The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 181, 26 May 2015

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

Enquiries
Provision for Arabic-speaking communities
I've received an enquiry asking if we could identify good examples of public library services for Arabic-speaking communities – if there are museum, archives or heritage examples too, I'd be pleased to hear. I'll pull together what I receive and add the response to a future *Ebulletin*.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
"WORKSC"
http://www.worksc.org/
(Source: *LJXpress Library Journal*, 12 May 2015)
> "A comprehensive job seeker and workforce skill building resource for South Carolina's libraries, government agencies, and citizens."

Great example of a library-led partnership focusing on the needs of unemployed people.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies
"Is it time to ditch the term 'black, Asian and minority ethnic' (BAME)?"
http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/may/22/black-asian-minority-ethnic-bame-bme-trevor-phillips-racial-minorities
(Source: *MEMO* [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 439, 26 May 2015)
Former chair of the CRE, Trevor Phillips, has recently given a speech in which he suggested that phrases such as Black and minority ethnic (BME) and Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) have become outdated. In this interesting article – which aims to start a debate about such terminology – four writers discuss the issue.

"Show Racism the Red Card"
The charity SRTRC has just published a report of research into young people's attitudes (which has had considerable media coverage). The report is:

- *"To what extent do young people share potentially damaging attitudes with far right groups and where do these ideas come from? What are the opportunities and risks that this presents?"* See: http://www.theredcard.org/uploaded/The%20Attitudes%20of%20Young%20People%20-%20SRtRC%20study.pdf

They have also just published an article which examines these findings further:

- *Perception vs. Reality …* See: http://www.srtrc.org/news/news-and-events?news=5778.

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

"Making Connections: Libraries and Essential Human Services"

http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/making-connections-libraries-and-essential-human-services.html

(Source: WebJunction *Crossroads*, 20 May 2015)

Interesting article exploring libraries' outreach/community role:

> "There are times when the needs of a patron goes beyond our immediate services or an individual's comfort zone. You can probably think of a recent example right now. Knowing where to refer a customer or who to call in our communities can really help. When library staff reach out and connect with other community social service groups, we are adding new resources to our personal, staff, and community collections. Building personal relationships with agencies and individuals is an important step to nurturing our community resources. When we know just the right person or agency, we are offering a new source of information. Even handing a phone over to someone ready and able to help can mean the difference between barely surviving and thriving."

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Free training from AbilityNet

www.abilitynet.org.uk/news/free-workplace-webinar-series

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 184, 5 May 2015)

> "AbilityNet is running a series of free one hour webinars designed to help anyone who is interested in helping disabled people in the workplace. Included in the series are sessions on "Dealing with Visual Impairment in the Workplace" on Tuesday 9th June at 1-2pm and "Dealing with Hearing Impairment in the Workplace" on 7th July from 1-2pm. If you can't make a session a captioned video recording will be made available in AbilityNet's Webinars on Demand section after the event."

"Online Today"

https://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk/your-community/news/technology/125-000-people-with-sensory-loss-set-to-benefit-from-online-today

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 185, 16 May 2015)

> "A new nationwide project, led by RNIB along with Action for Blind People and Action on Hearing Loss, will provide everyday digital skills to 125, 000 people with sight or hearing loss or both. The scheme will help adults who have sensory loss to overcome the barriers they often face when it comes to getting online and benefiting from technology."

Insight

http://www.rnib.org.uk/subscribe-insight-enewsletter?utm_source=insight-newsflash-may-2015&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=join2&dm_i=4V0,3EB48,JX0FR1,C5IEZ,1

(Source: RNIB "Newsflash", 21 May 2015)

Insight, "the update for professionals supporting blind and partially sighted young people" from RNIB, is launching a new online version shortly – sign up via the above weblink.

Migration issues – News

"Which EU countries had the most asylum seekers?"

http://www.theguardian.com/world/datablog/2015/may/11/which-eu-countries-receive-the-most-asylum-seekers

(Source: *MEMO* [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 438, 18 May 2015)

Useful article which looks at the numbers of people applying for asylum per European country, including a table showing the figures relative to each country's population.

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

"Spanish on our Shelves | Collection Development: Spanish-Language Materials"

http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2014/07/collection-development/spanish-on-our-shelves-collection-development-spanish-language-materials/

(Source: *Library Journal Reviews*, 7 May 2015)

Useful US guide to buying materials in Spanish, with a list of recommended titles.

