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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

“Woke Babies Book Awards”

https://wokebabies.co.uk/book-awards/?mc_cid=eee174e2be&mc_eid=a2d98ab814

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Literacy News*, 21 Jan 2022)

“The Woke Babies Book Awards will celebrate Black creatives and their incredible work, spotlighting empowering children’s books with positive and uplifting themes, which has a Black author or illustrator at its helm. On a mission to change the narrative and give Black creatives a voice, we have partnered with BookTrust, National Literacy Trust, World Book Day and Milk Honey Bees [*] for our first ever awards, with sponsorship from DK.

There are four categories; Author of the Year, Illustrator of the Year, Picture Book of the Year and Special Recognition Award.”

* “Milk and Honey Bees is an expressive safe space that allows young women and girls flourish and take ownership of H.E.R (Healing, Empowerment and Resilience) through 1:1 sessions and creative group projects.” [Taken from: <https://milkhoneybees.co.uk/what-we-do/>]

Decolonisation Best Practice and Case Studies in HE Libraries

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NyBVaHIJKTrLM9S1tCfSv8rIDwpgpx5A0mkgAKiSY2g/edit#gid=0>

(Source: email from Elizabeth E Charles, Birkbeck Library Services to LIS-DECOLONISE@JISCMail.AC.UK, 27 Jan 2022)

New summary of work being developed in HE libraries, which might be of interest (they are also aiming to add to it, so it would be worth re-visiting from time to time).

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

Press release: “Arts Council England and partners launch Green Libraries programme”

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/news.asp?id=593630>

(Source: *News from CILIP*, 26 Jan 2022)

“Arts Council England has awarded £163,000 to CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, to launch the Green Libraries programme, which aims to help libraries address their environmental impact.”

Climate emergency – Other Agencies

COP 26: a just transition? Workshop summary

<https://www.ippr.org/files/2022-01/cop-26-just-transition-workshops.pdf>

(Source: email from IPPR, 14 Jan 2022)

“This briefing summarises the findings of two workshops held at a fringe event in Glasgow City Council Chambers at COP26. The workshops involved hearing from nine speakers detailing international case studies where projects or governments implemented a just transition in their nation or community. Five of the case studies are focused on national just transition examples from around the world and four are focused on community examples of just transition around the world that emphasise community engagement and participation.

In this briefing, we draw out the common themes emerging from these case studies to provide learnings for stakeholders interested in their own projects focussed on embedding a just transition.” [p2]

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“The biggest killer of pandemic times: inequality”

<https://socialeurope.eu/the-biggest-killer-of-pandemic-times-inequality>

(Source: Social Europe Newsletter, 24 Jan 2022)

Exploration of the effects of inequality:

“The pandemic brought home to us a hard truth. Unequal access to incomes and opportunities does more than create unjust, unhealthy and unhappy societies – it kills people.”

“Impunity entrenched”

<https://irr.org.uk/article/impunity-entrenched/>

New five-part resource from the IRR:

- *Policing the borders*: <https://irr.org.uk/article/policing-the-borders-impunity-entrenched/>
- *Police impunity – in and beyond the pandemic*: <https://irr.org.uk/article/policing-impunity-entrenched/>
- *Ministerial impunity and the rule of law*: <https://irr.org.uk/article/impunity-entrenched-ministerial-impunity/>
- *Equalities, free expression and ‘war on woke’*: <https://irr.org.uk/article/equalities-free-expression-war-on-woke-impunity-entrenched/>
- *Human Rights as privileges*: <https://irr.org.uk/article/human-rights-privileges-impunity-entrenched/>

“Top tips for supporting men working in Early Years”

<https://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/article/top-tips-for-supporting-men-working-in-early-years>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Update*, 20 Jan 2022)

“As one in five parents questions the suitability of men working in childcare, experts give advice on how providers can support male early years workers in becoming vital role models for young children.”

