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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.

Consultations/Inquiries
Inquiry: "How do we build community cohesion when hate crime is on the rise?"
http://www.appghatecrime.org/inquiries/
(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 8 Jun 2018)

> "The APPG Inquiry aims to gather evidence of how hate speech and hate crime impact on communities, and to provide detailed recommendations on how community cohesion can be strengthened in the face of rising hate crime and hate speech.
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> The APPG explicitly focuses on all strands of hate crime and speech (race, sexual orientation, religious, disability, transgender), and we are particularly keen on teasing out common themes, as well as potential divergences between the various hate crime strands."

Further info on how to submit evidence is at the above weblink.

The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday 25 Jul 2018**.

Congratulations!
"Local libraries receive share of £65,000 Library Lab funding for innovative projects"
https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/news/local-libraries-receive-share-65000-library-lab-funding-innovative-projects/
(Source: CILIP weekly email, 16 May 2018)

> "Six public library staff have been chosen to be part of the Carnegie UK Trust's Library Lab programme, and will receive funding to deliver new projects in their library – from recycled robots to coding for children."

Funding & Opportunities
"**Nominations for the Diversity Award are now open!**

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Previous winners have included Shiraz Durrani, Ayub Khan, John Vincent and Margaret Watson."

The winner will be announced in the Autumn.

If you would like to make a nomination for the Diversity 2018 awards, please contact / send the nominations form [attached at the end of this Ebulletin] to: CDEG Secretary Mrs Karen Berry secretary.cdeg@cilip.org.uk.

Closing date: **31 Aug 2018**

Libraries Week 2018 – 8-13 Oct 2018
http://www.librariesweek.org.uk/
"Libraries Week takes place between the 8–13 October to celebrate the nation's much-loved libraries.

This year, with a focus on wellbeing, libraries across the country will showcase how they bring communities together, combat loneliness, provide a space for reading and creativity and support people with their mental health.

It's not just public libraries – libraries of all kinds in schools, workplaces and universities have amazing services that improve our wellbeing.

Library staff and supporters can register [see: https://cilip.informz.ca/CILIP/pages/Libraries_Week_sign_up_form] to take part and we will keep you up to date as more details, posters and resources become available.

So start planning your Libraries Week events and activities and let's make it a celebration to remember."

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
"Single Sign On – Access to eResources for libraries"
https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/06/11/single-sign-on-access-to-eresources-for-libraries/
Libraries Taskforce blogpost which celebrates the introduction of SSO:

"One login signs you into all the eResources your library subscribes to. Many of these resources aren't on the Internet and to access them you usually have to sign in again and again…

Single Sign On gets you to your valuable resources with one sign on." [Taken from: http://goscl.com/single-sign-on/]

It also includes links to practical resources (and the evaluation report of the pilot project).

"Libraries Address #MeToo"
https://lj.libraryjournal.com/2018/06/academic-libraries/libraries-address-metoo/#
(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 12 Jun 2018)
Interesting article looking at some of the ways that libraries have been getting involved in US libraries, eg: discussion series in honour of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April; creating a #MeToo resource guide; working out how to deal with a book that their book club recommended just before the author was accused of sexual misconduct.

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

Press release: "James Brokenshire announces £30 million immediate support for rough sleepers"
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/james-brokenshire-announces-30-million-immediate-support-for-rough-sleepers?utm_source=e3d959ba-60b7-400a-8713-7ef7d94a0efe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily
(Source: *GOV.UK – your daily update*, 9 Jun 2018)

> "83 areas will share £30 million to boost the immediate support available to people living on the streets and help them into accommodation."

The list of allocations for 2018-2019 is at:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/715001/Rough_sleeping_allocations.pdf. (This is also a useful list of those authorities with high levels of rough sleeping.)

"Surge in proportion of black, Asian and ethnic minority children in custody"
https://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2005396/surge-in-proportion-of-black-asian-and-ethnic-minority-children-in-custody?utm_content=&utm_campaign=080618_DailyNews&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F2005396%2Fsurge-in-proportion-of-black-asian-and-ethnic-minority-children-in-custody
(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 8 Jun 2018)

> "Nearly half of children in custody are now black, Asian or from an ethnic minority (BAME), despite efforts to tackle their disproportional over-representation within the youth justice system, government figures show."

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies
Destitution in the UK 2018
https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/destitution-uk-2018
(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 7 Jun 2018)
New JRF report (the full report and a summary can both be downloaded from the above weblink).

