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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

Careers & Enterprise Company Mentoring Fund

<https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/posts/careers-enterprise-company-to-invest-3-5million-in-mentoring-programmes-to-support-thousands-of-young-people-across-the-country>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Daily*, 28 Nov 2016)

“More than £3.5million will be invested in mentoring programmes to support thousands of young people at risk of disengaging from education and not fulfilling their full potential at school.

The government-backed Careers & Enterprise Company today (28th November) announced the successful bidders for its latest round of funding from its Investment Fund which will target almost 20,000 students across the country.

The fund will focus on students who are about to begin their GCSEs but risk under achieving and falling behind their peers. This can impact on their future earning potential and career later in life.

In total, 39 mentoring organisations have secured funds following a competitive bid process to scale up tried and tested employer mentoring programmes.”

The full list of Mentoring Fund beneficiaries is at:

<https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/mentoring/beneficiaries>.

There could well be opportunities for us to get involved ...

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

“The Big Read: how shared reading transforms lives”

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/blog/big-read-how-shared-reading-transforms-lives>

Blogpost by Wendy Morris (Kingston University) outlining how their reading project has started to develop partnerships in the community. Includes a mention of their work with a local homeless organisation, the Joel Community.

“Glass Box – enterprise and innovation in Somerset Libraries”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/11/25/glassbox-enterprise-and-innovation-in-somerset-libraries/>

Post by Tabitha Witherick on the Libraries Taskforce blog, outlining how they had developed:

“[...] a plan to create a new space for individual and collaborative working and learning at Taunton Library (our busiest library located in Somerset’s county town); to support business start-ups, digital making and skills development. A flexible space where we would host a range of digital maker and business events from Code Club to digital skills training for businesses.”

... and what happened next!

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

State of the Nation 2016: social mobility in Great Britain

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/569410/Social_Mobility_Commission_2016_REPORT_WEB_1_.pdf

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 21 Nov 2016)

“Britain has a deep social mobility problem. In this annual report we present compelling new evidence that for this generation of young people in particular, it is getting worse not better. Low levels of social mobility are impeding the progress of not only the poorest in our society. We identify four fundamental barriers that are holding back a whole tranche of low- and middle-income families and communities in England: an unfair education system, a two-tier labour market, an imbalanced economy and an unaffordable housing market.” [p iii]

NB Fuller assessment to appear in *The Network Newsletter*.

“Lammy review: emerging findings published”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lammy-review-emerging-findings-published>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 23 Nov 2016)

On 16 Nov, David Lammy MP published the emerging findings of his independent review into race and the criminal justice system. ‘Headlines’ include:

- “Of those convicted at Magistrates’ Court for sexual offences, 208 black men and 193 Asian men received custodial sentences for every 100 white men.
- BAME defendants are more likely than their white counterparts to be tried at Crown Court – with young black men around 56% more likely than their white counterparts;
- BAME men were more than 16% more likely than white men to be remanded in custody;
- BAME men were 52% percent more likely than white men to plead ‘not guilty’ at crown court;
- In prisons, BAME males are almost five times more likely to be housed in high security for public order offences than white men [...]”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Integration city: a new communities agenda for London

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/Mayor_of_London_-_Intergration_Strategy_-_October_2016.pdf

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 503, 21 Nov 2016)

“In 2014, [The Challenge*] convened the Social Integration Commission – an independent inquiry, chaired by Royal Society of the Arts Chief Executive Matthew Taylor, which sought to explore how people from different communities and backgrounds relate to one another in modern Britain [...] This report sets out our ideas on how to promote integration in London.” [p1]

*“The Challenge is the leading charity for building a more integrated society and employs over 700 members of staff. The modest number of 158 young people reached in 2009 continues to grow and we now deliver our programmes to over 40,000 people each year and impact the lives of a great deal more through our work with policy-makers.” <http://the-challenge.org/about-us/our-history>.

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Talking about poverty: how experts and the public understand UK poverty

https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/talking-about-poverty-how-experts-and-public-understand-uk-poverty?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2014%20November%202016&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2014%20November%202016+CID_f7be199e0375747ce7f6e498b5111d0e&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20the%20summary

(Source: JRF *Weekly round-up*, 18 Nov 2016)

“This research identifies gaps and overlaps between public and expert understandings of UK poverty to suggest better ways of communicating about it and for building support to solve it.”

