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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

“More than half of UK’s black children live in poverty, analysis shows”
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/02/more-than-half-of-uks-black-children-live-in-poverty-analysis-shows>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 257, 4 April 2011)

Just in case you didn’t see this article drawn from research by the Labour Party.

Ukraine

“Statement of solidarity with librarians, archivists and information professionals in Ukraine”

<https://www.cilips.org.uk/solidarity-ukraine/>

Joint Statement from CILIP, CILIPS, the ARA, Libraries Connected and other key information organisations.

The ARA have issued an additional statement, see:

<https://www.archives.org.uk/news/a-statement-on-the-war-in-ukraine> plus an update that includes ideas for supporting archivists in Ukraine:

<https://www.archives.org.uk/news/call-for-russia-to-be-thrown-out-of-unesco>.

“Museum community mobilises to help colleagues in Ukraine”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2022/03/museum-community-mobilises-to-help-colleagues-in-ukraine/?utm_campaign=2102800_01032022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,192J4,27LU0M,4V6VI,1

(Source: Museums Association update, 1 Mar 2022)

Summary of the support being offered by museums in neighbouring countries.

The article also includes a statement from the MA:

“The Museums Association supports the International Council of Museums’ condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine by Russian Federation military forces and echoes its concern about the risks faced by museum professionals on the ground in Ukraine.

Already the international museum community is rallying and offering support, including refuge, and we encourage colleagues in neighbouring

countries in particular to continue and step up their offers of solidarity and support.

Many museum workers in Ukraine have previously been involved in human rights movements and many museums provide space for the promotion and discussion of human rights. This puts museum workers at particular risk in the current situation.

The primary concern must be the safety of museum staff and the wider population – in addition there is a threat to the material cultural heritage of Ukraine and, as signatories of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property, in the event of armed conflict we would call on both countries to abide by their international legal obligations to protect heritage.”

See also: https://www.museumsassociation.org/our-statement-on-the-invasion-of-ukraine/?utm_campaign=2102800_01032022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,192J4,27LU0M,4V6VI,1.

“Ukraine refugees: how displacement could impact farms and families in the UK”

https://theconversation.com/ukraine-refugees-how-displacement-could-impact-farms-and-families-in-the-uk-177874?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2028%202022%20-%202218122011&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2028%202022%20-%202218122011+CID_0741a0a37aec3c063dafaf4ed5672eda&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Ukraine%20refugees%20how%20displacement%20could%20impact%20farms%20and%20families%20in%20the%20UK

(Source: *The Conversation*, 28 Feb 2022)

Useful brief summary from the Migration Observatory.

“How charities and civil society can support Ukraine”

https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2022/03/02/charities-civil-society-ukraine/?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXlub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-449e2fd22746e411b4e4d89d6765e198-4c580a3a1c2543149b12a6c7caa4bcea&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NCVO%3A%20Special%20Announcements&esid=0f1cdf82-7899-ec11-b400-000d3ab013ab

(Source: email from NCVO, 2 Mar 2022)

Post from NCVO, including suggestions for practical actions, as well as looking at the possible impact on charities in the UK.

“At such overwhelming moments, it’s easy to feel powerless. Our mission now is to channel worry and anxiety about the future into collective action, to support Ukrainians and prepare our organisations.”

“What happens to the 4,000 Nigerians studying in Ukraine?”

<https://qz.com/africa/2131361/what-happens-to-the-4000-nigerians-studying-in-ukraine/>

(Source: *Black & Asian News – European Edition*, 28 Feb 2022)

A timely reminder that there are people from many nationalities involved:

“According to Ukraine’s ministry of education and science, Morocco, Nigeria, and Egypt are in the top 10 list for countries whose students are studying in Ukraine, accounting for 8,000, 4,000 and 3,500 students respectively.”

Funding & Opportunities

“Everyday Heritage Grants: Celebrating Working Class Histories”

<https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/grants-to-uncover-nations-hidden-working-class-heritage/>

(Source: Museums Association update, 22 Feb 2022)

“Historic England is inviting applications from community or heritage organisations to apply for grants up to £25,000 to fund projects that will celebrate the built or historic environment near them. We are particularly interested in funding smaller grass roots projects of less than £10,000.

Each project should enable people to creatively share overlooked or untold stories of the places where they live and encourage communities, groups and local people to examine and tell their own stories in their own ways.

Historic England is also hoping for projects that provide innovative volunteering opportunities for young people or people facing loneliness or isolation, as well as contribute positively to participants’ wellbeing.

As a result of these projects, heritage and stories that have been previously overlooked will be recognised and revealed, with buildings or historic sites acting as the inspiration. People will be able to tell their own stories, in their own way, and be encouraged to connect with others in their local communities.”

The closing date for submission of proposals is **Monday 23 May**.

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

Widening Engagement Action Plan 2022-25

<https://arts.wales/sites/default/files/2022-01/Widening%20Engagement%20Action%20Plan%202022-25.pdf>

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 4 Feb 2022)

New action plan from Amgueddfa Cymru (National Museum Wales) and Arts Council of Wales, showing how they aim to broaden their reach among all communities.