Key findings include:

- "1,550,000 people, including 365,000 children, experienced destitution in the UK over the course of 2017.
- Destitution typically happens when people have been trapped in sustained poverty and long-term hardship.
- People are generally pushed from severe poverty into absolute destitution by a combination of factors: debt, benefit and health problems. Extremely low levels of benefits, especially for younger people, or no eligibility for benefits, for some migrants, also drive people into destitution.
- Single men under 35 years old are at highest risk of destitution. Three-quarters of those in destitution were born in the UK.
- Almost all people experiencing destitution live in rented, temporary or shared accommodation. Homeowners and older people rarely experience destitution. The lack of low-cost rented housing and gaps between rent and housing benefit levels push people over the brink.
- Destitution is clustered in major northern cities and some London Boroughs. Rates are low in the prosperous parts of southern England.
- Levels of destitution have declined by around 25% between 2015 and 2017, and benefit sanctions changes appear to be the most significant factor behind this.
- The high sanction rate within the Universal Credit system could lead to an increase in levels of destitution in the future." [Summary, p3]

Around the toilet: a research project report about what makes a safe and accessible toilet space (April 2015-February 2018)
https://aroundthetoilet.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/around-the-toilet-report-final-1.pdf
(Source: *The Conversation*, 12 Jun 2018)
New report from Sheffield Hallam University, which looks at provision for all toilet-users (and makes a plea for reopening/creating public toilets).

I am connected: new approaches to supporting people in later life online
https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/sites/default/files/research-publications/cfab_report_v4.pdf
(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Jun 2018)
Important new report from Good Things Foundation, which looks at research "[…] to try and understand the underlying reasons for older people's digital behaviour."

"Key findings include:

- In 2017, over twice as many people over 75 used the internet as did in 2011 and a great deal of this rise is due to older people's increased ownership of tablet computers;
- In 2017, people over 55 made up 78% of those who have never been online, and people over 75 more than half." [Taken from email from GTF]

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

"Autistic people at greater risk of becoming homeless – new research"
https://theconversation.com/autistic-people-at-greater-risk-of-becoming-homeless-new-research-97227?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20June%2013%202018%20-%20104019174&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20June%2013%202018%20-%20104019174+CID_9b5d828e1a3409f39a1f2bd1909f868b&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Autistic%20people%20at%20greater%20risk%20of%20becoming%20homeless%20%20new%20research
(Source: *The Conversation*, 13 Jun 2018)
Short article outlining the key findings from new research.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
The arts, health & wellbeing: why the arts make us happier and healthier
https://culturallearningalliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Arts-Health-and-Wellbeing-Briefing.pdf
(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 11 Jun 2018)
New short briefing from the Cultural Learning Alliance and Place2Be, which draws together evidence to show the impact of participating in the performing arts and music on young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Disability issues – Other Agencies
"Schools found to be excluding increasing number of autistic children"
https://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2005392/schools-found-to-be-excluding-increasing-number-of-autistic-children?utm_content=&utm_campaign=070618_DailyNews&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F2005392%2Fschools-found-to-be-excluding-increasing-number-of-autistic-children
(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 7 Jun 2018)

> "The number of children with autism being excluded has risen dramatically in recent years, government data has shown, with campaigners claiming they are being 'shut out' of schools.
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> Department for Education statistics obtained via a Freedom of Information request by the charity Ambitious about Autism, show a 59 per cent rise in exclusions among this group of children, from 2,831 in 2011/12 to 4,485 in 2015/16."

This may have an impact on our services …

The disability perception gap
https://www.scope.org.uk/Scope/media/Documents/Publication%20Directory/Disability-Perception-Gap-report-FINAL.pdf?ext=.pdf
(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 8 Jun 2018)

This report looks at:

> "[…] the attitudes and prejudices that disabled people face, and shines a light on the British public's current attitudes towards disabled people. The findings are based on research conducted by the National Centre for Social Research as part of the annual British Social Attitudes Survey.
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> The research shows that disabled people continue to face a range of negative attitudes across all aspects of daily life, from views on how productive disabled people are, to feeling that disabled people need to be cared for most of the time." [Taken from: https://www.scope.org.uk/about-us/research-policy/disability-perception-gap]

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

"People and activities in Leeds libraries"
https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/04/19/people-and-activities-in-leeds-libraries/
Interesting Libraries Taskforce blogpost which includes a short piece on "Multi-lingual storytime in Compton":

> "The aim of the multi-lingual storytime was to promote our dual language children's books and create an inclusive storytime which represented the diverse languages spoken by the customers of The Compton Centre."

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Press release: "£19 million funding for councils to boost integration"
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/19-million-funding-for-councils-to-boost-integration?utm_source=d1ea818c-1b61-4027-8f60-11f159168c88&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily
(Source: *GOV.UK – your daily update*, 9 Jun 2018)

> "This latest allocation from the Controlling Migration Fund includes more than £16 million for 38 projects. Local authorities have developed plans to ease local pressures on housing, education and health services arising from recent migration providing benefits to the whole community.
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> The announcement today includes £1.75 million of funding to help new refugees into work and integrate into their new communities after their asylum decision is made. It also includes £1.1 million for 6 councils to support victims of modern slavery to link up with local services when they leave central government-funded support, thereby reducing their risk of becoming homeless, sleeping rough, or being re-trafficked."

The list of funding allocated is available to download from the above weblink as an Excel spreadsheet.

"#WeAreScotland"
https://onescotland.org/campaigns/we-are-scotland/
(Source: *MEMO* [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 571, 11 Jun 2018)
New campaign by the Scottish Government:

> "Scotland believes in equality for all. No one should be denied opportunities because of age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation."

