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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>.

Climate emergency – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“How Can Museums Support the Youth Climate Strike?”

<https://www.museumnext.com/article/how-can-museums-support-the-youth-climate-strike/>

(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 17 Dec 2019)

Post on the MuseumNext website, which looks at the role of museums in supporting climate action.

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

“How museums are helping homeless people”

<https://www.museumnext.com/article/how-museums-are-helping-homeless-people/>

(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 17 Dec 2019)

Post on the MuseumNext website, which looks at how museums are supporting homeless people. Draws on UK & US examples.

“Arts council aims to build picture of class inequality”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/191222019-ace-introduces-socio-economic-monitoring-npos?utm_campaign=1649762_19122019&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,ZCYQ,27LU0M,3PU4A,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 19 Dec 2019)

“From April, the arts council’s National Portfolio Organisations will be obliged to monitor the socio-economic background of employees in their annual data surveys.”

GEM “Case studies: access and inclusion”

https://gem.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/GM156-Gem-Case-Studies-24_WEB-AW2.pdf

In a welcome move, GEM have decided to make their case studies available online from now on, which will add a terrific resource.

This issue includes some useful articles, including:

- “Relaxed mornings at the Postal Museum for autistic and neurodiverse visitors”
- “Three steps to get started with SEND”.

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

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

Child Poverty Progress Report 2019

[https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-12/child-poverty-strategy-2019-progress-](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-12/child-poverty-strategy-2019-progress-report.pdf?utm_source=Equally+Ours+Newsletter&utm_campaign=66412b3a00)

[report.pdf?utm_source=Equally+Ours+Newsletter&utm_campaign=66412b3a00](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-12/child-poverty-strategy-2019-progress-report.pdf?utm_source=Equally+Ours+Newsletter&utm_campaign=66412b3a00)

[-](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-12/child-poverty-strategy-2019-progress-report.pdf?utm_source=Equally+Ours+Newsletter&utm_campaign=66412b3a00)
[December+2+newsletter+19%2F12%2F2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_104ed5022f-66412b3a00-58965893](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-12/child-poverty-strategy-2019-progress-report.pdf?utm_source=Equally+Ours+Newsletter&utm_campaign=66412b3a00)

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 19 Dec 2019)

New report from the Welsh Government:

“This statutory report provides an assessment of the progress made towards achieving our child poverty objectives since the publication of our first Child Poverty Strategy in 2011.

It makes for sober reading. The latest figures show that, while we are making some progress in addressing child poverty, it remains stubbornly high.” [p4]

“Jobcentres to receive new £3 million fund to support homeless people”

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jobcentres-to-receive-new-3-million-fund-to-support-homeless-people?utm_source=bf0f1e6e-1373-49e0-a145-](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jobcentres-to-receive-new-3-million-fund-to-support-homeless-people?utm_source=bf0f1e6e-1373-49e0-a145-d5ca52122a22&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

[d5ca52122a22&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jobcentres-to-receive-new-3-million-fund-to-support-homeless-people?utm_source=bf0f1e6e-1373-49e0-a145-d5ca52122a22&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)
[notifications&utm_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jobcentres-to-receive-new-3-million-fund-to-support-homeless-people?utm_source=bf0f1e6e-1373-49e0-a145-d5ca52122a22&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Press release announcing that:

“The new funding will see jobcentre staff joining outreach teams on the streets to speak to people sleeping rough, helping them to claim their benefits, find new work, secure stable accommodation and direct them to additional support.

Staff will be able to spend more time working with charities and other organisations to help people who are homeless, including those rough sleeping.

The funding will also be used to bolster projects jobcentres are already working on with various organisations, such as the Salvation Army in Cardiff, Crisis in Edinburgh and Teardrops in St Helens, to support homeless claimants.

Jobcentre staff could also be stationed in charity run day centres to advise those who use those services, but have not yet visited a jobcentre.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Flipping the coin: the two sides of community wealth in England

<https://youngfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Flipping-the-Coin-Report-2019.pdf>

(Source: email from The Young Foundation, 21 Nov 2019)

Important new report from The Young Foundation:

“This 2019 report updates the distribution of public, charitable and philanthropic funding across England. It also aims to ‘flip the coin’ and look at this funding in relation to the strength of a community. It represents a first attempt to create an Index of Community Strength and draws on a wide range of indicators and data sets, most of which have not been used in this type of analysis before.