UK poverty 2022: the essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK

https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/uk-poverty-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20Newsletter%202021%20January%202022&utm_content=JRF%20Newsletter%202021%20January%202022+CID_c53a2a4fb4087b0d36a1112428db940f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20the%20report

(Source: JRF *Round-up*, 21 Jan 2022)

JRF have just issued the first in their new-style assessments which looks at the major impacts of poverty. It is available to download as a full report or as a briefer “Findings”.

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

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

GDWe: a spotlight on democratic wellbeing

https://d1ssu070pg2v9i.cloudfront.net/pex/pex_carnegie2021/2022/01/20123523/GDWe-A-spotlight-on-democratic-wellbeing-FINAL.pdf

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 27 Jan 2022)

New report from Carnegie UK:

“Carnegie UK developed a methodology to enable collective wellbeing in England to be measured and reported as a single figure: Gross Domestic Wellbeing (GDWe). We see GDWe as an alternative measure of social progress to the dominant measure: GDP.” [Taken from: <https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications/gdwe-a-spotlight-on-democratic-wellbeing/>]

This report focuses on democratic wellbeing – amongst its conclusions is that:

“We can no longer afford to be complacent about the state of our democracy” [p19]

Everyday magic: how BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me projects are supporting 8-13 year olds' mental health

https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/publication/download/CentreforMentalHealth_EverydayMagic.pdf

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 27 Jan 2022)

Briefing paper from this important project, outlining some of the key learning so far.

“Read for Empathy Collection 2022”

<https://www.empathylab.uk/2022-book-collections-and-guides>

Just launched by EmpathyLab.

“At a time when we’ve never needed empathy more, we hope you’ll find these 60 books invaluable in surrounding children with empathy experiences, after all they have been through in the pandemic. There are 35 books for primary children aged 4-12, and 25 for young people aged 12-16.”

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

“Christian mayor withholds \$100,000 from libraries ‘until all homosexual materials are removed’”

[https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2022/01/26/mayor-library-funds-homosexual-materials-
lgbt/?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mypinknews&pn_espid=tqk7Bi8fLf0U1_Df_Si2DoqD7hj0TsErNrC32uVip0Jm0rE8.nXuNnKrXLLLE.F.chZhJeHFwBjg](https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2022/01/26/mayor-library-funds-homosexual-materials-lgbt/?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mypinknews&pn_espid=tqk7Bi8fLf0U1_Df_Si2DoqD7hj0TsErNrC32uVip0Jm0rE8.nXuNnKrXLLLE.F.chZhJeHFwBjg)

(Source: *PinkNews*, 26 Jan 2022)

“City of Ridgeland mayor Gene McGee has reportedly refused to send \$110,000 (£81,400) in already approved city funding to the Madison County Library System because he’s angry that libraries are carrying LGBTQ+ inclusive books.”

“UK’s first LGBTQ+ museum to open in London”

[https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2022/01/uks-first-
lgbtq-museum-to-open-in-
london/?utm_campaign=2081572_25012022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=
=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,18M5G,27LU0M,4T99Y,1](https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2022/01/uks-first-lgbtq-museum-to-open-in-london/?utm_campaign=2081572_25012022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,18M5G,27LU0M,4T99Y,1)

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 25 Jan 2022)

“The Art Fund has announced that the UK’s first national LGBTQ+ museum will open at its London headquarters in 2022.

The project is led by Queer Britain, a charity set up in 2018 to create a space dedicated to telling the stories of the UK’s LGBTQ+ community.”

More info about Queer Britain at: <https://queerbritain.org.uk/>.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Press release: “Full list of places aiming to become Jubilee cities revealed”

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/full-list-of-places-aiming-to-become-
jubilee-cities-revealed](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/full-list-of-places-aiming-to-become-jubilee-cities-revealed)

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 459, 14 Jan 2022)

Just in case you haven’t seen this list of the 38 places which have applied for city status ...