

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 233, 19 May 2017

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

“Nominations open for the 2017 Family Friendly Museum Award”

<http://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/awards/>

(Source: *Museums North East News*, 2 May 2017)

“Nominations can be made by anyone – children, parents, visitors, visitor organisations and museums themselves. You can nominate a giant National museum or a tiny two-room local gallery. It can be volunteer-run or boast a team of curators.”

Further info about how to nominate is on the above weblink.

Deadline for nominations is **noon on 2 June 2017**.

“£2.7m for libraries, museums and archives in Wales”

<http://gov.wales/newsroom/culture-tourism-sport/2017/170411-2.7m-for-libraries-museums-and-archives-in-wales/?lang=en>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 14 May 2017)

“The new Transformation Fund builds on the success of the Community Learning Libraries Programme for libraries, extending it to museums and archives for the first time. This capital funding will see a number of libraries and museums transform their services to significantly improve the visitor experience, offer new services and develop their sustainability and resilience.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Widening Digital Participation

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/news-and-blogs/news/nhs-digital-extends-programme-widen-participation-digital-health?utm_source=Good+Things+Foundation+News&utm_campaign=f4e044565a-

[GT Foundation News Mar Apr 2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e9dc7b206a-f4e044565a-110029601](https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/news-and-blogs/news/nhs-digital-extends-programme-widen-participation-digital-health?utm_source=Good+Things+Foundation+News&utm_campaign=f4e044565a-7b206a-f4e044565a-110029601)

(Source: email from Good Things Foundation, 12 Apr 2017)

“We're delighted to announce that we've been successful in securing funding from NHS England to deliver phase 2 of the Widening Digital Participation programme.

This next phase will run across three years and will develop 20 local digital inclusion pathfinder projects who will test innovative new ways of tackling digital exclusion in health. The pathfinder projects will be run by NHS Digital in partnership with us.” [Taken from email]

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Being disabled in Britain: a journey less equal

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/being-disabled-in-britain_0.pdf

(Source: EHRC *Newsletter*, Apr 2017)

Major new report from the EHRC, which “[...] sets out evidence-based findings in six key areas of life: education, work, standard of living, health and care, justice and detention, and participation and identity.” [p7]

NB Fuller assessment to appear in The Network Newsletter.

Assistance dogs: a guide for all businesses

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses_0.pdf

(Source: EHRC *Newsletter*, Apr 2017)

“We have produced this updated guide to help businesses understand what they can do to meet their legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.

If you offer a service to the public, whether for money or not, whether you are a private business or a public service, this guide is for you.”

Take the lead: a guide to welcoming customers with assistance dogs

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/take-the-lead-a-guide-to-welcoming-customers-with-assistance-dogs.pdf>

(Source: EHRC *Newsletter*, Apr 2017)

Introductory leaflet aimed primarily at tourism:

“If you offer a service to members of the public whether for payment or not, whether you are a one bedroom B&B or a large visitor attraction, this guide is for you. It explains what your legal duties are to assistance dog owners under the Equality Act 2010 and how you can meet them, often at no additional cost.” [p2]

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

“Thimblemill library is UK's first ‘Library of Sanctuary’”

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/4134/thimblemill_library_is_uks_first_library_of_sanctuary

(Source: *CILIP Update*, May 2017, p16]

“Thimblemill Library in Smethwick has been recognised by the Birmingham City of Sanctuary movement for the work it does in welcoming refugees and migrants into the local community.

The library acts as a focal point for refugee support work in the local community including playing host to Bearwood Action for Refugees, a local voluntary group which raises money for refugees in Europe and supports people seeking sanctuary in the local area.

Thimblemill Library is also involved in a range of other local initiatives including:

- hosting fundraising events which raised more than £4,000 to support refugees
- running training courses in befriending refugees and about asylum issues
- bringing the local community together in solidarity with refugees in a symbolic 'Procession of Light' last autumn
- holding a series of monthly community lunches to welcome people seeking sanctuary in the local area.

Other services organised by the library include English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes, health walks and community tea-and-toast sessions.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Go home? The politics of immigration controversies

<http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526113221/>

(Source: *IRR News*, 21 Apr-4 May 2017)

Publication of an important new title:

“In July 2013, the UK government arranged for a van to drive through parts of London carrying the message 'In the UK illegally? GO HOME or face arrest.' This book tells the story of what happened next.”

NB Charged-for publication.

LGBTQ issues – News

“Almost a quarter of millennials identify as LGBTQ”

<https://www.indy100.com/article/fifth-millennials-identify-survey-lgbtq-glaad-queer-7660741>

(Source: *The UoP Equality & Diversity Twitter Newsletter*, 5 Apr 2017)

Report in *The Independent* “Indy100” of new US research published as *Accelerating acceptance* (see: <http://www.glaad.org/publications/accelerating-acceptance-2017>) for GLAAD (see: <http://www.glaad.org/>).

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

“This university's trans bathroom note is going viral for all the right reasons – Kudos to you, Anglia Ruskin University!”

<http://www.gaystarnews.com/article/universitys-trans-bathroom-note-going-viral-right-reasons/>

(Source: *The UoP Equality & Diversity Twitter Newsletter*, 5 Apr 2017)

Following a couple of items in the Ebulletins for 1 Feb and 16 Jan 2017, this is a very positive follow-on:

“Anglia Ruskin University, in East Anglia, is giving detailed tips on how to treat trans and gender questioning students in their bathrooms.”

Transforming outcomes: a review of the needs and assets of the trans community

http://lgbt.foundation/assets/files/documents/may_17/FENT_1493978351_TransformingOutcomesLGBTFdn.pdf

Very important new report from the LGBT Foundation:

“This document presents an assessment of the needs and experiences of trans people, based on key evidence available from across the UK [...] It also highlights and showcases the assets within the trans community and the valuable ways in which trans people have organised and advocated for and amongst themselves in the absence of mainstream recognition and support.” [p8]

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Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature”

<http://nottinghamcityofliterature.com/>

(Source: UK National Commission for UNESCO *Network Link*, Apr 2017 – email from Elizabeth Oxborrow-Cowan to archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 5 May 2017)

“As a UNESCO City of Literature, we’re dedicated to building a better world with words. Our permanent designation as a UNESCO Creative City enables us to use the power of words to transform lives, create new opportunities and establish Nottingham as a leading destination for lovers of literature worldwide.” [Taken from:

<http://nottinghamcityofliterature.com/about>]

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“Enemies of the state: the 40-year Tory project to shrink public services”

<https://www.theguardian.com/global/2017/may/09/enemies-state-tory-project-shrink-public-services-schools-health-inspectors-book-dismembered>

Fascinating article that looks at the impact of Government policy on local government (and is also in part a promotion for a new book: Polly Toynbee and David Walker. *Dismembered: how the attack on the state harms us all* (Guardian Faber Publishing, £9.99))