Population of the UK by country of birth and nationality: 2017
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/ukpopulationbycountryofbirthandnationality/2017
(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* May-Jun 2018)
Latest figures from the ONS. The report also includes the statistician's comments:

> "Non-UK born and non-British populations continued to increase in 2017, as more people continue to come to the UK to live than move to live abroad for a year or more.
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> "Poland-born residents and Polish nationals were the most common populations from outside the UK, with an estimated 1 million Polish nationals now living in the UK. However, the largest increases in population were seen from those born in Romania and those with Romanian nationality."

Migration issues – Other Agencies
Escaping wars and waves: encounters with Syrian refugees
http://myriadeditions.com/books/escaping-war-and-waves/
(Source: email from Olivier Kugler, 5 Jun 2018)
> "Based on many interviews, and hundreds of reference photos, Kugler's beautifully observed drawings of his interviewees bring to life their location – a room, a camp, on the road. His reporting of their stories is peppered with snatches of conversation and images of the objects that have become such a significant part of their lives."

NB Charged-for publication.

Olivier also wrote:

> "I want to invite you to the launch of ESCAPING WARS AND WAVES […], my book documenting the circumstances of Syrian refugees I met over the last years. The launch, coinciding with the opening of a small exhibition showing work from the book, will take place at the Print House Gallery in Dalston on Tuesday June 19, 6-8pm. If you know of friends who might be interested in the project please let them know or even bring them along."

I can't be there, but, if you would like to attend, please RSVP to: info@myriadeditions.com. There is also an accompanying exhibition at the Gallery, 18 Ashwin Street, London E8 3DL, which runs until 15 Jul.

Waiting in the dark: how the asylum system dehumanises, disempowers and damages
https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Waiting-in-the-Dark-A4-16-May-2018.pdf
(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* May-Jun 2018)
Important new report from Refugee Action:

> "Between January and March 2018, Refugee Action spoke to 40 people who have first-hand experience of claiming asylum. During these interviews, we were told about traumatic encounters with the Home Office, as well as poor practice at all stages of an unfair and overly adversarial system. Our research reveals a process that damages, dehumanises and disempowers those who rely on it to make life-changing decisions." [Taken from: https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/resource/waiting-dark-asylum-system-dehumanises-disempowers-damages/]

Broader issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
"SCL rebrands as Libraries Connected"
https://www.thebookseller.com/news/scl-rebrands-libraries-connected-800876
(Source: Weekly update from the CILIP CEO's office - w/c 11.06.2018)
Just in case you haven't seen this development …

"Public libraries: working in partnership to meet local needs"
https://www.cilip.org.uk/general/custom.asp?page=workinginpartnership
Important briefing note from CILIP (for a Public Policy Exchange event) in which they:

> "[…] set out the benefits of libraries and profile of library users, the impact of new technologies and funding pressures, examples of library partnerships and our work with the Society of Chief Librarians to provide ethical support for partnerships."

"The Big Ideas Generators project – final report"
https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/06/13/the-big-ideas-generators-project-final-report/
Libraries Taskforce blogpost by Neil MacInnes which reports on the final stages of this LOFEIF-funded project which supported innovation and enterprise across 10 Greater Manchester library authorities.

It delivered:

- "150 one to one sessions, explaining how libraries can help individuals or businesses develop ideas and innovation

- 150 workshops on topics such as using social media for business and free online business tools
- 115 events such as 3D printing, how to pitch, and crowdfunding, as well as inspiring talks"

As an indicator of its success:

- "84% of participants felt their skills had increased
- 96% of participants have increased their knowledge
- 70% of participants have increased their self-confidence
- 59% of participants have increased their self-esteem
- 99% would recommend the event/session to family and friends"

"Helping children and young people to stay safe online and avoid fake news"
https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/06/05/helping-children-and-young-people-to-stay-safe-online-and-avoid-fake-news/
Libraries Taskforce blogpost by Sue Ball, which looks at the key role that public and school libraries have in helping young people keep safe online.

Diversity Awards 2018

Entry Form

Community, Diversity & Equality Group
Libraries Transforming Lives

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Fill in this section for The Diversity Award (Please print clearly or type)

Criteria and judging for Award

- This Award is open to any individual or team, working in the library and information profession, in whatever sector.
- Individuals or teams may put themselves forward but two CILIP Members must support their entry.
- CILIP Members (with the support of another Member) may also nominate individuals or teams for this Award.

On separate sheets of paper provide the judges with the following information:

- Details of the individual's or team's work in promoting diversity
- Details of the impact of this work.
- Supporting evidence – e.g. endorsements, press cuttings, statistics, publicity material

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Please list below any supporting evidence – for example, endorsements, statistics, training material, photographs, publications etc, you are including with your entry.

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Don't forget to attach the further information for judges as requested.
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Referees / Nominators

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Please send your entries to arrive no later than Friday 31 August 2018 to:

The CILIP Diversity Awards or by email: secretary.cdeg@cilip.org.uk
c/o 40 Stanway Road, Coventry, CV5 6PJ
If you need further advice on entering please contact: Karen Berry, Community Diversity Equality Group. Email: secretary.cdeg@cilip.org.uk