The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 261, 31 July 2018

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

Consultations/Inquiries
A Culture Strategy for Scotland: draft for consultation
The Scottish Government has published a draft strategy for consultation.

Background info and links to a range of documents at:
https://consult.gov.scot/culture-tourism-and-major-events/culture-strategy/.

The draft strategy is at: https://consult.gov.scot/culture-tourism-and-major-events/culture-strategy/user_uploads/sct05186154381.pdf.

Closing date: **19 Sep 2018**.

Funding & Opportunities
Integrated Communities Innovation Fund
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-communities-innovation-fund

> "In partnership with Sport England, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is calling for applications to the new Integrated Communities Innovation Fund. The first stage invites short expressions of interest by 11.45pm on 20 August 2018.
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> The Fund will help drive forward the proposals to tackle the key causes of poor integration set out in the government's Integrated Communities Strategy green paper, by offering support to projects using innovative approaches to tackle the barriers to integration and build integrated communities. The Fund will build our understanding about what works to support integration in different community contexts."

Further info & prospectus/assessment criteria/Expression of interest form all available at above weblink.

Creative Civic Change
http://localtrust.org.uk/our-work/creative-civic-change
(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 25 Jul 2018)

> "Creative Civic Change is a new programme to help you make positive change in your community using the arts and creativity […]
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> The programme will provide funding as well as other support, like advice and mentoring, to at least 10 local areas in England over the next three years. We want to support creative projects and activities led by local communities, so you can achieve your vision for your area.

At this stage, we are inviting you to say if you want to get involved. We will then select some communities to work with us from autumn 2018 onwards – together we will develop your ideas further, and decide how best the programme can help with delivering those plans from spring 2019 (and for up to three years after). In this stage, we will identify how much funding might be needed to support your ideas (between £50,000 and £300,000 in each local community).

We are interested in sharing experiences and learning from the programme to inspire others to use the arts and creativity to make positive change.

The programme is a partnership between the Big Lottery Fund, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, and Local Trust."

Equality Act 2010
Pressing for progress: women's rights and gender equality in 2018 – full report and recommendations
https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/pressing-for-progress-womens-rights-and-gender-equality-in-2018-pdf.pdf
(Source: email from EHRC, Jul 2018)
Major new report from the EHRC:

"This report looks at the state of women's rights in Great Britain in 2018.

It assesses the progress on women's rights since 2013 and makes recommendations to the UK and Welsh governments, in areas including:

- enhancing the status of international human rights in domestic law
- gender-based violence, harassment and abuse
- participation in political and civic life
- access to civil justice
- human trafficking and modern slavery
- detention and asylum
- health, living standards and social security
- work and education

The report has been submitted to the United Nations as part of our work on monitoring the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the international human rights treaty that focuses specifically on equality between women and men in all areas of life."

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
Libraries welcome everyone: six stories of diversity and inclusion from libraries in England
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/libraries-welcome-everyone-six-stories-diversity-and-inclusion-libraries-england

The Arts Council have just published the paper that I've been working on for much of the last two years:

> "This report presents the results from 'desk research' and a call for examples, plus the findings of six case studies, the aim of which was to explore different aspects of equality and diversity provision as part of a new development in each of the six library services.
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> The research found that:
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> - there is a keen appetite for reading and writing and associated activities, and these can have a huge impact on local communities
> - there is growing evidence of the wider benefits of visiting libraries, reading and associated activities, for example on health, wellbeing, tackling loneliness, digital inclusion, improving literacy and digital literacy
> - successful library initiatives are those where the piece of work is linked to/drawn from national, regional and local policy priorities
> - as well as buildings-based provision, libraries' outreach and partnership-working are vital, and the research showed the benefits of building strong partnerships with local communities and community organisations, following sensitive consultation as to community needs
> - public libraries are making real efforts to engage with local people, especially those who may not regularly use library services
> - sustainability of the provision is critical to its longer-term success and impact" [p5]

CILIP BAME Network
(Source: CILIP weekly email, 6 Jul 2018)
> "CILIP announced the launch of a BAME Network at the CILIP Conference, providing a platform for networking and career development for librarians and information professionals from BAME backgrounds. Please register if you'd like to be involved or simply be kept informed about its development."

"European museum directors warn of 'increasing interference' by nationalist governments"
https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/12062018-european-museum-directors-warn-of-increasing-interference-by-nationalist-governments?dm_i=2VBX,Q8UV,27LU0M,2OEO9,1
(Source: Museums Association email updates, 14 Jun 2018)
Short piece looking at developments in Europe (and the impact of Brexit on the UK):

> "A number of European museum directors have spoken out against rising political interference in museums and culture by nationalist governments."

"The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness: advice for managers and leaders"
https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/06/01/librarians-guide-homelessness/
(Source: CILIP Public and Mobile Libraries Group *Newsletter*, Jul 2018)
Practical US article about working with homeless people in libraries.

