

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 224, 4 January 2017

Events

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

Congratulations!

Better World Books 2016 Literacy Grant Recipients

<http://cares.betterworldbooks.co.uk/grants/literacy-grants-projects/>

The Grant recipients have been announced – there are five library schemes, including Leeds and Swindon.

Funding & Opportunities

World Book Night 2017

https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/new-plans-for-world-book-night-2017.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=262bf7081c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_12_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-262bf7081c-51507097&mc_cid=262bf7081c&mc_eid=3fa1d39831

(Source: email from The Reading Agency, 6 Dec 2016)

The Reading Agency have just announced their new plans for WBN:

“The targeted giveaway will see us working more closely with care homes, youth centres, colleges, prisons, public libraries, mental health groups and other charities to match books with new readers.

Partners will help us to get books into the hands of the following audiences:

- Adults with low literacy levels or who don't read for pleasure
- Isolated and vulnerable older people
- LGBTQ groups
- Men and women of all ages in UK prisons
- Parents and vulnerable pregnant women
- People with mental health issues
- Young people who don't read for pleasure

[...] This more targeted approach to the next World Book Night, which takes place every year on 23 April, will be celebrated with events in libraries, bookshops and other community settings nationwide. It builds on the work already done by The Reading Agency since it began running World Book Night in 2013.”

Archives and Records Association, UK and Ireland

Annual Conference: 30 Aug – 1 Sept 2017, Manchester, UK

Call for Papers: ‘Challenge the Past. Set the Agenda’

<http://conference.archives.org.uk>

(Source: email from archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 20 Dec 2016)

Full details of the call for papers are at the above weblink.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **Tuesday 31 January 2017**.

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

“Hate Incidents in Libraries Spark a Renewed Commitment to Serve All”

<http://www.slj.com/2016/12/industry-news/hate-incidents-in-libraries-spark-a-renewed-commitment-to-serve-all/#>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 20 Dec 2016)

Short article in the US *School Library Journal*, highlighting the growth of racist and other discriminatory behaviour.

“Libraries Nationwide Seek to Foster Dialog”

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/12/library-services/libraries-nationwide-seek-to-foster-dialog/#>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 3 Jan 2017)

Heartening examples of work in US libraries to “foster dialog, confront intolerance, and reaffirm public libraries as safe spaces for all patrons.”

Do we have parallel examples here, post-Brexit?

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

Understanding the educational background of young offenders

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/577542/understanding-educational-background-of-young-offenders-full-report.pdf.

(Source: *NCB Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 20 Dec 2016)

Subtitled *Joint experimental statistical report from the Ministry of Justice and Department for Education*, this important new report looks at the background of young offenders:

“This is a joint report between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Department for Education (DfE) that presents initial findings from a major data sharing project between the two departments. The aim of this analysis is to better understand the educational background, including attainment outcomes and characteristics, of young people aged 10 to 17 years who were sentenced in 2014 in England and Wales. The year 2014 has been used as this is the most recent full year of data included in the data share.” [p3]

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Inequality is not inevitable: how you can make the UK a fairer, better society – a guide for inequality activists

https://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/TET%20-%20Activist%20Pack%202016_0.pdf

(Source: email from *The Equality Trust*, 15 Dec 2016)

Practical guide to lobbying decision-makers and influencing the influencers, together with useful resources, details of other campaigns, etc.

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

The mental health of children and young people in England

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/575632/Mental_health_of_children_in_England.pdf

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 12 Dec 2016)

Important new report from Public Health England:

“The purpose of this report is to:

- describe the importance of mental health in CYP
- describe the case for investing in mental health
- provide a descriptive analysis of mental health in CYP in England
- summarise the evidence of what works to improve mental health in CYP in order to inform local transformation of services” [p3]

See also: ***The mental health of children and young people in London***,

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/575077/Mental_health_of_children_in_London.pdf

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Working with blind and partially sighted colleagues: an employer’s guide

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/enei%20%26%20RNIB%20Guide%20to%20Working%20with%20Blind%20and%20Partially%20Sighted%20Colleagues.pdf>

(A Word version is available to download from: <http://www.rnib.org.uk/services-we-offer-advice-professionals/employing-blind-or-partially-sighted-person>)

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 221, 15 Nov 2016)

New guidance from RNIB:

“This guide is essential reading for line managers, supervisors, or those supporting blind and partially sighted colleagues in the workplace. It has been developed in partnership with a group of blind and partially sighted people, who have a keen interest in improving the employment situation of people with sight loss.” [p3]

It joins other resources on the RNIB “Employing a blind or partially sighted person” webpage (<http://www.rnib.org.uk/services-we-offer-advice-professionals/employing-blind-or-partially-sighted-person>), including:

- *Employing someone with sight loss: a guide for employers*, <http://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Guide%20for%20employers%20update%20Nov%202016.pdf>
- A case study
- Links to other sources of info.

