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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

Hilden Charitable Fund

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

(Source: *SAVS Weekly Email* – w/e 24 Nov 2017)

“Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage and by supporting causes which are less popular. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; supports asylum seekers and refugees; supports community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; penal affairs. The average grant awarded is £5,000 and preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £500,000 per year. The Trust will consider funding project as well as core running costs of organisations. The type of actions funded in the past have include schemes to enable young disadvantaged young people to receive job training and work experience; volunteering and confidence building for disadvantaged young people, education classes and skills training for refugees and migrants; night shelters, day centres and hostels for homeless people and support services within several prisons.”

Deadline: **5 January 2018**

“BBC partners with museums, galleries and libraries across the UK to launch a major cultural initiative – The Civilisations Festival”

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/civilisations-festival>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 26 Nov 2017)

Just in case you haven't seen the announcement of the Festival, which will run from 2-11 March 2018:

“The BBC is inviting UK museums, galleries and libraries to become Civilisations Festival Partners – hosting events that will spark debate, broaden understanding and share ideas about what the term ‘civilisation’ means for their communities. Events can range from debates and speeches to performances and workshops – all based around items in their collections.

- BBC invites UK museums, galleries and libraries to become Civilisations Festival Partners - hosting events which explore what the term ‘civilisation’ means to their local communities
- Over 700 pieces of BBC television and radio archive will be made available to partner organisations - Civilisations Festival Partners will be able to use this material at their events for free

- Digital technology, newly developed by the BBC is on offer to Civilisations Festival Partners - including an augmented reality app, allowing audiences to explore items from their collections in real world settings
- A BBC Two commission will tell the most compelling stories behind art and artefacts in UK museums libraries and galleries
- BBC is working in partnership with Art Fund, which is offering £10,000 in grants to Civilisations Partners, to programme or enhance their events”

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

What works? Eight principles for meaningful evaluation of anti-prejudice work

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/prejudice-unlawful-behaviour-guide-to-evaluation_1.pdf

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 547, 20 Nov 2017)

Useful new guidelines:

“This guidance has been developed to help organisations measure the effectiveness of interventions that have been designed to tackle, prevent or reduce prejudice, discrimination, identity-based violence or harassment. Presented as a set of eight principles, the guidance should be used as a planning tool to identify whether a new or existing intervention is working and where there may be opportunities for improvements.” [p2]

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

Unemployment by ethnic background

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06385/SN06385.pdf>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 548, 27 Nov 2017)

Useful new House of Commons Library Briefing Paper:

“The UK unemployment rate (the proportion of the economically active population who are unemployed) was 4.5% in July-September 2017. The unemployment rate was 4.0% for the White ethnic group compared to 7.8% for people from a BAME (Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic) background, although the rate varied between different ethnic minority groups.” [p1]

Anti-bullying week

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CDP-2017-0237/CDP-2017-0237.pdf>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 548, 27 Nov 2017)

New House of Commons Library Debate Pack:

“The briefing contains background information, parliamentary material, press articles, and further reading material [...]” [p1]

A Fairer Scotland – first progress report of Fairer Scotland Action Plan

<https://news.gov.scot/news/a-fairer-scotland-1>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 548, 27 Nov 2017)

“Public sector bodies now have a duty to consider what more they can do to reduce poverty and inequality when making key decisions.

The Fairer Scotland Duty, the first action in the Fairer Scotland Action Plan and the first of its kind in the UK, comes into force in April 2018. Public sector bodies including the Scottish Government, NHS and local authorities, will all have a duty to tackle social and economic disadvantage in local areas.”

This is a brief update on progress made to date.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Wealth inequality isn’t inevitable – it’s a political choice”

http://www.redpepper.org.uk/wealth-inequality-isnt-inevitable-its-a-political-choice/?utm_source=IPPR+weekly+newsletter&utm_campaign=b7173f4caf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_11_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b30c067fe-b7173f4caf-277593261

(Source: IPPR Newsletter, 24 Nov 2017)

Blogpost by Carys Roberts from IPPR, which argues that:

“[...] the UK is a wealthy nation; but that wealth is very unevenly divided. The wealthiest ten percent of households have in aggregate five times the wealth of the bottom *half* of households. The wealthiest 1,000 individuals and families in Britain have a combined wealth of £658 billion. By contrast, the net wealth of the lowest 30 per cent of households is £200 billion. Meanwhile, the British Medical Journal has just released a study claiming that over 152,000 people have died from the effects of austerity.” [Emphasis theirs]

The blogpost is partly to promote discussion around a new paper from IPPR for their Commission on Economic Justice, *Wealth in the twenty-first century: inequalities and drivers*, <https://www.ippr.org/files/2017-10/cej-wealth-in-the-21st-century-october-2017.pdf>.

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

“Talking Syria’ – the Voice of the Voiceless Displaced – Wins National Archiving Award”

<http://www.archives.org.uk/news/678-talking-syria-wins-national-award.html>

(Source: ARA Today, Jul 2017)

Apologies for being so slow to pick this up – announcement from the Community Archives and Heritage Group that “Talking Syria” won their annual Award for Excellence (and also the Most Innovative category).

See: <https://talkingsyria.com/>, and

“Qisetna: Talking Syria is a non-political social and cultural project aiming to engage Syrians and people with a connection to the country to share their stories. It provides a reminder of the humanity of ordinary Syrians through their relationship with arts, culture, sport and places.” [Taken from: <https://talkingsyria.com/about/>]

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Safe but alone: the role of English language in allowing refugees to overcome loneliness

<http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Safe-but-Alone-final.pdf>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Sep/Oct 2017)

New research from Refugee Action, published as part of the Jo Cox Loneliness Commission’s spotlight month on refugees, running throughout October:

“Every day Refugee Action works with refugees who are determined to learn English. They know that learning English, more than any other factor, is the key to them being able to build successful, independent lives in the UK. Without it, they are unable to find work, study, volunteer and become part of their local community [...]

However, Government funding for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in England fell from £203m in 2010 to £90m in 2016 – a real terms cut of 60%.³ Our research shows that such a drastic reduction in funding is having a profoundly negative impact, with refugees across England routinely waiting months, and in some cases years, to access ESOL classes. As a result, their lives remain on hold.”
[p1]

For more info about the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, see: <https://www.jocoxloneliness.org/>.