

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 158,

Events

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

NB there is a RSS feed on this page, which means that you could be automatically alerted to new events, courses and conferences as they are added!

Consultations

“Here to Stay”

<http://arcuk.org.uk/heretostay/>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 7-18 Jul 2014)

“Here to Stay is a five year national study into a situation of people with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities and new migrant communities living in England.

We know very little about the population of people with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities and new migrant communities. We need to increase our knowledge about this population. We want to know how many people access the learning disability services and how many don't. We also want to know what happens to those who do not use the services. Moreover, we want to know what needs they have and what services they require.”

Funding & Opportunities

New Children's Author Prize

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/authorprize>

Network members the National Literacy Trust “are inviting members of the public to submit your stories for eight to 12-year-olds to be in with a chance of winning a publishing contract with Bloomsbury, including advance payment of £5,000 for your work.

At the National Literacy Trust we work to take books and reading for enjoyment to children in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK. Exciting, engaging and inspiring literature and books are vital to our work, which is why we have launched this competition with Bloomsbury to help find existing and developing talent for children's storytelling.”

Further info on the above weblink – closing date: **5pm 30 September 2014**.

“National Life Stories”

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/sound/ohist/ohnls/NLSFellowship2015.pdf>

(Source: email from Elspeth Millar, 28 Jul 2014)

“National Life Stories, the oral history charitable trust based at the British Library, is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the **National Life Stories Goodison Fellowship 2015**. The aim of the Fellowship is to increase public knowledge and awareness of oral

history, particularly of the National Life Stories collections. This award of £5,000 is open to anyone resident in the United Kingdom who wishes to use the National Life Stories oral history collections to reflect on life stories and memory, and share the results of their research in the public domain.

The National Life Stories Goodison Fellowship will provide the recipient the time and space to listen in-depth to oral history material from across the collections. The award holder will become the Goodison Fellow for a period of three to six months, subject to agreement with the Awarding Panel. The Fellowship must commence in the period 1 January 2015 – 1 August 2015 and finish by 31 December 2015.

For more information and application details see above weblink.

The closing date for applications is **1 October 2014 at 5pm.**

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

The Social Library Foundation

<http://fundacionbibliotecasocial.org/en/fundacio-biblioteca-social/the-social-library-foundation-2/>

(Source: email from Wolfgang Kaiser)

This sounds really interesting:

“The aim of the Social Library Foundation is to contribute to reducing social inequalities through cooperation with public library projects aimed at the most vulnerable segments of society: children and young people with reading comprehension problems who are often from families with difficulties; unemployed people and migrants at risk of social exclusion; older people who have contributed to society and who now are often alone, etc.”

On the German “Bibliotheksportal”, there is a bit more background about this Catalan initiative – see:

http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?depth=1&hl=en&prev=/search%3Fq%3D%2522social%2Blibrary%2Bfoundation%2522%26biw%3D1920%26bih%3D878&rurl=translate.google.co.uk&sl=de&u=http://www.bibliotheksportal.de/service/nachrichten/einzelansicht/article/the-social-library-foundation-stiftung-fuer-den-bibliothekarischen-beitrag-zum-gesellschaftlichen-z.html&usq=ALkJrhgD7IerbBbiFxmT-ab6vBP4Yq8FQA.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Black and Minority Ethnic access to higher education a reassessment

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/newsAndMedia/PDF/NuffieldBriefing.pdf>

(Source: *IRR News*, 18-24 Jul 2014)

New report from the LSE, which found that:

“Universities are less likely to offer a place to black and ethnic minority students than comparable white British students ...”