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Disability issues – Other Agencies

Jodi Awards for accessible digital culture 2017: call for applications

See Appendix.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Current migration situation in the EU: hate crime

http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2016-november-monthly-focus-hate-crime_en.pdf

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 504, 28 Nov 2016)

Latest report from the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights:

“FRA data – as of November 2016 – indicate that violence, harassment, threats and xenophobic speech targeting asylum seekers and migrants

remain pervasive and grave across the European Union, whether committed by state authorities, private companies or individuals, or vigilante groups.” [Taken from: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2016/current-migration-situation-eu-hate-crime-november-2016>]

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Heading back to harm: a study on trafficked and unaccompanied children going missing from care in the UK

http://www.ecpat.org.uk/sites/default/files/hbth_report2016_final_web.pdf

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 21 Nov 2016)

“Through this year-long study, ECPAT UK and Missing People have discovered that an alarmingly high number of both unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and children who may have been trafficked go missing from care. Many have not been found. Local authorities with responsibility for the care of these children are frequently not able to report how many unaccompanied and trafficked children are in their care, and many failed to identify any child trafficking victims [...]

Heading back to harm reveals that, from September 2014 to September 2015, 28% of trafficked children (167 children) in care and 13% of unaccompanied children (593 children) in care went missing at least once. Of these, 207 missing trafficked or unaccompanied children had not been found.” [p10]

ECPAT UK campaigns against child trafficking and transnational child exploitation, see: <http://www.ecpat.org.uk/frontpage>.

Migrant destitution toolkit

<http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/SAMD%20Migrant%20Destitution%20Toolkit.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 21 Nov 2016)

Subtitled *How to facilitate local partnership working and develop pathways out of destitution*, this guidance is aimed at professionals working in frontline services to support vulnerable destitute migrants from outside of Europe.

It includes:

- Understanding the needs of destitute migrants
- Developing a shared understanding of no recourse to public funds
- Supporting staff to make informed decisions
- Joint working in your local area
- Delivering cross sector Migrant Destitution events
- Good practice case studies from across England.

The Homeless Link webpage (<http://www.homeless.org.uk/our-work/national-projects/strategic-alliance-on-migrant-destitution/migrant-destitution-toolkit>) also has links to 4 Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Sample Migrant Destitution Event agenda, <http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/SAMD%20Toolkit%20APPENDIX%201%20Sample%20Migrant%20Destitution%20Event%20Agenda.pdf>
- Appendix 2: Brief guide to NRPF [No Recourse to Public Funds] housing models: property types, ownership arrangements and issues to consider, <http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/SAMD%20Toolkit%20APPENDIX%202%20Introduction%20to%20NRPF%20models.pdf>
- Appendix 3: Sample Migrant Destitution systems diagram, <http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/SAMD%20Toolkit%20APPENDIX%203%20Sample%20Migrant%20Destitution%20systems%20diagram.pdf>
- Appendix 4: Interlocking needs of destitute migrants Venn diagram, <http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/SAMD%20Toolkit%20APPENDIX%204%20Interlocking%20needs%20of%20destitute%20migrants%20Venn%20diagram.pdf>.

Hear our voices: undocumented children and young people share their stories

<http://picum.org/picum.org/uploads/publication/Children%20Testimonies%20FINAL-WEB.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 21 Nov 2016)

New publication from PICUM*:

“This collection seeks to give visibility to the everyday realities of children and young people considered irregular or undocumented migrants; to the challenges they face due to their immigration status and the strength it takes to overcome them day by day. Furthermore, it aims to give visibility to their voices.” [pp8-9]

*“The Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) is an international nongovernmental organisation that represents a network of 155 organisations working with undocumented migrants in over 30 countries, primarily in Europe as well as in other world regions.” [p2]

“Ten of the best: Books about Refugees”

<http://content.yudu.com/web/1mjdV/0A1mjdX/BfK221Nov16/html/index.html?page=10>

Books for Keeps no.221 includes a list of the ten best books for children & young people, chosen by Fen Coles of Letterbox Library.