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

Library and sector support of people living with no fixed abode: research review

https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/5697/Review_Libraries_work_to_support_people_living_with_no_fixed_abode_020222.pdf

New report from The Reading Agency and Libraries Connected:

“[It] offers examples of the current library services available to this customer group and suggests priorities for a framework for the public library offer in this field.”

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

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Bromley Briefings Prison Factfile Winter 2022

<http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/Bromley%20Briefings/Winter%202022%20Factfile.pdf>

(Source: Clinks *Policy Briefing*, Feb 2022)

Latest in the series:

“Drawn largely from government statistics, and fully referenced, it provides an authoritative source of information on prison conditions. The evidence contained within it underpins our programmes and advocacy work to influence ministers and policy makers.” [Taken from: <http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/Publications/vw/1/ItemID/1099>]

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

Research digest: young people’s mental health

<https://www.culturehive.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Young-peoples-mental-health.pdf>

(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 30 Dec 2021)

Important research review:

“We included peer-reviewed, primary research that was published in English between 2011 and 2021. We looked for research where the focus of the research was on teenagers and young adults (11-25 years) and explored the value of culture in relation to wellbeing or mental health.” [p5]

Key findings included:

“Overall, the qualitative data paints a very positive picture for the value of arts and culture, specifically music, in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people. In particular, the research highlights the role of arts and cultural experiences in helping young people to build their confidence and self-esteem (observed in 60 per cent of studies). Although the mechanisms for these factors were not explicitly explored within studies, being able to perform or showcase artwork, compose

music and devise theatre productions led to young people feeling a sense of pride and achievement through the positive feedback they received.

A number of studies (50 per cent) referenced the idea that cultural experiences provided a 'safe space' for younger people: a space which was referred to as 'non-judgemental', a place for positive social experiences and an opportunity for escapism. Young people also developed strong relationships with cultural practitioners who showed empathy and understanding towards the challenges they faced. There were groups of young people who could be considered to be 'vulnerable' within the research we looked at, so this is an important element to be explored in future research." [p9]

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

The Prince's Trust NatWest Youth Index 2022

https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/news-views/princes-trust-natwest-youth-index-2022?utm_campaign=2083683_Enews_February_Youth-Index&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Prince%27s%20Trust&dm_i=4DH7,18NS3,273YFE,5PHZA,1

(Source: email from The Prince's Trust, 23 Feb 2022)

"The Prince's Trust NatWest Youth Index shows that young people's overall happiness and confidence has fallen to an all-time low." [p6]

The key issues identified include:

- The effects of the pandemic
- Fears for future work
- Relationships at risk: "The happiness young people feel in their relationships with both friends and family have dropped to the lowest levels on record, with many young people reporting feeling lonely as well as nervous about socialising." [p8]
- Pressures on young women.

Looked-after children & young people

"EU Settlement Scheme – Home Office looked-after children and care leavers survey, November 2021"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-home-office-looked-after-children-and-care-leavers-survey-2020/eu-settlement-scheme-home-office-looked-after-children-and-care-leavers-survey-november-2021>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Dec 2021/Jan 2022)

Updated info:

"From 4 October to 30 November 2021, the Home Office undertook a further follow up survey of Local Authorities in England, Wales and Scotland and of Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland to provide an update on the estimated number of looked after children and care leavers eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)."

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Your immigration status: an introduction for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/view-and-prove-your-immigration-status-evisa/your-immigration-status-an-introduction-for-eu-eea-and-swiss-citizens-accessible-version>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 736, 21 Feb 2022)

Updated info:

“This guide is for you if you have:

- applied to the EU Settlement Scheme
- successfully applied for a UK visa (including permission to stay) using the ID Check app or by visiting a Visa Application Centre or Service and Support Centre”

LGBTQ+ issues – Other Agencies

“To engage LGBTQ+ people in data collection, we need to look at its harmful history”

https://theconversation.com/to-engage-lgbtq-people-in-data-collection-we-need-to-look-at-its-harmful-history-175385?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2028%202022%20-%202218122011&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2028%202022%20-%202218122011+CID_0741a0a37aec3c063dafaf4ed5672eda&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=To%20engage%20LGBTQ%20people%20in%20data%20collection%20we%20need%20to%20look%20at%20its%20harmful%20history

(Source: *The Conversation*, 28 Feb 2022)

Thoughtful article – and one which is a useful reminder for us, should we want to start collecting data about LGBTQ+ people.

“After fifty years of Pride, what should we fight for next?”

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/news/after-fifty-years-pride-what-should-we-fight-next?utm_source=Supporter+Comms&utm_campaign=f6ffb499c8-lgbthm-15-02-22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e84b28897-f6ffb499c8-213466874

(Source: email from Stonewall, 15 Feb 2022)

New post from Stonewall:

“This year we’re celebrating 50 years of Pride in the UK. In this article, we’ll chart the major moments in LGBTQ+ history since the first Pride in 1972, and ask what still needs to change for LGBTQ+ people, today and in future.”