Through combining funding data with our Index of Community Strength, this report highlights places where there are the lowest levels of community strength and the lowest levels of public and philanthropic and charitable funding. Places in need of much more investment of all kinds. It highlights where there are high levels of funding and yet very low levels of community strength; most notably the commuter belt around London.

It also shows areas which, despite very low levels of funding, exhibit high levels of community strength. These are communities which are clearly taking control of what resources are available to them, and building connections and networks of mutual aid and action.” [p4]

Key findings include:

- “Continuous blocs of urbanised areas suffer from low or very low amounts of funding and affluence in Lancashire, the Midlands and across the East coast of England.
- An unbroken stretch of very high funding and affluence exists from Bath in the west to London in the east.
- Districts with lower funding and affluence were more likely to vote in support of Brexit.
- Strong communities thrive in some of the most deprived districts in England, yet are notably absent in some of the least deprived.
- Amounts of funding and affluence do not predict levels of community strength.” [p5]

Connecting with digital

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/sites/default/files/research-publications/connecting_with_digital_final.pdf

(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Nov 2019)

New report from Good Things Foundation, looking at their Community Connector project:

“[...] the third phase of the four year Reboot UK programme – a significant programme undertaken by Good Things Foundation and partners Mind, Homeless Link and Family Fund, with investment by the National Lottery Community Fund to explore the best ways to support vulnerable people to improve their lives through digital.” [p7]

“Community Connectors were: either beneficiaries with lived experience of the issues faced by other beneficiaries, or people who are committed to co-production with people with lived experience. Community Connectors then went on to recruit Digital Champions, who were frontline workers and volunteers in local organisations which are part of the Mind and Homeless Link networks.

The programme helped organisations to recruit these Community Connectors, and once they were in post, provided support to them – as well as attempting to drive systemic change in the organisations they were operating in by improving understanding of digital, and building capacity.” [p3]

How to shift public attitudes on equality: a practical guide for campaigners and communicators

<https://www.equallyours.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Talking-about-equality-guide.pdf>

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 19 Dec 2019)

Important new guide from Equally Ours:

“This guide aims to equip campaigners and communicators to change hearts and minds on equality [...]”

The challenge this guide seeks to address is how to make more of the British public understand inequality as structural – and therefore increase their support and advocacy for structural solutions.” [p4]

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Together in the 2020s: twenty ideas for creating a Britain for all ages by 2030

https://efeea61d-ae40-4f75-bfce-8a7be79f7237.filesusr.com/ugd/98d289_3f3291f2d4094c2793a3acf8ffaae58c.pdf

(Source: *The Guardian*, 12 Jan 2020,

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jan/12/old-young-gap-britain-generation-dysfunctional-family>)

New report which looks at the increasing divide between groups in the UK, especially older and younger people, and makes a series of recommendations for overcoming this.

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Diversity in books and other materials for children & young people

Time for change: Black and minority ethnic representation in the children's literature sector

https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/04-11-19%20Time%20for%20Change%20-%20Research%20Report%20FINAL_0.pdf

(Source: CILIP Youth Libraries Group *Newsletter*, Jan 2020)

Important new report:

“Arts Council England commissioned this research in order to more fully understand the factors influencing this lack of representation, and to help bring about positive change as the sector works towards better reflecting the diversity of children in the UK today.” [p1]

It highlights key issues and makes a series of recommendations.

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

Digital in dementia: better wellbeing through tech

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/news-and-blogs/blog/digital-dementia-better-wellbeing-through-tech?utm_source=Good+Things+Foundation+Newsletter&utm_campaign=a1df3ac9dd-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_04_05_08_12_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_874c1dbcc0-a1df3ac9dd-110066901

(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Nov 2019)

“In this blog post, Rachel Benn, Digital Inclusion Coordinator for Leeds Libraries’ 100% Digital Leeds programme shares their progress so far on their Dementia Pathfinder.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Mental health policy in England

https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7547?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11203131_NEWSL_HMP%202020-01-10&dm_i=21A8,6O4E3,V54ZAI,QLC52,1

(Source: MARCH Mental Health Network *Newsletter*, Jan 2020)

The HOC Library has just published this useful “Briefing Paper”.

