



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 355, 26 June 2022

Events

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

Black Lives Matter

“Whiteness is at the heart of racism in Britain – so why is it portrayed as a Black problem?”

https://theconversation.com/whiteness-is-at-the-heart-of-racism-in-britain-so-why-is-it-portrayed-as-a-black-problem-181742?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The%20Weekend%20Conversation%20-%202297522858&utm_content=The%20Weekend%20Conversation%20-%202297522858+CID_d1589821794e05cbc7332b9135f2918c&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Whiteness%20is%20at%20the%20heart%20of%20racism%20in%20Britain%20%20so%20why%20is%20it%20portrayed%20as%20a%20Black%20problem

(Source: *The Conversation*, 21 May 2022)

Important article:

“When we talk about incidents of racism, the focus – from both individuals and institutions – is often placed on the victim’s behaviour or background.”

Coronavirus/COVID-19

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the criminal justice system – a progress report

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/cjii/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/05/CJ-Covid-19-recovery-progress-report-web-2022.pdf>

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

“A joint progress report from the justice inspectorates has been published [...] The report has highlighted the slow recovery and shared challenges of the criminal justice system (CJS) response to the ongoing pandemic. It found most agencies have been unable to recover to their pre-pandemic functioning with all levels of the CJS being affected, including prison, probation, policing and the courts. A key area of concern is that people in prison are still spending upwards of 23 hours in their cell every day, limiting their ability to engage in education, rehabilitation, and training. They conclude that none of the risks identified in their 2021 joint report have been mitigated in their entirety and recovery remains elusive.”

[Taken from Clinks *Policy Briefing*]

Congratulations!

“Museum of Homelessness”

The news item mentioned in the last Ebulletin has moved – it is now at:

<https://museumofhomelessness.org/news/awardwinningmuseum>.

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

“Applications are open for The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Awards – Climate Award 2022”

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9uGS6FZIZIXENgU_rjV1koRQG P65CH7qI0BZhYZ5xc62ZQ/viewform

(Source: email from Culture Declares Emergency, 23 May 2022)

Application form and further info at above weblink.

“This award is in partnership with Happy Museums and Culture Declares Emergency.”

Deadline: **31 July 2022**.

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

Life-changing Libraries report 2022

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/life-changing-libraries/life-changing-libraries-report---final.pdf>

(Source: School Library Association *Monthly Newsletter*, Jun 2022)

Report from BookTrust and the SLA. As Cressida Cowell says in the Foreword:

“My flagship Laureate initiative – ‘Lifechanging Libraries’ – was designed to showcase the transformative impact a well-resourced primary school library has on a child’s opportunities in life, alongside the vast inequality of library provision currently facing children across England. To spotlight the four pillars of a ‘gold standard’ school library – space, books, expertise, and whole-school and community involvement – BookTrust and I began working with six very different primary schools across England: building a bespoke, dedicated library stocked with more than 1000 specially curated books, and supporting staff with training and mentoring from specialists to develop a culture of reading for pleasure.”
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Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Let’s fix the digital divide – for good: Good Things Foundation Strategy 2022 – 2025

<https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/insights/strategy/>

(Source: email from Good Things Foundation, 18 May 2022)

The new strategy from Good Things Foundation:

“There are 2 million households that struggle to afford internet access in the UK today, and 10 million adults lack the most basic digital skills. We need to act now. Our 2022-2025 strategy outlines the necessary steps

we need to take to remove digital exclusion for good and build a movement for digital inclusion that leaves no-one behind.”

The full strategy is available to download as a pdf, and there is also a one-page summary.

Young Justice Advisors: learning from young adults – final report May 2022

<http://leaders-unlocked.org/luwp/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/YJA-report-2022.pdf>

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

“In early 2020 Leaders Unlocked and the Young Justice Advisors co-produced ‘Hearing from Young Adults in the Criminal Justice System,’ a report that brought together findings from the Young Justice Advisors’ peer research with 500 young adults in the criminal justice system.

In that report, the Young Justice Advisors identified key findings and recommendations from their peer-led research in relation to five priority topics: racial disproportionality, sentencing young adults, the Care system, mental health and the Criminal Justice system, and employment and life after prison [...]

A lot has happened since then [...]

In the context of so much change, the Young Justice Advisors decided to narrow the scope of their research this time around and look in depth at four priority areas:

- Race and Racism
- The Care System
- Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System
- Life After Prison.

The recommendations in this report focus on what policymakers can do, both at national and local levels, to make real, positive changes for young adults in the criminal justice and care systems.” [pp4-5]

Equality, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“Research to tackle the role of fanzines in football racism”

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/sport/20164396.research-tackle-role-fanzines-football-racism/>

(Source: *Black & Asian Heritage Mix*, 14 Jun 2022)

Interesting article:

“[The] role of football fanzines in challenging racism among fan communities is the focus of a new collaborative PhD studentship led by Teesside University and the British Library.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Migrants and Migration: #WordsMatter”

<https://migrantsrights.org.uk/about/migrants-and-migration/>

(Source: email from City of Sanctuary, 27 May 2022)

Important new resource from Migrants’ Rights Network:

“We understand how important the language that we use is, especially when it comes to shaping narratives around migration and migratised communities [...]

In this section, we will be debunking the terms ‘illegal immigration’, ‘refugee crisis’ and ‘integration’. We will also be questioning some common talking-points around unity, deservingness, the economy, and whiteness.”

Around the World (Refugee Week, 20-26 June)

[https://tra-](https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/5952/The_Reading_Agency_s_June_Booklist_for_Children_Young_People.pdf)

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(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Jun 2022)

The latest Reading Agency booklist celebrates Refugee Week.

LGBTQ+ issues – Other Agencies

“LGBTQ+: Living with dementia”

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/daily-living/lgbtq-living-with-dementia?utm_source=dotdigital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GenNewsletters&utm_content=070622&dm_i=57EL,K7E1,2JFJ2V,2D9J7,1

(Source: email from Alzheimer’s Society, 7 Jun 2022)

New from Alzheimer’s Society:

“If you are LGBTQ+ and have dementia, these pages are for you. They have information and advice about how to live well with dementia.”

Take Pride report: public sentiment towards lesbian, gay, bi and trans people in the UK – June2022

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/system/files/take_pride_-_june_2022.pdf

(Source: *The University of Portsmouth Equality & Diversity Newsletter*, 9 Jun 2022)

Important new report from Stonewall. The overall findings include:

“The public is much more likely to have positive feelings towards LGBT people than they are to have negative feelings. Women and younger people are more likely to have positive feelings towards LGBT people than men and older people, a pattern that is common across a wide range of social attitudes.

Perhaps most interestingly, given the high level of focus on trans people in the UK press, and the very negative tone of much of that coverage, the way the public feels is consistent across lesbian, gay, bi and trans people.” [p3]