



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 353, 18 May 2022

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

“Help the MA build a map of climate crisis resources”

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/campaigns/climate-crisis/resource-map/#>

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 17 May 2022)

Call for info:

“The Museums Association is campaigning for museums to be more environmentally sustainable and address the climate crisis.

As part of our campaign, we’re seeking to map any resources currently available that will help the sector meet our three goals: get your museum in order; raise awareness; and champion change.

Resources can include organisational strategies, toolkits, learning materials, surveys, exhibition case studies, evaluation reports – any publicly available document, campaign or policy that your organisation has produced to address the climate and environmental crisis. These can cover all areas of museum activity, including front of house, learning and engagement, curatorial, exhibitions, management and HR.

We would also like to hear from museum and culture sector funders about climate-focused funding opportunities.

The resources will be published in an online infographic that will act as a one-stop shop of resources for tackling the climate crisis.

Please email Geraldine Kendall Adams, the MA’s news editor and staff writer, at geraldine@museumsassociation.org with your submissions by Monday 6 June.”

“Green Libraries”

https://www.cilip.org.uk/page/greenlibraries?utm_campaign=296377_Fortnightly%20email%2018%20May%202022%20-%20MEMBER&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Chartered%20Institute%20of%20Library%20and%20Information%20Professionals&dm_i=6WFS,6COP,9VBO9,QNQG,1

(Source: *News from CILIP*, 18 May 2022)

“CILIP is leading the Arts Council England funded Green Libraries Partnership, a multi-year research and development programme helping public libraries in England to address environmental challenges and responsibilities. The Partnership is a collaboration with the British Library, Libraries Connected and Julie’s Bicycle.”

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

“I come to the library to keep warm’: Norfolk residents battling fuel poverty”

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/may/08/downham-market-library-norfolk-residents-fuel-poverty-older-vulnerable-money>

(Source: *Later Life AGenda*, 9 May 2022)

“Downham Market library is a lifeline for older and vulnerable people needing somewhere warm to pass time without spending money”

Positive article about the role of public libraries:

“This winter the library introduced free Keep Warm and Go bags packed with everything someone may need who was struggling to keep the cold away, including gloves, thermals, a scarf, blanket and a hat.”

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

“Chief Inspector's blog: why don't prisoners learn to read?”

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprisons/chief-inspectors-blog/chief-inspectors-blog-why-dont-prisoners-learn-to-read/>

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

Important blogpost:

“It is clear that a large proportion of those in prison struggle with reading – an assessment in August 2021 by HMPPS put the number of adult prisoners with a reading age below that expected of an 11-year-old at around 57%. This hampers the progress they can make while they are serving their sentences and hugely restricts their opportunities on release.”

This post briefly identifies some of the key issues – especially the lack of a joined-up approach – and concludes:

“There are far too many prisoners stuck in their cells whiling away their time sleeping or watching daytime television. If prisons took reading seriously, prisoners would spend their sentences productively, gaining the skills to find work when they are released and the chance to lead productive, crime-free lives.”

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

“Suffolk: providing wellbeing support from libraries”

<https://www.local.gov.uk/case-studies/suffolk-providing-wellbeing-support-libraries>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 8 May 2022)

LGA case study:

“Libraries in Suffolk provide a comprehensive range of mental health and wellbeing help situated in the hearts of towns and villages across the county.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Health and prosperity: introducing the IPPR Commission on Health and Prosperity

<https://www.ippr.org/files/2022-04/health-and-prosperity-april22.pdf>

(Source: email from IPPR, 27 Apr 2022)

IPPR have just launched a Commission on Health and Prosperity, and this report sets the background.

Further info at: https://www.ippr.org/health-and-prosperity/?mc_cid=44713d7d9e&mc_eid=fbc917e5f6&mc_cid=44713d7d9e&mc_eid=fbc917e5f6.

“Supporting young people in your community”

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/community-support/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=may_newsletter_2022

(Source: email from YoungMinds, May 2022)

New resource from YoungMinds:

“Whether you work at a youth club, coach a sports team, or run extra-curricular activities outside of school, we have practical information, resources and tips that give you the tools you need to support a young person with their mental health.”

Menopause and the workplace

<https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=9672cf45-5f13-4b69-8882-1e5e643ac8a6>

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 5 May 2022)

Major new report from the Fawcett Society:

“Our research has uncovered significant challenges in the workplace with detrimental impacts for menopausal women:

- One in ten who have worked during the menopause have left a job due to their symptoms
- Eight out of ten women say their employer hasn't shared information, trained staff, or put in place a menopause absence policy.

- Almost half of women haven't approached their GPs about the menopause and three in ten of those who have experienced delays in diagnosis.
- Only four in ten women who have talked to their GP about the menopause say they were immediately offered HRT.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Migrants and Migration”

https://migrantsrights.org.uk/about/migrants-and-migration/?mc_cid=26a8d9726b&mc_eid=f4e6ea96b3

(Source: Migrants' Rights Network *Newsletter*, May 2022)

Migrants' Rights Network has created a new website section, examining the language we use to talk about migration.

Know Your Rights

https://migrantsrights.org.uk/resources-2/know-your-rights/translations-and-pdfs/?mc_cid=26a8d9726b&mc_eid=f4e6ea96b3

(Source: Migrants' Rights Network *Newsletter*, May 2022)

MRN have just released an up-to-date translation of their KYR Guide in Ukrainian.

“You can't even talk English, so don't talk!' How linguistic racism impacts immigrants in the UK”

https://theconversation.com/you-cant-even-talk-english-so-dont-talk-how-linguistic-racism-impacts-immigrants-in-the-uk-182173?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2017%202022%20-%20202292622805&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2017%202022%20-%20202292622805+CID_acd770357264812212643d51924ec5f1&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=You%20cant%20even%20talk%20English%20so%20dont%20talk%20How%20linguistic%20racism%20impacts%20immigrants%20in%20the%20UK

(Source: *The Conversation*, 17 May 2022)

Interesting brief article looking at linguistic racism which “[...] is directed at people who speak in ways considered to be non-standard or ‘foreign-sounding’”. It is not based on the proficiency or intelligibility of a language speaker, but rather on their accent and verbal delivery.”

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

Queer Britain

<https://queerbritain.org.uk/>

The UK's first national LGBTQ+ museum has opened! Details:

QUEER BRITAIN
2 Granary Square,
King's Cross, London N1C 4BH

OPENING HOURS
Wednesday to Sunday: 12–6pm
Monday and Tuesday: Closed
Free entry. No booking needed.