



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 361, 4 October 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

Black History Month – Black LGBTQ+ people

(Source: *Stonewall Newsletter*, 1 Oct 2022)

Stonewall have developed some important intersectional resources including:

- “What does it mean to be Black and queer?”, https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/news/what-does-it-mean-be-black-and-queer?utm_source=Supporter+Comms&utm_campaign=f9908c10ea-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_09_27_02_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e84b28897-f9908c10ea-213466874
- “10 ways to be an ally to Black LGBT people”, https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/news/10-ways-be-ally-black-lgbt-people?utm_source=Supporter+Comms&utm_campaign=f9908c10ea-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_09_27_02_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e84b28897-f9908c10ea-213466874
- “Black LGBTQ+ organisations you should know about”, https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/blog/communities/black-lgbtq-organisations-you-should-know-about?utm_source=Supporter+Comms&utm_campaign=f9908c10ea-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_09_27_02_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e84b28897-f9908c10ea-213466874
- “Black History Month heroes”, https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/news/black-history-month-heroes?utm_source=Supporter+Comms&utm_campaign=f9908c10ea-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_09_27_02_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e84b28897-f9908c10ea-213466874.

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

“Guide: Climate justice glossary”

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/in-practice/2022/09/guide-climate-justice-glossary/#msdyntrid=StOEWq59swAom68DEsu81YoKXvT3jtD3cvtmrWw44BI>

(Source: email from Museums Association, 23 Sep 2022)

“Essential phrases and words used in discussing the climate and ecological emergency”

Climate emergency – Other Agencies

“‘Dark data’ is killing the planet – we need digital decarbonisation”

https://theconversation.com/dark-data-is-killing-the-planet-we-need-digital-decarbonisation-190423?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20September%2029%202022%20-%202417324157&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20September%2029%202022%20-%202417324157+CID_c3c71282d55b45f6967353e443d9abb2&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Dark%20data%20is%20killing%20the%20planet%20we%20need%20digital%20decarbonisation

(Source: *The Conversation*, 30 Sep 2022)

One of several similar articles I’ve seen recently, which look at the real impact of storing data “in the cloud”.

Cost of living crisis – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“‘Warm bank’ libraries call for extra funds”

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Warm-bank-libraries-call-for-extra-funds-/54845>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 25 Sep 2022)

LocalGov article:

“Library services have warned that without additional funding they will struggle to cope with the extra demand of people looking for somewhere warm to spend time in this winter.”

“Council calls for Warm Spaces volunteers”

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/-/council-calls-for-warm-spaces-volunteers>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 25 Sep 2022)

“Sutton Council libraries will be used as Warm Spaces for residents who may be struggling to keep warm at home in light of rising energy bills.

Launching in October, Sutton’s Warm Spaces will provide a warm welcome for all, and information about cost of living support will be available for those who need it.

Residents are welcome to stay in the library for as long as they want to during opening hours, and will have access to wi-fi, computers and assistance with using them if they need it.

At four of Sutton’s Libraries – Sutton Central, Phoenix Centre, Sutton Life Centre and the Circle Library – trained Warm Spaces Volunteers will be on hand at specific times for a chat and to help direct residents to resources and organisations that can help them with the cost of living.”

“How can museums support communities through the cost of living crisis?”

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/2022/09/how-can-museums-support-communities-through-the-cost-of-living-crisis/#msdyntrid=sA7RIQbGefkE3x2PH7bflnKZDEYt5XN17Qit42sjKQA>

(Source: email from Museums Association, 23 Sep 2022)

“As winter approaches, many museums and galleries are considering what they can do to help those who are bearing the brunt of the cost of living crisis.

Some institutions are joining networks of warm havens, which are being established in parts of the UK to offer free and welcoming public spaces to those who cannot afford to heat their homes.

Cultural institutions are increasingly working with local health and social care providers to deliver initiatives to support health and wellbeing. There are a growing number of opportunities for museums to get involved, including schemes like Buildings at the Heart of the Community, which was launched last year by Community Health Partnerships to give charities and community groups free use of buildings in the NHS estate for outreach activities that support health and wellbeing.

Eleanor Root, the collections and learning curator at Colchester & Ipswich Museums, recently launched an open Google document where museums can share advice on how to support people, and is encouraging others to contribute their ideas.”

The article includes a list of “Tips for supporting people affected by the cost of living crisis”.

Cost of living crisis – Other Agencies

“Advice for people affected by dementia during the cost of living crisis”

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/advice-people-dementia-cost-of-living-crisis?utm_source=dotdigital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GenNewsletter&utm_content=220922&dm_i=57EL,N8CW,2JFJ2V,2T2BV,1

(Source: email from Alzheimer’s Society, 22 Sep 2022)

“As the scale of the cost of living crisis widens, we are hearing growing evidence from people affected by dementia that they are being hit harder than most. Read our advice on what you can do to help get you through this worrying time.” [Taken from email from Alzheimer’s Society)

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

“Thurso library to take part in trial as a location for Near Me NHS appointments”

<https://www.johnogroat-journal.co.uk/news/thurso-library-to-take-part-in-trial-as-a-location-for-near-288077/>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 25 Sep 2022)

“Thurso's public library will this week start to play a key role in a new trial service to help people access health and social care services.

A number of libraries in Scotland have already begun to test the Near Me in Libraries scheme, which gives people without access to the internet a safe space from which to access digital services.

