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Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

Call for Papers: “Feminism and Museums”

(Source: email from Graeme Farnell, MuseumsEtc, 28 Sep 2016)

“We invite international submissions for our forthcoming book, *Feminism and Museums: Intervention, Disruption and Change*, which we'll be publishing next year (2017), to be edited by Dr Jenna Ashton (Manchester Metropolitan University). Proposals should be submitted by Monday 21 November 2016. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues who may have a special interest.

A copy of the full Call for Papers may be downloaded from:
<http://bit.ly/FemMus>.”

Awareness and understanding of EHRC guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty: a qualitative study

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/research-report-100-awareness-and-understanding-of-ehrc-guidance-on-the-public-sector-equality-duty.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 2 Oct 2016)

“This report provides insight into the current challenges faced by public authorities and public representatives in understanding the PSED and in accessing, understanding and using guidance.” [p12]

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

“‘I feel comfortable in the library now’: Reading Ahead in libraries”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/09/08/i-feel-comfortable-in-the-library-now-reading-ahead-in-libraries/>

Just in case you missed this post on the Libraries Taskforce blog from Genevieve Clarke, highlighting the impact of the “Reading Ahead” programme.

“Helping library users to go online in Bristol libraries”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/09/22/helping-library-users-to-go-online-in-bristol-libraries/>

A new post on the Libraries Taskforce blog, which describes how Bristol libraries have partnered with HMRC to provide volunteers to support digital skills in libraries.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

The lost boys: how boys are falling behind in their early years

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/The_Lost_Boys_Report.pdf

(Source: NFER *On the Web*, Sep 2016)

“The difference in outcomes for boys and girls is having a devastating impact; nearly a million boys have fallen behind with their early language skills since 2006. That is nearly a million five-year-olds who may struggle with skills like explaining what they think and how they feel, and engaging with the adults and children around them. Last year alone, the equivalent of four boys in every reception class in England fell behind in early language [...]

The risk of falling behind at five is much higher for children, both boys and girls, growing up in poverty. But it is poor boys who need our attention the most because of just how many are struggling. Last year, 38% of boys eligible for free school meals (FSMs) – an indicator of poverty – fell behind in early language and communication, nearly double the national average rate of 20%. New findings in this report confirm that the gender gap is highest in deprived areas.” [p iv]

The report calls for greater emphasis on (and funding for) the early years.

Cyber-Seniors

http://www.cyberseniorsdocumentary.com/?utm_source=Newsletter-AARP+Press+Release+-+all&utm_campaign=Cyber-Seniors+AARP+Press+Release&utm_medium=email

(Source: email from John Pateman, 20 Sep 2016)

“*Cyber-Seniors*, an award-winning documentary film that inspired an international campaign, is making a significant difference in the lives of young and old as youth mentors teach seniors about technology.

Over the past year, the Cyber-Seniors campaign has been studying the effect of its intergenerational tech program on social isolation among older adults and on the attitudes of young people about aging and volunteerism. Findings from the study, which was supported by AARP Foundation, suggest that the Cyber-Seniors program has the potential to not only reduce social isolation, but also increase social engagement and interaction among older adults, while also positively affecting young people's attitudes about older generations and the importance of community service.” [Taken from the press release]

Also:

“AARP Foundation works to ensure that low-income older adults have nutritious food, affordable housing, a steady income, and strong and sustaining bonds.” (See: <http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/>)

“Using culture to strengthen social capital”

[http://www.worldcitiescultureforum.com/news/can-cinema-bring-divided-communities-together?ct=t\(Oct_Newsletter_Test_10_4_2016\)](http://www.worldcitiescultureforum.com/news/can-cinema-bring-divided-communities-together?ct=t(Oct_Newsletter_Test_10_4_2016))

(Source: BOP Consulting *The BOP Newsletter*, 4 Oct 2016)

Post on the World Cities Culture Forum, which briefly looks at ways in which cultural activities are being used to strengthen communities.

The Battle of Cable Street: 80 years on

<http://www.cablestreet.uk/>

(Source: email from HOPE Not Hate, 4 Oct 2016)

To commemorate 80 years since the Battle of Cable Street (when “the people of the East End of London united to halt Oswald Mosley and his British Union of Fascists (BUF) from marching through Stepney”), HOPE Not Hate have created a major new website looking at this event and its legacy.

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

“Healthier and happier lives: how libraries deliver”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/09/26/healthier-and-happier-lives-how-libraries-deliver/>

Latest Libraries Taskforce blogpost which highlights ways in which libraries support health and wellbeing initiatives – and it includes a link to the LCLA shortlist films (and to The Network).

“Memory care at your library”

<http://publiclibrariesonline.org/2016/09/memory-care-at-your-library/>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 2 Oct 2016)

Interesting brief article about memory cafés in US libraries.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

The Dementia Evidence Toolkit

<http://toolkit.modem-dementia.org.uk/>

(Source: *Society Now*, 25, Summer 2016, p39)

Developed by the Personal Social Services Research Unit at LSE:

“The Dementia Evidence Toolkit is for commissioners, care providers, people working in health and social care and people with dementia and their families.”

The summaries look at:

- What the intervention is
- Why is it important for people with dementia and family carers?
- Does it work?
- Is it value for money (is it cost effective)?
- How much does it cost?

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Dos and don'ts on designing for accessibility”

<https://accessibility.blog.gov.uk/2016/09/02/dos-and-donts-on-designing-for-accessibility/>

(Source: email from Virginia Power, 3 Oct 2016)

Home Office Digital have produced a useful set of simple posters:

“Currently, we have six different posters in our series that cater to users from these areas: low vision, deaf and hard of hearing, dyslexia, those

with motor disabilities, users on the autistic spectrum and users of screen readers.”