Also available is a "Collection Development" piece on Spanish-language media – see: http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2015/04/collection-development/spanish-on-screen-spanish-language-media-collection-development-may-1-2015/.

Museums, migration and identity in Europe: peoples, places and identities

http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472425188

New title from Ashgate:

> "This book investigates the historical and contemporary relationships between museums, places and identities. It brings together contributions from international scholars, academics, practitioners from museums and public institutions, policymakers, and representatives of associations and migrant communities to explore all these issues."

NB: Charged-for publication (website price £63.00).

Migration issues – Other Agencies

"Why we shouldn't speak of 'unskilled' migrants anymore"

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/migration-pulse/2015/why-we-shouldn-t-speak-unskilled-migrants-anymore?utm_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm_campaign=68fba00896-MRN_News_11-05-2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1084a7080c-68fba00896-197822741

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 11 May 2015)

Blogpost that argues that migrant are skilled, and that the "unskilled" description is being used – wrongly – for care-workers particularly.

"Katie Hopkins' migrant 'cockroaches' column resembles pro-genocide propaganda, says the UN"
http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/katie-hopkins-migrant-cockroaches-column-resembles-progenocide-propaganda-says-the-un-10201959.html
(Source: *IRR News*, 24 Apr-7 May 2015)
Just in case you haven't seen the strongly-worded criticism of the UK media by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – *The* Independent quotes him as saying that:

> "[…] tabloid 'misinformation' about immigration was fed into a 'nasty underbelly of racism' lurking beneath the migration issue."

The IRR has reprinted an article on the current situation in the Mediterranean at: http://www.irr.org.uk/news/why-we-should-listen-when-the-un-condemns-the-uks-extremist-media/.

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies
Trans health factsheets
https://nationallgbtpartnershipdotorg.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/np-trans-health-factsheet-introduction-final.pdf
(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 12 May 2015)
The National LGB&T Partnership "in collaboration with cliniQ, Mermaids, TransForum Manchester, with support from Public Health England" have just published a series of factsheets with the following objectives:

- To promote the health and wellbeing of trans people
- To provide trans people with basic information about key aspects of good health and wellbeing and how secure it
- To signpost sources of information and support

The introductory leaflet is available at the above weblink, and there are links within this leaflet to the rest of the series.

Life in Scotland for LGBT young people: community & identity
https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/files/documents/Research_/LGBTYS_Life_-_Community_and_Identity_-_new_version.pdf
(Source: Edinburgh Council Leader's report, May 2015)
New research report from LGBT Youth Scotland, the headline finding of which was:

> "Women, bisexual people and transgender people were particularly likely to identify negative perceptions or experiences, as were those from rural areas." [p5]

The report recommends:

- "Policies should be in place across all community, youth, and children's services to ensure that LGBT young people are not disadvantaged, discriminated against or excluded as a result of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

- Programmes should be rolled out within voluntary and statutory community organisations such as youth groups, to ensure that all staff are aware of LGBT identities and fully trained in responding to and, where possible, preventing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic discrimination.
- Voluntary and statutory services should take actions to ensure that LGBT young people feel valued and included in their local community.
- LGBT identities should be visible and embedded in promotional materials and informational resources.
- Monitoring, evaluation and planning should include considerations of the needs and experiences of LGBT people." [p5]

Broader issues – Other Agencies

Freedom in the world 2015: discarding democracy: a return to the iron fist
https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/01152015_FIW_2015_final.pdf
(Source: email from Mark Perkins to the Facebook IFLA LGBTQ Users SIG)

> "For the ninth consecutive year, *Freedom in the World*, Freedom House's annual report on the condition of global political rights and civil liberties, showed an overall decline. Indeed, acceptance of democracy as the world's dominant form of government – and of an international system built on democratic ideals – is under greater threat than at any point in the last 25 years." [p1]

World happiness report 2015
http://worldhappiness.report/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/04/WHR15-Apr29-update.pdf
(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 7 May 2015)
Third *World happiness report* which draws together work since 2013 to include social as well as economic measures in assessing a nation's development.

> "The year 2015 is a watershed for humanity, with the pending adoption by UN member states of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September to help guide the world community towards a more inclusive and sustainable pattern of global development. The concepts of happiness and well-being are very likely to help guide progress towards sustainable development." [Taken from: http://worldhappiness.report/]