High Life Highland's Thurso Library will provide a private location for video appointments for people who cannot log on from home.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

The Good Childhood Report 2022

Web highlights: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/good-childhood>

Full report (pdf): <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/GCR-2022-Full-Report.pdf>

(Source: *Children & Young People Now Update*, 26 Sep 2022)

“Our Good Childhood Report 2022 shows that children's happiness continues to decline. Young people are on average less happy with their life as a whole, school, friends and how they look than ten years ago.”

Key findings include:

- “UK children’s happiness with their lives continues to decline.
- More children are unhappy with their appearance than with family, friends, school and schoolwork. Girls are more likely to feel this way than boys.
- Happiness with school and schoolwork declines significantly with age, and was significantly lower among children in lower income households.
- Over half of parents and carers feel that the pandemic has had a negative impact on the education of their children.
- 85% of parents and carers are concerned about the impact of the cost of living crisis on their household/family over the next 12 months, which will only get worse as this crisis unfolds.” [Taken from web version]

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

“Ten ways to encourage deaf, disabled and neurodivergent visitors to your heritage site”

<https://vocaleyeyes.co.uk/ten-ways-to-encourage-deaf-disabled-and-neurodivergent-visitors-to-your-heritage-site/>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 477, 22 Sep 2022)

“A key way to encourage deaf, disabled and neurodivergent visitors to your heritage site is to improve the pre-visit access information available online. Between May and August, over 50 volunteers checked the access information on over 2,000 heritage sites, as part of the Heritage Access 2022 project, made possible with public funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Together with project partners Stagertext, Centre for Accessible Environments and Autism in Museums, we’re now in the

process of pulling together the data from that research and writing a report to be published in late October.”

In the meantime, VocalEyes have put together a list of ten things to help when reviewing access information – see above weblink.

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

Kickstart role at the Cartoon Museum

<https://www.autisminmuseums.com/rebecca-knight-kickstart-trainee-at-the-cartoon-museum-london-august-2022/>

(Source: *Autism in Museums Newsletter*, Aug/Sep 2022)

In this interesting blogpost for “Autism in Museums”, Rebecca talks about her work at the Cartoon Museum and how she and they have tackled it.

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

“Suffolk Libraries’ new community languages collection for children”

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/about/news/suffolk-libraries-new-community-languages-collection-for-children>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 25 Sep 2022)

“Suffolk Libraries, the charity which runs the county’s library service, is excited to share a new collection of children’s books in over 50 different languages.

The books are available in libraries and include fiction and non-fiction titles for children aged 0-16 [...]

The new Community Languages collection includes titles in Turkish, Arabic, Romanian and Ukrainian plus many more. Ipswich County Library houses the largest collection, but if your local library doesn’t have books in your chosen language, our staff will be happy to reserve titles on your behalf to collect.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Why are so many Albanian asylum claims succeeding if the country is so ‘safe and prosperous’?”

https://freemovement.org.uk/why-are-so-many-albanian-asylum-claims-succeeding-if-the-country-is-so-safe-and-prosperous/?mc_cid=2a5d1b995e&mc_eid=7d8713d645

(Source: *Free Movement Weekly Newsletter*, 26 Sep 2022)

An important article about people seeking sanctuary from Albania, which concludes:

“Albania may or may not be “safe and prosperous” for many of its citizens. That is not the point; on current statistics, the majority of the Albanians fleeing their country to claim asylum in the United Kingdom are victims of trafficking and are recognised by the Home Office as such. It takes time to assess whether a person is a trafficking survivor. A rapid

returns deal places vulnerable and exploited people at risk of further harm.”

“Student Migration to the UK

Web version: https://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/resources/briefings/student-migration-to-the-uk/?mc_cid=2a5d1b995e&mc_eid=7d8713d645

pdf: <https://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MigObs-Briefing-Student-migration-to-the-UK.pdf>

(Source: *Free Movement Weekly Newsletter*, 26 Sep 2022)

Latest “Briefing” from the Migration Observatory – a key headline:

“Student migration to the UK rebounded after the COVID-19 pandemic, hitting an all-time high in 2021.”

“I miss my hometown, my friend – and my mum’s delicious food’: the cookbook made by refugees”

<https://www.theguardian.com/food/2022/sep/20/i-miss-my-hometown-friend-and-mums-delicious-food-the-cookbook-made-by-refugees>

Just in case you didn’t see this excellent article about the power of sharing food – and the cookbook that it’s led to.

“Would Russian men fleeing conscription qualify as refugees?”

https://freemovement.org.uk/would-russian-men-fleeing-conscription-qualify-as-refugees/?utm_source=Free+Movement&utm_campaign=0c2bd79fd6-Asylum+updates&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_792133aa40-0c2bd79fd6-116428530&mc_cid=0c2bd79fd6&mc_eid=7d8713d645

(Source: *Free Movement Refugee and Asylum Update*, 27 Sep 2022)

Very interesting discussion of what might qualify as giving refugee status.

“New critique of Home Office country information on Albanian blood feuds”

https://freemovement.org.uk/new-critique-of-home-office-country-information-on-albanian-blood-feuds/?utm_source=Free+Movement&utm_campaign=bd30c67b98-Asylum+updates&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_792133aa40-bd30c67b98-116428530&mc_cid=bd30c67b98&mc_eid=7d8713d645

(Source: *Free Movement Refugee and Asylum Update*, 4 Oct 2022)

The Home Office has recently updated its Country Policy and Information Notes (CPINs) on Albania; in this assessment, David Neale argues that the revised guidance makes assumptions about safety in Albania, which are not warranted.