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

“Manchester Opera House gives visually impaired and their guide dogs a night at the theatre”

<https://aboutmanchester.co.uk/manchester-opera-house-gives-visually-impaired-and-their-guide-dogs-a-night-at-the-theatre/>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 277, 5 Nov 2019)

“Registered blind individuals were given the opportunity to experience the new musical & *Juliet* wearing new smart glasses that allowed them to see the entire performance.”

Migration issues – News

“Supporting asylum seekers”

<https://www.gov.scot/news/supporting-asylum-seekers-1/>

(Source: *MEMO* [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 641, 13 Jan 2020)

Press release from the Scottish Government:

“Nearly 150 asylum seekers facing imminent homelessness in Glasgow will be given urgent, intensive advocacy support from local organisations.

The Scottish Government will provide a £252,000 funding package to organisations to help ensure asylum seekers have access to legal professionals and other services.”

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

“Museums working with refugees and migrants”

<https://www.museumnext.com/article/the-social-impact-of-museums-working-with-refugees-and-migrants/>

(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 17 Dec 2019)

Post on the MuseumNext website, which looks at how museums fit into the narrative around the refugee and migrant crisis, drawing on examples from the US and UK.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

London's children and young people who are not British citizens: a profile

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/final_londons_children_and_young_people_who_are_not_british_citizens.pdf

(Source: *Children & Young People Now Update*, 9 Jan 2020)

Important new report commissioned by the Mayor of London and carried out by the University of Wolverhampton – although its focus is on London, it includes valuable info for the UK as a whole:

“This report outlines an updated estimate of the numbers of young Londoners who are foreign-born, or foreign nationals, and disaggregates the likely numbers who are undocumented and who are nationals of EEA+ countries.” [p3]

“The foreign national population in the UK at the beginning of April 2017 was 6,208,000, of whom 2,106,000 lived in London. The likely number of foreign-born children who are EEA+ nationals was 809,000 across the UK, and 260,000 in London. For young people who are EEA+ nationals, we estimate 332,000 across the UK and 95,000 in London. We estimate that there were likely to be 674,000 undocumented individuals in the UK at the beginning of April 2017, including non-UK born dependants [...]

The numbers of undocumented children in the UK are also likely to have increased since estimates were last produced for them. We estimate that there were 215,000 undocumented children in the UK at the beginning of April 2017 [...]

Similarly, we estimate that there were 106,000 children born in the UK to undocumented parents, who would themselves have an irregular migration status [...]

In London, our estimate is that there were 397,000 undocumented individuals in April 2017.” [p4]

Windrush generation: Government action to 'right the wrongs'

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8779>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 641, 13 Jan 2020)

New HOC Library “Briefing Paper” (no: CBP 8779, 8 Jan 2020), which looks at the causes of the problems and work by Government since to put things right. It also includes info from the “Lessons Learned” review (“The Home Office’s role in the Windrush scandal and the adequacy of its response has been heavily criticised by the National Audit Office, and several parliamentary Committees.” [p4]), and highlights other groups that might also be at risk.

Atlas of migration

<https://bluehub.jrc.ec.europa.eu/migration/app/atlas.html>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 640, 23 Dec 2019)

“The *Atlas of Migration* is an online guide through complexities of data about migration and demography that will help citizens to understand the facts behind migration as well as provide the policymakers with the best evidence.

Open to the public, the interactive platform allows users to create and download profiles for the countries or territories they are interested in.

Because the data is updated every 24 hours, users can be confident that they are accessing the most up-to-date information available.

The information is made available by bringing together harmonised, validated data from 12 international sources.

The Atlas provides information on 60 different indicators related to migration, asylum, integration, demography, and development.”

