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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>.

Black Lives Matter

“The UK needs more regional Black archives so it can celebrate Black British history in its entirety”

https://theconversation.com/the-uk-needs-more-regional-black-archives-so-it-can-celebrate-black-british-history-in-its-entirety-168410?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%2011%202021%20-%202083620571&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%2011%202021%20-%202083620571+CID_5ed2a42fec41d8680cbbf6df1ac0ceb&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=The%20UK%20needs%20more%20regional%20Black%20archives%20so%20it%20can%20celebrate%20Black%20British%20history%20in%20its%20entirety

(Source: *The Conversation*, 11 Oct 2021)

Interesting article:

“Around the country, there are stories of individuals who worked tirelessly for their communities. However, many of them remain hidden within the folds of history because the UK lacks regional archives that celebrate or even document their contributions as much as those who fought in London, Birmingham and Bristol.”

“Coronavirus, older Black people and health inequalities in the UK”

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/discover/2021/october/coronavirus-older-black-people-and-health-inequalities-in-the-uk/>

(Source: *Later Life AGenda*, 12 Oct 2021)

New from Age UK:

“In the first of our articles for Black History Month 2021, Dr Elizabeth Webb examines the updated picture of how COVID-19 is impacting Black older people and what this tells us about continuing health inequalities.”

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

“Glasgow Women's Library celebrates 30 years in city”

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/19615772.glasgow-womens-library-celebrates-30-years-city/>

Short newspaper article celebrating GWL's 30 years in Glasgow.

Socio-economic diversity and inclusion toolkit: creative industries

https://socialmobilityworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SMC-Creative-Industries-Toolkit_Sept2021.pdf

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 5 Oct 2021)

“The Social Mobility Commission (SMC) has produced a toolkit that aims to tackle the “class crisis” in the creative industries and widen access to people from non-privileged backgrounds.

The arm's-length body, which works to address social mobility on behalf of the UK Government, developed the toolkit in partnership with businesses from across the creative industries, including the Museums Association. It offers tailored advice for cultural and creative sector employers and practical support and guidance on how to identify and remove invisible barriers that arise during the employee journey.” [Taken from: https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2021/10/toolkit-launched-to-address-class-crisis-in-creative-industries/?utm_campaign=2017949_05102021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,17925,27LU0M,4NG68,1]

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

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“How WIILMA partners with local libraries to widen community cohesion and reduce loneliness”

<https://dcmslibraries.blog.gov.uk/2021/10/08/how-wiilma-partners-with-local-libraries-to-widen-community-cohesion-and-reduce-loneliness/>

DCMS blogpost by guest author JJ Khun (the WIILMA* Founder, artist, performer and former academic librarian).

“Since October 2019, WIILMA has been piloting innovative community cohesion workshops and events in and around the London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) – The London Mayor’s first Borough of Culture.”

This post outlines some of these initiatives.

*“WIILMA is a grassroots not-for-profit arts organisation. We encourage members of all ages, races, genders, abilities and sexual orientations, to find their voice and free their imagination through: Community, Diversity, Art, Crafts, Music, Heritage and Culture workshops.” [Taken from: <https://www.wiilma.org/ourmission>]

A new way of working: ending rough sleeping together

<https://usercontent.one/wp/www.commissiononroughsleeping.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/KRSC-Final-Report-2021.pdf>

(Source: Clinks *Policy Briefing*, Oct 2021)

This is the final report of The Kerlake Commission on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping. It makes some very important points, for example:

- “It is important that people who are homeless are not treated as one homogenous group. Rather, a tailored, informed and inclusive offer of support is needed to address homelessness. Being young, LGBTQ+, BAME, or a woman, for example, all shape someone’s experience of homelessness. Many women or young people are hidden homeless, meaning they are hidden from help, missing from homelessness services and rendered statistically invisible.” [p10]
- “Everyone has a responsibility to adopt a consistent and collaborative approach to support people in need to live their best life. Preventing, addressing and supporting recovery from homelessness and rough sleeping should be a shared ambition that cuts across all agencies, and cannot fall on one sector.” [p11]

and many of them very practical, eg:

- “To ensure people are not released from prison or hospital into homelessness, the Government’s rough sleeping strategy must introduce governance around transition points, to ensure planned and timely release, with community support and prior connections established. The Government should also end unplanned Friday releases from prison, to ensure people have adequate time to access vital services before they close for the weekend.” [p64]

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

“World Mental Health Day: key concerns, best practice and research around young people’s mental health”

<https://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/article/world-mental-health-day-key-concerns-best-practice-and-research-around-young-people-s-mental-health>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Update*, 11 Oct 2021)

For WMHD, *Children & Young People Now* have pulled together “[...] a range of articles exploring the causes, impact and solutions of increasing mental health problems for children and young people [...]”

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

“Working Internationally for Libraries” project report

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/general/custom.asp?page=workinginternationally>

“Working Internationally for Libraries’ is CILIP’s initiative to promote collaboration and partnership between libraries in England and their international counterparts.

The project is funded by Arts Council England and delivered in partnership with the British Library, Libraries Connected, British Council, Carnegie UK Trust, CILIP Public and Mobile Libraries Group and CILIP International Libraries and Information Professionals Group. In its first

phase, the project focused on English public libraries to develop a programme of activities including grants for international collaboration projects and an international conference that featured ideas and inspiration from across the world.”

The project report is available to view on the weblink above: it includes an outline of the Working Internationally Virtual Conference which took place on 25 June, with sessions on:

- Coding collaboration: “Libraries in the London Borough of Redbridge set out to build long-lasting partnerships with public libraries in Kerala, India by collaborating to create innovative makerspaces for children and young people in Kerala.” [p14]
- Services for migrants in Oldham and Germany: “Oldham Libraries, in the north of England, had been looking at ways to enhance their services to migrants and were aiming to achieve Library of Sanctuary status. Research revealed the borough of Oldham had similar patterns of immigration to some German cities. CILIP put them in touch with libraries in Bremen and Hamburg and, following a successful application for Building Bridges funding, the collaboration began.” [p18]
- Focus on Libraries of Sanctuary, in which John Vincent summarised recent developments [p20]

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

UNHCR Observations on the Nationality and Borders Bill, Bill 141, 2021-22
https://www.unhcr.org/615ff04d4/unhcr-legal-observations-nationality-and-borders-bill-oct-2021?mc_cid=4a6dbc08d5&mc_eid=7d8713d645

(Source: *Free Movement Weekly Newsletter*, 11 Oct 2021)

Just in case you haven’t seen these powerful “observations”, for example:

“The Bill is based on the premise that ‘people should claim asylum in the first safe country they arrive in’ [...] This principle is not found in the Refugee Convention and there is no such requirement under international law [...] On the contrary, in international law, the primary responsibility for identifying refugees and affording international protection rests with the State in which an asylum-seeker arrives and seeks that protection [...]” [pp1-2]

LGBTQ+ issues – Other Agencies

lgbteducation.scot

<https://lgbteducation.scot/>

(Source: email from Equality Network, 4 Oct 2021)

Just launched:

“The one stop platform for teachers to access quality approved materials, resources, and professional learning linked to Scotland’s Curriculum to support the implementation of LGBT Inclusive Education.”