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

The simple guide to inclusive monitoring

<https://www.theproudtrust.org/resources/simple-guide-to-inclusive-monitoring/>

(Source: The Proud Trust *News*, 23 Nov 2016)

The Proud Trust (“home of LGBT+ youth”) has produced this really useful starter guidance on LGBTQ monitoring.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“The Investigatory Powers Bill: an uncertain future”

<http://theinformed.org.uk/2016/11/ip-bill/>

(Source: email from Informed, 24 Nov 2016)

Important blogpost (originated by Scottish PEN), outlining some of the issues arising from this Bill which has just passed through both Houses of Parliament on its way to becoming an Act.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

Children’s and young people’s writing in 2015: findings from the National Literacy Trust’s annual literacy survey

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0003/5710/Young_people_s_writing_2015_-_Final.pdf

(Source: *News from the National Literacy Trust*, Nov 2016)

Just published are the results of the 6th annual literacy survey. Key findings include:

- “Fewer children and young people enjoyed writing in 2015 compared with the previous year, with enjoyment levels dropping from 49.3% in 2014 to 44.8% in 2015 [...]
- Fewer children and young people wrote something daily outside class in 2015 than in 2014 [...] with daily writing levels decreasing from 27.2% in 2014 to 20.7% in 2015. Daily writing levels also continue to be in stark contrast to daily reading levels, which have increased dramatically over the past couple of years [...]
- Technology-based formats, such as text messages (68.6%), messages on social networking sites (44.3%) and instant messages (46.2%) continue to dominate the writing that children and young people engaged in outside class in 2015.”

Appendix: Press Release – Jodi Awards for accessible digital culture 2017: call for applications.

Deadline Friday 27th January 2017

The Jodi Awards recognise the best use of digital technology in widening access to collections, learning and creativity for disabled people in museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries and archives. For over ten years, the Jodi Awards have been celebrating organisations which push the boundaries of possibility for digital media in increasing access for all.

For 2017, we welcome nominations from organisations of all sizes, from any country, for low-tech and hi-tech projects and for small or large audiences. What matters is the quality of your project.

Previous winners include British Museum, VocalEyes, National Trust, MShed Bristol, Tate, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Edinburgh City Libraries, Finnish Association for the Deaf, Imperial War Museum Duxford, Roaring Girl Productions, Berlin für Blinde, Association Valentin Haüy, and Karlovy Vary Library.

Nominations for the 2017 Jodi Awards are now invited.

Judges will be looking for projects, services or facilities which demonstrate exemplary qualities, real effort and achievement, and have the power to inspire change. The Judges will assess the following aspects:

- Organisational commitment to disability equality
- Involvement of disabled people in the planning, designing, creating and testing of
- products or services
- Adherence to inclusive design principles
- Outcomes, including the quality of finished products or services, key benefits and
- user endorsements
- Level of in-built sustainability and/or growth
- Inspirational value and potential impact

Nominations need to be sent to applications@jodiawards.org.uk

If you are planning to apply for an Award, and want some advice, we are happy to help you, please contact info@jodiawards.org.uk.

For more information and to download an application form, please visit our website [here](#).

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Notes for editors

The **Jodi Awards** are given in memory of Jodi Mattes (1973–2001). Jodi was a tireless champion of equal access to culture and the Awards were set up to celebrate her passion and energy. In her career at the British Museum and RNIB, her work focused on improving the visitor experience to cultural activities for disabled people and the importance of involving disabled people in programme and project development.

The Jodi Awards were set up by the Museums Computer Group in 2002, and the first awards given in 2003, the European Year of Disabled People. The Trust was set up as a registered charity in 2008.

The Jodi Awards recognise the best use of digital technology in widening access to information, collections, learning and creativity for disabled people in museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries and archives. In the recently-launched Warwick Commission report, 'Enriching Britain: Culture, Creativity and Growth', the 4th of the 5 goals set to improve the current position of diversity in the arts is focused on attaining a 'thriving digital cultural sphere which is open and available to all' by broadening 'interest in and access to culture by enhancing the experiences of consumers and producers alike.' The Jodi Awards have long been recognising organisations aiming to achieve this objective and pushing the boundaries of possibility for digital media in increasing access for all.