majority of foreign-born children living in the UK are reported as speaking English well or very well.”

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(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 17 Feb 2016)

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The fund will not be supporting activities promoting party political activity; major capital costs; individual sponsorship; activities generating private

profit; statutory services; faith groups are welcome to apply but activities which evangelise or proselytise religious beliefs will not be eligible.

For further details of the New Beginnings Fund or to apply for a grant please go to the appropriate community foundations' website:

[Foundation Scotland](#)
[Community Foundation in Wales](#)
[Community Foundation for Northern Ireland](#)
[Community Foundation for Merseyside](#)
[Community Foundation for Lancashire](#)
[Heart of England Community Foundation](#)
[Kent Community Foundation](#)
[London Community Foundation](#)”

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

Inclusivity – supporting BAME trans people

http://www.gires.org.uk/assets/Support-Assets/BAME_Inclusivity.pdf

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 16 Feb 2016)

Important new resource which looks at the intersections between different groups:

“There is a trans tidal wave crossing Britain, and we are seeing more trans people in the media making headlines more than ever, with the demand for support for trans people higher than ever. Too often BAME trans people are pushed to the margins as a minority within a minority, and the voices that dominate the mainstream are the voices of white trans people, speaking for experiences the BAME population cannot relate to, meaning services are not hearing their needs, and failing to support them.

BAME trans people have always been here. Recently there have been increasing number accessing services, but the services have not always done justice for the community. We need to ensure we are doing justice for BAME trans people and including them in the dialogue, as they are a part of the trans community.

‘Inclusivity’ takes an intersectional approach and understanding that identities are complicated and layered. It acknowledges that BAME trans people do have different experiences due to culture and faith.”

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Parish or bust!”

<http://leonslibraryblog.com/2016/02/13/parish-or-bust/>

Very interesting post that looks at how some local authorities are starting to push down services, which had previously been local authority-provided, to parish level.

Single departmental plan: 2015 to 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dcms-single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020/single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 318, 26 Feb 2016)

DCMS have just published their latest plan, the key points of which are:

“Culture, media and sport enriches our lives and helps make Britain unique. Wherever you live in the country and whatever your background, we want you to be able to enjoy and participate in our sectors. We are:

- Keeping our major national museums and galleries free
- Getting the nation active and supporting our elite athletes on the world stage
- Backing the creative industries, which are growing at 3 times the rate of our economy as a whole
- Spreading the benefits of our thriving tourism and heritage industries right across the country
- Leading the digital revolution to make the UK the most competitive and innovative market in the world and driving an ambitious digital communications agenda, connecting homes and businesses to broadband and mobile
- Backing our brilliant and diverse media landscape, defending a free press, and helping our citizens keep themselves safe from cyber crime”

All good initiatives – but isn't there a sector missing?