"Books Unlocked connects Oxfordshire prisoners with their local community"
https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/books-unlocked/books-unlocked-connects-oxfordshire-prisoners-their-local-community/
(Source: email from Lisa Gilbert, NLT, 27 Jul 2018)

> "A collaborative reading project between the Oxfordshire County Council library at HMP Huntercombe, our Books Unlocked programme and housing association Soha Housing has been helping to break down barriers between prisoners and their local community through shared reading.
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> The Breaking Barriers Book Club, initially set up by two prisoners and prison library manager Neelam Rutti, has seen a group of Soha Housing staff and residents join the prison library reading group at HMP Huntercombe to discuss *Pigeon English*, a novel by author Stephen Kelman, which was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2011."

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government
"Tackling poverty and inequalities"
https://beta.gov.scot/news/tackling-poverty-and-inequalities/
News announcement from the Scottish Government.

> "Projects around the country supporting local action to address poverty and social exclusion will share £4 million of funding.
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> Grants from the Social Economy Growth Fund – backed by the Scottish Government and the European Social Fund – have been awarded to 22 community organisations, social enterprises and charity groups.
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> Communities Secretary Aileen Campbell announced the latest round of funding while visiting Orkney Blide Trust, which has been given more than £218,000 to develop services and expand support for people with experience of mental ill health.
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> Other projects to receive funding include:
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> - Partick Thistle Charitable Trust: To offer subsidised places for low income families on out of school activity programmes, including food and free transport.

- Aberdeen Foyer: To provide support for 12-18 year olds who have been excluded from school or are at risk of exclusion, and their families.
- Saheliya: To increase help on offer to vulnerable BME women across Scotland who experience violence and abusive cultural practices and face language or other barriers."

The full list of funded projects is at: https://beta.gov.scot/publications/social-economy-growth-fund-approved-projects/.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies
Prison: the facts
http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/Bromley%20Briefings/Summer%202018%20factfile.pdf
(Source: email from Prisoners' Education Trust, 31 Jul 2018)
This latest in the "Bromley Briefings" series gives a really valuable insight into prison life:

> "Facts and figures provide a better basis than opinion for policy and practice change. Drawn largely from government sources, these facts chart the extraordinary rise in prison numbers over the last twenty years, inflation in sentencing and the social and economic consequences of overuse of custody. They reveal the state of our overcrowded prisons and the state of people in them, the impact of deep budget cuts, the pace and scale of change in the justice system and the scope for community solutions to crime." [p1]

Diversity in books and other materials for children & young people
"An Incomplete List of BAME Authors for Children and Young People"/"BAME Publishers"
https://teenlibrarianmonthly.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/teenlibrarian-monthly-may-20181.pdf
The May 2018 issue of *Teen Librarian* includes these two helpful listings on pp5-8.

Migration issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
"14 Ways Libraries Can Help Immigrant Children and Families"
http://www.5minlib.com/2018/06/14-ways-libraries-can-help-immigrant.html
(Source: *Progressivelibrariansguild Digest*, Vol 69, Issue 3, 14 Jul 2018)
Brief list of suggestions (based on US experience).

Broader issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations
"What is a library?"
https://dawnfinch.co.uk/2018/06/30/what-is-a-library-by-dawn-finch/amp/?__twitter_impression=true
(Source: CILIP weekly email, 6 Jul 2018)

Excellent post by Dawn Finch (CILIP Trustee and chair of CILIP's Ethics Committee) taking apart some of the 'myths' about what a public library really is.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

"The term 'fake news' is doing great harm"
https://theconversation.com/the-term-fake-news-is-doing-great-harm-100406?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20July%2030%202018%20-%20107539564&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20July%2030%202018%20-%20107539564+CID_65b35a87bb37042ecedbe2c957546add&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=The%20term%20fake%20news%20is%20doing%20great%20harm
(Source: *The Conversation*, 30 Jul 2018)
Interesting article that argues that we should stop using the term 'fake news':

> "We can start to see the problems with 'fake news' by seeing how much people disagree about its meaning. Some use it as a catch-all term for problematic or doubtful information, an important example being the untrue story that surfaced on social media during the 2016 US election campaign that Hillary Clinton was involved with a child sex ring run out of a Washington pizza house.
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> Some people use 'fake news' exclusively to talk about false stories. For example, Facebook seems to think that 'fake news' just means news that is false, which is why they prefer to talk about 'false news'. But many journalists use 'fake news' to mean something close to 'lie', meaning it involves an intention to deceive."

Post-Brexit

Brexit Generation Game: how conflict between old and young masks welfare challenges
https://www.socialeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Brexitpaper-2.pdf
(Source: email from Social Europe, 16 Jul 2018)
> "In this essay we explore the intergenerational origins of the Brexit vote and the longer-term effect of Brexit in more detail, especially from a welfare perspective. While intergenerational tension clearly played a role and was popularised in the aftermath of the referendum, contrary to some of these popular accounts, we argue here that both the past and the future of the UK welfare state in the context of Brexit depends rather more on the broader political economy framework than the intergenerational dimensions thereof. In other words, the post-Brexit welfare contract in the UK is more dependent on the longer-term trends of austerity and neoliberal retrenchment of the welfare state." [p2]