Walsall for All

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c1af7b03684c220104bd17369/files/346c5ce3-c335-4b03-8c93-135b3958bb03/Walsall_for_All_Issue_4_Connecting_across_Communities.pdf

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1, Jan 2020)

Following the publication of the Government's *Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper* in 2018, the Government set up an Integration Area Programme which focused on five local authorities; Walsall was one of these, and publishes this regular newsletter.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Schools Project on Poland”

<https://projectpolish.com/>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 8 Jan 2020)

“Schools Project on Poland is an educational project led by Project Polish Ltd [...] nonprofit making company, dedicated to support students and teachers across the country. The project aims to promote the heritage of past generations and the positive contribution made by Poles to the cultural, economic and social life in the United Kingdom and has the support of both the Polish Embassy in Warsaw and the British Embassy in London. 2018 marks the centenary of the state of Poland regaining its independence. Following the First World War and after spending 123 years divided amongst the three neighboring powers: Russia, Germany and Austro-Hungarian Empire, Poland regained its sovereignty on 11 November 1918. We see this as an opportunity to celebrate the connections between Poland and the UK and the varied contribution of Polish people to British life.” [Taken from: <https://projectpolish.com/about-us/>]

See also: “Mateusz Klich supports Polish School Project”,

<https://www.leedsunited.com/news/community/26013/mateusz-klich-supports-polish-school-project>.

“The child refugees risking the Channel by boat – one year on”

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/dec/30/the-child-refugees-risking-the-channel-by-boat-one-year-on>

Just in case you missed this article, with its positive coverage of the support that new arrivals have received in Kent.

“How immigration became Britain’s most toxic political issue”

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/nov/15/how-immigration-became-britains-most-toxic-political-issue>

Important “Long Read” article which looks at the background to the current migration debate.

A home for all: understanding migrant homelessness in Great Britain – executive summary

https://www.wmsmp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Migrant-Homelessness_2019_Crisis-Scoping-Report_Summary.pdf

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1, Jan 2020)
New report from Crisis.

“This report presents the findings of Crisis’ scoping research that sought to understand what is currently known about migrant homelessness and identify gaps in evidence.

There are more than 170,000 families and individuals across Great Britain experiencing the worst forms of homelessness. A significant proportion of these people are originally from outside the UK but substantial gaps in the data that is collected and published means we do not know exactly how many of the people who are homeless in Britain today are migrants.” [p4]

LGBTQ+ issues – Other Agencies

Creating an LGBT-inclusive primary curriculum

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/system/files/creating_an_lgbt-inclusive_primary_curriculum.pdf

(Source: LGBT Foundation *OUTspoken*, 19 Nov 2019)

Important new guidance from Stonewall:

“From choosing set texts in English to using LGBT-inclusive statistics in Maths, our curriculum guide helps you embed your inclusion work into every area of the curriculum. Sponsored by Pearson and funded by the Government Equalities Office.”

Broader issues – Other Agencies

Time well spent: volunteering in the public sector

https://ncvo-publishing-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/ncvo_time_well_spent_public_services_report.pdf

(Source: email from NCVO, 13 Jan 2020)

New report from NCVO:

“This report [...] draws on further analysis of the *Time Well Spent*[*] data, focus groups carried out specifically for the report with volunteers who give time to public sector organisations, and wider literature and evidence. It aims to shed more light on public sector volunteers, and focuses on their experience, including motivations and relationship with paid staff, with a view to informing practice and policy in this area.” [p6]

* *Time well spent: a national survey on the volunteer experience*, see:

https://www.ncvo.org.uk/images/documents/policy_and_research/volunteering/Volunteer-experience_Full-Report.pdf.

Austerity

Austerity: the facts and the fixes

<http://classonline.org.uk/docs/austerity-final-for-web.pdf>

(Source: update from Class, 20 Nov 2019)

Useful and important short briefing from Class.

“Number of Europe's poorest regions in UK 'more than doubles”

https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/dec/10/number-of-europes-poorest-regions-in-uk-more-than-doubles?CMP=share_btn_tw

(Source: Peter Tatchell Foundation *Weekly*, #75, 19 Dec 2019)

Just in case you haven't seen this:

“Britain's regions have failed to keep pace with the rest of Europe since the 2008 financial crash, according to figures that show the number of areas among the EU's poorest has more than doubled.

In 2008 the number of struggling regions, defined as areas with a GDP per head of the population worth 75% or less of the EU average, stood at three – southern Scotland, west Wales, and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

In the most recent figures available from Eurostat covering 2017, the number of regions in this category has more than doubled to seven, adding Lincolnshire, Tees Valley and Durham, South Yorkshire and outer London (east and north east) to the list.”