There's a brief summary at: <http://www.channel4.com/news/universities-offer-fewer-places-to-ethnic-minorities>.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

Work with people with dementia and their families

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Jul 2014)

The Reading Agency has just produced two more case studies of libraries' work:

- “Hampshire Libraries are helping to create Dementia Friendly Communities”, [http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/case-studies/hampshire-libraries-are-helping-to-create-dementia-friendly-communities.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t\(TRA_July_20147_18_2014\)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831](http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/case-studies/hampshire-libraries-are-helping-to-create-dementia-friendly-communities.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t(TRA_July_20147_18_2014)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831)
- “Southend-on-Sea's partnership work for people with dementia and their carers”, [http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/case-studies/southend-on-seas-partnership-work-for-people-with-dementia-and-their-carers.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t\(TRA_July_20147_18_2014\)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831](http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/case-studies/southend-on-seas-partnership-work-for-people-with-dementia-and-their-carers.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t(TRA_July_20147_18_2014)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831).

“Reading, health and public libraries”

[http://readingagency.org.uk/news/blog/reading-health-and-public-libraries.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t\(TRA_July_20147_18_2014\)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831](http://readingagency.org.uk/news/blog/reading-health-and-public-libraries.html?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency+List+v2&utm_campaign=98dcf8359a-TRA_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-98dcf8359a-51507097&ct=t(TRA_July_20147_18_2014)&mc_cid=98dcf8359a&mc_eid=3fa1d39831)

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Jul 2014)

Extract from a speech given by Debbie Hicks, Director of Research, at the Royal College of Nursing.

“Public Library Dementia Offer”

<http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/news/reading-well-books-on-prescription-dementia-scheme.html>

(Source: CILIP Public and Mobile Libraries Group *Newsletter*, Jul 2014)

These initiatives are a lead-in to the consultation about the Dementia Offer:

“The Universal Dementia Offer will be launched in October 2014. Its purpose is to provide a strategic framework for public libraries' work for

people with dementia and their carers. It can also be used as an advocacy tool for libraries to use with partners.”

The Reading Agency has produced a draft framework for this Offer (see: <http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/news/reading-well-books-on-prescription-dementia-scheme.html>) and are asking for feedback which can be emailed to: readingwell@readingagency.org.uk.

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

The council role in special education

http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5854661/L14-318+SEN+case+study_v05a.pdf/41a14482-35e2-4f0a-9d9e-f2293b563a9f

(Source: email from LGA Children & Young People Team, 24 Jul 2014)

The LGA has published a brief overview of the SEN and disabilities reforms in the Children and Families Act 2014, including a number of case studies based on the work of the pathfinders and other member councils.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Tech Thursday: Make your computer speak Part 3: Commercial speaking software”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-make-your-computer-speak-part-3-commercial-speaking-software>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 165, 21 Jul 2014)

“In this third part, we will have a look at some commercial software you can use to make your computer speak.”

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

Two new postings on the infoism website

(Source: email from Elizabeth Ash, 22 Jul 2014)

These two postings raise critical issues (in this case, about libraries, but they make it clear that they apply to all types of public services):

- “How librarians enable neoliberalism and inequality, and what we can do to resist it”, <http://infoism.co.uk/2014/07/how-librarians-enable-neoliberalism/>
- “Why I think we need to speak out against media assaults on public libraries”, <http://infoism.co.uk/2014/07/why-i-think-we-need-to-speak-out-against-media-assaults-on-public-libraries/>.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“Leadership troubles”

<http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/leadershiptroubles>

(Source: National Secular Society *Newsline*, 18 Jul 2014)

Interesting article that questions the notion of ‘community leaders’ who are expected to speak on behalf of their communities.

“Enough is enough: from TV’s ‘crime porn’ to endemic violence, the assault on women has to stop”

<http://www.newstatesman.com/culture/2014/07/enough-enough-tv-s-crime-porn-endemic-violence-assault-women-has-stop>

(Source: *Equally Ours News Round-up*, 11 Jul 2014)

Edited version of a powerful talk by actor Doon Mackichan in which she “explains why she now has a zero-tolerance policy on taking part in any storylines that use violence against women as entertainment.”

“Celebrating diversity means imposing misogyny”

<http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/nick-cohen/2014/07/celebrating-diversity-means-imposing-misogyny/>

(Source: *National Secular Society Newslines*, 25 Jul 2014)

Interesting and provocative blog-piece by Nick Cohen, arguing that, sometimes, you can’t support both equality and diversity at the same time.