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Tips to welcome a child with vision impairment into a sighted class”

https://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/welcome-child-vi-sighted-class?utm_medium=email&utm_source=September-Insight-2016&utm_campaign=Read%20our%20tips

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, 22 Sep 2016)

Although aimed at class teachers, this advice is very useful for anyone starting to work children with vision impairment.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Solutions for sanctuary: an overview of the refugee and asylum charity sector in the UK

http://www.thinknpc.org/publications/solutions-for-sanctuary-refugee-and-asylum-sector/?utm_source=New%20Philanthropy%20Capital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7378137_NPC%20Newsletter_No%206%202016&dm_i=UL9,4E509,6622UL,G59YK,1

(Source: New Philanthropy Capital *Monthly Update*, 5 Aug 2016)

This very useful background paper:

“[...] describes the landscape of the refugee and asylum charity sector in the UK. It is designed to be of particular use to donors with an interest in funding organisations working in this space. It provides key contextual information about the scale of the refugee crisis, profiles some of the charities and funders operating in this area, gives an overview of the different levels at which funders can work and provides key questions for potential funders to consider.” [p1]

Big Lottery Fund support for Scottish charities

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/fund-will-help-charities-help-refugees-in-scotland>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 496, 26 Sep 2016)

“Funding to help refugees in Scotland has been announced by the Big Lottery Fund.

The new grant, for Scotland’s national refugee charity Scottish Refugee Council (SRC) alongside partner British Red Cross, will support refugees who have fled war, torture and persecution as they rebuild their lives in Scotland.

It will allow the charities to provide people with essential help and support, including help finding jobs and education and training opportunities which will help lay the foundations for a sustainable new life in this country.”

What next after Brexit? Immigration and integration in post-referendum Britain

<http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/What-next-after-Brexit.pdf>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Sep 2016)

New report from British Future, written by Sunder Katwala, Jill Rutter and Steve Ballinger. It considers current issues (following the Brexit decision) and future directions, and recommends that the Government should:

“Undertake a comprehensive immigration review once there is clarity on the Brexit settlement, looking at all aspects of immigration and integration.” [p55]

To achieve a positive outcome:

“The public must also be engaged in a comprehensive immigration review through a ‘National Conversation’ – similar to the one Canada has recently opened. The Government should engage with voters up and down the country, listening to their concerns and testing their views on the options available. Engaging the public’s concerns would be an important part of restoring trust in the system and securing consent for changes to the immigration system.” [p4]

LGBTQ issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

Twilight People collection

<http://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/liberal-jews-archive-gender-and-faith/>

The “Twilight People” project collection is being housed by the London Metropolitan Archives – info about the launch at above weblink.

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

“Cultural and creative enrichment: how libraries deliver”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/08/31/cultural-and-creative-enrichment-how-libraries-deliver/>

This was the second in the series of blog posts from the Libraries Taskforce – this one looks at the role of libraries in encouraging people to participate in cultural activities. It includes a write-up of the work by St Helens, a finalist in the 2015 LCLA (see: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/advocacy-campaigns-awards/libraries-change-lives-award/finalists-libraries-change-lives-award>). I see they have also just won a National Lottery Award – see:

http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/14702669.Cultural_Hubs_claims_National_Lottery_Award/.

“Helping everyone achieve their full potential: how libraries deliver”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/10/03/helping-everyone-achieve-their-full-potential-how-libraries-deliver/>

This is the last in the Libraries Task Force’s series of seven blogposts which show how libraries deliver against a series of outcomes. This one looks at lifelong learning, and how libraries help everyone achieve their full potential.

It includes a number of brief case studies, eg Idea Stores, Dudley Libraries' Skills for Life work, and 2012 LCLA winners, 'Library Songwriters: Skipton Rewind Club'.

Local libraries and independent bookshops in the UK

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2016-0047/LLN-2016-0047.pdf>

(Source: email from Desmond Clarke to lis-pub-libs@jiscmail.ac.uk, 3 Oct 2016)

House of Lords Briefing Note to inform an up-coming debate:

“On 13 October 2016, the House of Lords will debate the cultural, civil and educational significance of local libraries and independent bookshops in the United Kingdom [...]

This Library briefing presents some of the arguments made in support of local libraries and independent bookshops. It provides background about the history of public libraries, legislation governing its provision and statistics on public libraries and independent bookshops. It concludes by highlighting some recent developments in these areas.” [p1]

“V for Volunteer – a dystopian reality”

<https://dawnfinch.co.uk/2016/09/05/v-for-volunteer-a-dystopian-reality/>

Just in case you haven't seen this powerful blogpost by CILIP President, Dawn Finch (also picked up by *The Bookseller*, see:

<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/cilip-president-reveals-pressures-community-volunteers-390726>).

“Think libraries are obsolete? Think again”

<https://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2016/oct/04/public-libraries-not-obsolete-cuts-closures-protest>

Article in *The Guardian* by Alan Wylie, which outlines the current plight of public libraries, and draws attention to the national demonstration on 5 Nov (see:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/282708008768589/>).

And, finally ...

Michael Morpurgo's inaugural Book Trust Annual Lecture

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-views/read-michael-morpurgos-beautiful-paeon-reading-books-and-power>

(Source: email from Elizabeth Ash to lis-pub-libs, 22 Sep 2016)

Just in case you missed this excellent lecture which talks about the power of the story and reading as a way of including excluded children ... and a lot more!