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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>.

Equality Act 2010

The Socio-Economic Duty: a consultation

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522478.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 8 Aug 2017)

“In 2017, Scotland will become the first part of the UK to introduce the socio-economic duty to tackle the inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage.

The Scottish Government has published a July 2017 consultation paper [details above] asking for views on how public authorities can meet the requirements of the duty. This consultation closes on 12 September 2017.”

[Taken from: http://www.edf.org.uk/scottish-government-consultation-socio-economic-duty/?utm_source=Equality+and+Diversity+Forum+Newsletter&utm_campaign=5f91e19bd4-EDF+Newsletter+08082017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_104ed5022f-5f91e19bd4-58965893]

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

“Holocaust survivors warn society against forgetting lessons of history”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/holocaust-survivors-warn-society-against-forgetting-against-lessons-of-history>

“Survivors warned about the dangers of letting prejudice go unchecked in society as designs for the new Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre go [on display at the V&A](#) (from 1 to 22 August). The Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre will stand against all forms of hatred and extremism in the modern world, including the discrimination that underpins Antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism and homophobia today. British Holocaust survivors are also meeting and speaking directly to visitors to the Museum about their experiences as part of a ‘living library’ event.”

Equalities and Diversity Action Plan

https://www.cilip.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/2017/equalities_and_diversity_action_plan_final1.pdf

CILIP sets out its important Plan for ensuring that equalities, diversity and inclusion become “a set of values which define us and which we see as fundamental to our success as an organisation.” [p1]

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

“Diversity and equality’: brief notes from the CILIP Conference workshop discussion, 6 July 2017”

https://www.cilip.org.uk/community-diversity-equality-group/blog/diversity-equality-brief-notes-cilip-conference-workshop-discussion-6-july-2017?utm_source=Communicator_membership_list&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=Untitled27&utm_campaign=Weekly+News+from+CILIP+9th+August+2017

Brief notes of the workshop session, which gives a quick intro to the Equality Act 2010, and tackles some practical issues.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Is it just fast food – or is it social breakdown on a plate?”

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jul/26/fast-food-social-breakdown-takeaway-life-expectancy-society>

Interesting, if grim, *Guardian* Opinion piece by Faiza Shaheen (Director of the Centre of Labour and Social Studies – CLASS), which argues that UK society has reached a ‘tipping-point’, indicated by the increase in the number of fast-food outlets, the stalling of life-expectancy, and the increase in inequality.

“Rise in number of young people classed as 'long-term' Neets”

http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2004030/rise-in-number-of-young-people-classed-as-long-term-neets?utm_content=&utm_campaign=080817_EarlyYears&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fnews%2F2004030%2Frise-in-number-of-young-people-classed-as-long-term-neets

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Early Years and Education Bulletin*, 8 Aug 2017)

“Analysis of official government youth unemployment data has found that 811,000 of the two million 16- to 24-year-olds who spent time Neet in 2016 were out of work, college or training for more than 12 months.

This is an increase of 12 per cent on figures for the previous year which showed 714,000 young people were Neet for this length of time.”

The findings form part of the 2017 *Youth Jobs Index*, put together by Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation – see: <http://www.impetus-pef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Youth-Jobs-Index-II-report-final.pdf>.

Age Friendly Standards

<http://www.familyarts.co.uk/age-friendly-standards/>

(Source: DWP Age Action Alliance *Weekly Members’ News*, 14 Aug 2017)

“The Age-Friendly Standards provide specific guidance on welcoming older people, and displaying this new logo affirms that an organisation has considered the often more complex needs of older visitors.

The development of the Age-Friendly Standards is a response to reported trends which indicated a significant drop-off in cultural engagement in later life, due to multiple barriers which older people may encounter. The Standards support a major new ‘Celebrating Age’ fund

launched this year by Arts Council England which aims to support cultural spaces to be open, positive and welcoming places for older people [...]

The Age Friendly Standards address five key areas when welcoming older audiences:

1. Building relationships
2. Considering suitable programming
3. Providing appropriate facilities
4. Communicating appropriately
5. Providing a warm welcome

The Age-Friendly Standards apply to any type of cultural experience, from museums, concert halls, libraries and art galleries, to dance companies, theatre groups, music ensembles and festivals.” [Taken from: <http://www.familyarts.co.uk/2017/08/new-age-friendly-standards-launched/>]

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Migrant population of the UK

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8070/CBP-8070.pdf>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 535, 14 Aug 2017)

Useful House of Commons Library Briefing Paper which:

“[...] uses statistics on migrant stocks to examine trends in the EU and non-EU migrant populations living in the UK since 2007. It also provides an overview of the characteristics of migrants living in the UK, including ethnicity, religion, age structure and employment. Both EU and non-EU migrant populations are divided into smaller country groupings according to common geographies.” [p3]

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Critical perspectives on clandestine migration facilitation: an overview of migrant smuggling research

http://cmsny.org/publications/jmhs-clandestine-migration/#.WV-oWe_X2IY.linkedin

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 17 Jul 2017)

New report which deepens discussion around ‘clandestine migration’:

“The risks inherent to clandestine journeys and the violence people face during these transits must not be denied. Many smugglers do take advantage of the naiveté and helplessness of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, stripping them of their valuables and abandoning them to their fate during their journeys. Yet, as those working directly with migrants and asylum seekers in transit can attest, the relationships that emerge between smugglers and those who rely on their services are

much more complex, and quite often, significantly less heinous than what media and law enforcement suggest.”

Living on the margins: undocumented migrants in a global city

<https://policypress.co.uk/living-on-the-margins>

(Source: Policy Press catalogue)

Published in May:

“Living on the margins offers a unique insight into the working lives of undocumented (or ‘irregular’) migrants living in London, and their employers. Breaking new ground, this topical book exposes the contradictions in policies, which marginalise and criminalise these migrants, while promoting exploitative labour market policies. However, the book reveals that the migrants can be active agents in shaping their lives within the constraint of status. Taking an inter-disciplinary approach, this fascinating book offers an international context to the research and provides theoretical, policy and empirical analyses. It will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers and academics, as well as policy makers, practitioners and interested non-specialists.”

NB: Charged-for publication.

Migrants’ perspectives on Brexit and UK immigration policies

<http://migrantsrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Migrants-Perspectives-on-Brexit-and-UK-Immigration-Policies-1.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 7 Aug 2017)

“During 2017, the Migrants’ Rights Network coordinated a listening exercise through The Outsider Project. This project supports migrants affected by the negative discourse around immigration, and seeks to promote a positive narrative demonstrating the benefits of living in an open society where migration is commonplace. The project has engaged with migrant communities in four locations within the UK – Wolverhampton, Oldham, Boston and Barking and Dagenham [...] – which were selected based on their majority leave vote in the 2016 EU Referendum [...] and their high non-UK born population.” [p1]

There are some interesting findings, including this hopeful one:

“Asked what changes to immigration policy could be made to benefit the local area, respondents in Boston recommended more action to bring together migrant and non-migrant communities to increase community cohesion and build strong relationships. They also called for better provision of ESOL classes and providing more information to migrant workers about their employment rights.” [Taken from: http://migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2017/08/03/boston-migrants-support-action-bring-together-local-communities-fix-negative-debate-immigration/?mc_cid=0883fa258f&mc_eid=f4e6ea96b3]