“Key issues for children with vision impairment in 2017”

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/key-issues-sector-children-vision-impairment-2017>

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, Jan 2017)

Very useful round-up of issues, with contributions from the National Sensory Impairment Partnership, Sense, VIEW, and Moorvision.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Peterborough CVS leading research in the East of England on ESOL for Syrian refugees”

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

I’m including this as it’s the first time I have seen a regional approach of this sort (and also of interest to contacts in the East of England in case they missed it):

“Peterborough CVS have been commissioned by us at the East of England LGA to lead on a research programme to map ESOL provision and identification of gaps across the region. The findings from this research are expected to inform future ESOL funding provision for the region from the £10 million fund allocated by the Government to improve ESOL provision across the country. Gill Searl is the lead for this programme and will work with Louise Porter their Community Investment Manager. Both Gill and Louise have experience in working with local, neighbourhood and community groups, colleges, statutory and private providers and Gill has delivered a range of language services locally, nationally and internationally for many years. Gill and Louise will be in touch to gather information about regional ESOL providers but meanwhile if you have any questions, thoughts or comments please share with Gill on e: gill.searl@pcvs.co.uk”

Rural Refugee Network

<http://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/>

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

“The Rural Refugee Network helps Syrian refugees resettle into rural communities across the UK. It was set up to address the government’s Syrian Vulnerable Persons initiative, which doesn’t cover rural areas [...]

RRN in short

- Set up in September 2015
- Working across Hampshire and West Sussex
- Made up of 70 people from health and social care, business, education, construction, media and planning”

“Literature across Frontiers”

<http://www.lit-across-frontiers.org/>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 22 Dec 2016)

“Literature Across Frontiers (LAF) is a European Platform for Literary Exchange, Translation and Policy Debate. LAF aims to develop intercultural dialogue through literature and translation and highlight lesser-translated literatures. We are based in Wales, United Kingdom, and work in partnership with organisations and individuals across Europe and beyond on a range of activities that create opportunities for new literary connections and act as a catalyst for collaborations and projects.

We also monitor translation activities and debate policy in the field of literature and translation.”

“The challenges facing migrants' rights campaigners in 2017”

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2017/01/challenges-facing-migrants-rights-campaigners-2017>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 3 Jan 2017)

Blogpost by the new Director of Migrants' Rights Network, Fizza Qureshi, highlighting some key issues for the next year.

Cities of Migration

<http://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/dy0cr--b9osm-5lqln7c2>

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 66, Dec 2016)

Issue 66 of the Newsletter features Storytelling. It includes links to the following:

[“Clouds Over Sidra](#). Using virtual reality to tell a vivid story of a 12-year-old girl in the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan, film-makers Chris Milk and Gabo Arora worked with the UN SDG Action Campaign, UNICEF Jordan, and Vrse to make this award-winning film. Put on your headset!

[A Day Without Migrants](#). What would a day without migrants look like? Contrary to what some may believe, migrants play a vital role in the global economy.

[Amazon TV ad](#). Not to be missed! The online retail giant's campaign in US, UK and Germany is about 'selflessness and thinking of other people.'

[Humans of New York: Refugee Stories](#). Humans of New York began as a project to photograph 10,000 New Yorkers on the street to create an intimate portrait of the city. Now stories from Greece, Hungary, Croatia, and Austria bring the same intimacy to the refugee experience.

[The World in Ten Blocks: An interactive documentary](#) by Lost Time Media that explores the diversity of Toronto's Bloorcourt neighbourhood through the stories of its immigrant small business owners.

[People on the Move](#). Migrant Voices interviewed a diverse group of people at varying stages of their migration journeys across borders and continents. McKinsey analysts recognized its power to move us past the statistics in their new report series.

[Chimamanda Adiche: The Danger of a Single Story](#). Originally presented in 2009, this TedTalk from award-winning novelist Adiche is timeless: “The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete.”

[The Shoe Project](#). Toronto's world-class Bata Shoe Museum creates a space for women who have immigrated to Canada to tell their stories

using shoes as a focal point of their journeys. The world in a shoe. Brilliant.

[“Good afternoon from #Aleppo I'm reading to forget the war.”](#) Bana al-Abed is a 7-year old Syrian girl who was tweeting from Aleppo during the siege of the city with the help of her mother, vividly bringing to life the reality of the displaced. Now evacuated to safety, Bana shared her dolls, her toothy smile, the ruin of her beloved house and her fears with 350,000 followers.

[In My Footsteps.](#) Building on [The Belonging Project](#), Manifesta’s latest project is a mobile app that invites people to become “neighbourhood curators” and maps the interaction between people and place, combining local history and heritage with communal culture and personal identity.

[Ai Weiwei’s documentation](#) of the refugee experience in Greece, whether transposed to Berlin where he famously wrapped the classical Konzerthaus with 14,000 refugee life jackets, or in the disturbingly, prosaic Instagram clips of refugees coming on and off ferries, will fill you with grief.”

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

"Exploring LGBTQ history at National Trust places"

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/exploring-lgbtq-history-at-national-trust-places>

The National Trust are just launching their year of LGBTQ activities:

“What we're doing

You'll be able to discover hidden histories of love and relationships at our places, explore stories of persecution and learn about the expressions of personal identity that shocked and challenged societal norms.

We'll be working with artists to create new exhibitions and installations to bring these stories to life and uncovering previously untold stories with help from academic experts.

We'll also be taking part in community celebrations including Pride festivals around the country and Heritage Open Days to build an understanding of LGBTQ histories in local communities.

Over 2017 you'll be able to explore these stories further with a podcast series and a new guidebook exploring LGBTQ heritage at National Trust places.”