



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 339, 1 October 2021

Events

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

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Reading Ahead”

[https://readingagency.org.uk/adults/quick-guides/reading-ahead/?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=ad889098ee-Reading Aheadnewsletter COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&ct=t\(ReadingAheadnewsletter COPY 01\)&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&mc_cid=ad889098ee&mc_eid=3fa1d39831&utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=45220ceead-Reading Agency September 2021 Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&mc_cid=45220ceead&mc_eid=3fa1d39831](https://readingagency.org.uk/adults/quick-guides/reading-ahead/?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=ad889098ee-Reading Aheadnewsletter COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&ct=t(ReadingAheadnewsletter COPY 01)&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&mc_cid=ad889098ee&mc_eid=3fa1d39831&utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=45220ceead-Reading Agency September 2021 Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&mc_cid=45220ceead&mc_eid=3fa1d39831)

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Sep 2021)

“Research shows that when we inspire people to read for pleasure they benefit from far greater opportunities in everyday life, education and employment. However, one in six adults in the UK struggle to read. Reading Ahead is the gateway to these opportunities. The programme is designed to help people improve their reading skills and change their perception of reading, opening up opportunities and building their confidence.

Reading Ahead is delivered through public libraries, adult learning organisations, colleges, workplaces and prisons. In 2018-19 the programme reached over 30,000 young people and adults.”

Print and digital packs are available now for Reading Ahead 2021-22 – see: [https://shop.readingagency.org.uk/?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=ad889098ee-Reading Aheadnewsletter COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&ct=t\(ReadingAheadnewsletter COPY 01\)&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&mc_cid=ad889098ee&mc_eid=3fa1d39831&utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=45220ceead-Reading Agency September 2021 Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&mc_cid=45220ceead&mc_eid=3fa1d39831](https://shop.readingagency.org.uk/?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=ad889098ee-Reading Aheadnewsletter COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&ct=t(ReadingAheadnewsletter COPY 01)&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-ad889098ee-&mc_cid=ad889098ee&mc_eid=3fa1d39831&utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=45220ceead-Reading Agency September 2021 Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&mc_cid=45220ceead&mc_eid=3fa1d39831).

“Understanding the language and literacy needs of EAL learners”

https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/understanding-language-and-literacy-needs-eal-learners/?mc_cid=957a7e2ef0&mc_eid=a2d98ab814

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Training & Resources*, 30 Sep 2021)

New resources from the National Literacy Trust:

- Assessment of pupils with English as an additional language
- A whole-school EAL reflection audit
- EAL glossary of terms
- Reading development for learners of English as an additional language.

These are available to download, you just need to register on the site.

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

Reading Friends

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Sep 2021)

“It is now possible for library authorities to join the next phase of Reading Friends which runs 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022. It is a flexible start date so you can sign up after 1 October but to get the benefits of a full year, we encourage you to join as soon as possible.

Reading Friends is a reading befriending programme tackling loneliness by bringing people together to read, chat and share stories. Developed by The Reading Agency through funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more at readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk.”

Further info about Reading Friends at:

https://readingfriends.org.uk/?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=45220ceead-Reading_Agency_September_2021_Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&goal=0_ef82b5d6fa-45220ceead-51507097&mc_cid=45220ceead&mc_eid=3fa1d39831.

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

House of Lords. Liaison Committee. *The Equality Act 2010: the impact on disabled people – follow-up report*

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/7179/documents/75719/default/>

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 23 Sep 2021)

This report examines the progress which has been made by the Government and key stakeholders on the implementation of some of the recommendations made by the Select Committee on the Equality Act 2010 and Disability.

One of the most significant recommendations is in relation to the Public Sector Equality Duty (in that the expected regular reports from public authorities have not materialised):

“The Committee reiterates the 2016 recommendation that: that the Government replace the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011 with provisions that require a listed public authority to develop and implement a plan of action setting out how they will meet the requirements of the general duty in all of their functions.” [p28]

LGBTQ+ issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“A British export that has defined LGBT+ history, past and present”

<https://phm.org.uk/blogposts/a-british-export-that-has-defined-lgbt-history-past-and-present/>

(Source: email from PHM, 27 Aug 2021)

Interesting new blogpost from the People’s History Museum, which looks at how LGBTQ+ history intersects with themes of colonialism.

Book28

<https://book28.weebly.com/>

(Source: email from Vik, 20 Sep 2021)

Book28 have recently moved:

“Book 28 is a small LGBTIQ+ library, currently housed at the Outside Project at Unit 1, 52 Lant Street, Borough.
We are open IRL on Thursdays (5:30-8:30pm) and Saturdays (10am-1pm).”

A flyer is attached as an appendix to this Ebulletin.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Press release: “Ambitious Plans to drive levelling up agenda”

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ambitious-plans-to-drive-levelling-up-agenda?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=9b613ba3-d7cc-4c18-91ed-75a2d91c0233&utm_content=daily

Just in case you missed this:

“The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government will become the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as the Government delivers on its central mission to level up every part of the UK.

The change comes as former Bank of England Chief Economist Andy Haldane was today appointed as the new Head of the Levelling Up Taskforce.

The taskforce has been jointly established by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Michael Gove MP.

The Secretary of State will drive cross-Whitehall efforts to deliver a programme of tangible improvements in every part of the UK as we build back better from the pandemic, and deliver on the people's priorities."

“UK government spent half a million pounds on lawyers to fight FOI disclosures”

https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/freedom-of-information/government-spends-hundreds-of-thousands-of-pounds-blocking-information-requests/?utm_campaign=Weekly%20flagship%20newsletter%20%2825%2009%202021%29%20%28WLYnLF%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Newsletter%3A%20oD%20weekly&_kx=1_8D1xQSf81SrWgQ7oVGBK2bIBk82Fazlk5O MY7463I%3D.YjCYwm

(Source: openDemocracy *Weekly Newsletter*, 25 Sep 2021)

This is a bit outside what's normally included in the Ebulletin, but the issue of access to information (and FOI) is a key one.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

Multilingual young people's reading in 2021

https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Multilingual_reading_2021_Final.pdf

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Training & Resources*, 30 Sep 2021)

“This report celebrates diverse linguistic backgrounds and skills of pupils by focusing on multilingual learner reading enjoyment, behaviours and linguistic identity. We focus on 10,000 multilingual young people aged 11 to 16 and explore how much they enjoy reading, how often they read at home and how they feel about reading multilingually. We also discuss their multilingual language identity and recognition of multilingualism, as well their experiences of bullying due to their linguistic background.”

[Taken from: https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/multilingual-young-peoples-reading-in-2021/?mc_cid=957a7e2ef0&mc_eid=a2d98ab814]



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