



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 375, 11 May 2023

Events

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

Black Lives Matter/Anti-racism

“Over-policed and under-protected: why does nothing change?”

https://irr.org.uk/article/over-policed-and-under-protected-why-does-nothing-change/?ml_subscriber=2202372598203946593&ml_subscriber_hash=l6r2&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=anti_racism_at_the_crossroads_time_to_choose&utm_term=2023-04-30

(Source: *IRR News*, 27 Apr 2023)

Thought-provoking article:

“Twenty-four years separates them, but both the Macpherson report and the Casey report identified ‘poor service provision’ as at the heart of institutional racism in policing. Writing from an abolitionist perspective, criminologists Sarah Lambie and Megan McElhone argue that getting to grips with contemporary police racism demands a more expansive approach.”

Ukraine

“Ukrainian Libraries in Wartime”

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/ukrainian-libraries-in-wartime>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 9 May 2023)

Important article which concludes:

“Despite the hardships wrought by war, Ukrainian libraries continue to serve their communities. They offer relief and healing. They continue to explore new opportunities for outreach to serve the army and refugees. In times of peace, libraries aim to liberate individuals by providing knowledge for personal growth; during wartime, they help unite a nation in the common struggle for freedom.”

Equality Act 2010

Technical guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty ...

England: [https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-england?utm_source=e-](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-england?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=StakeholderNewsletter-April2023)

[shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=StakeholderNewsletter-April2023](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-england?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=StakeholderNewsletter-April2023)

Scotland: [https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-england?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=StakeholderNewsletter-April2023)

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Wales: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-public-sector-equality-duty-wales?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=StakeholderNewsletter-April2023

(Source: *News from the Equality and Human Rights Commission*, 28 Apr 2023)

The EHRC:

“[...] have updated our technical guidance on the public sector equality duty (PSED).

Since 2012, when the first PSED technical guidance was published, a number of changes to statute and case law have taken place. This includes the introduction, by statute, of the gender pay gap reporting requirement on public authorities with more than 250 staff.

The PSED technical guidance is now up to date with these key statutes and pieces of case law so that individuals, businesses, employers and public authorities have the information they need to understand the duty, exercise their rights, and meet their responsibilities in the most straightforward way.” [Taken from the EHRC News email]

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

“Hunger-Free Libraries: Food Pantries and Fridges”

https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/hunger-free-libraries.html?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=May+3+2023+Crossroads&utm_campaign=wj-crossroads-fy23&utm_term=WebJunction%20Crossroads

(Source: *WebJunction Crossroads*, 3 May 2023)

Useful round-up of initiatives in the US.

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

“A Day in the Life of Govanhill Library”

https://www.greatergovanhill.com/latest/a-day-in-the-life-of-govanhill-library?utm_campaign=727747_Fortnightly%20newsletter%203%20May%202023%20-%20MEMBER&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Chartered%20Institute%20of%20Library%20and%20Information%20Professionals&dm_i=6WFS_FLJ7,9VBO9,1XXC8,1

(Source: *News from CILIP*, 3 May 2023)

Great article which gives a real insight into the ways in which one library is being used:

“[...] community reporter Flora Zajicek spent time in our local library to understand how the space was used by different people and what impact it has on people’s health and wellbeing.”

“More than 500,000 people in UK visited ‘warm rooms’ during the winter”

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/apr/26/warm-rooms-winter-loneliness?utm_campaign=727747_Fortnightly%20newsletter%203%20May%202023%20-%20MEMBER&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Chartered%20Institute%20of%20Library%20and%20%20Information%20Professionals&dm_i=6WFS.FLJ7,9VBO9,1XZQ0,1

(Source: *News from CILIP*, 3 May 2023)

Just in case you didn't see this article:

“Warm space projects sprang up in their thousands across the UK in the autumn, as charities, libraries and faith groups responded to soaring energy poverty by opening venues to provide cash strapped people with warmth, free food and a cup of tea.

A survey by the Warm Welcome campaign, a UK-wide network of over 4,200 warm spaces, suggests many successfully provided their visitors with a measure of respite from their problems – but not necessarily the problem the projects had planned for.”

“Leeds 2023’: can investment in culture improve a city’s health? Yes, but more ambition is needed”

https://theconversation.com/leeds-2023-can-investment-in-culture-improve-a-citys-health-yes-but-more-ambition-is-needed-202911?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2011%202023%20-%202623426401&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2011%202023%20-%202623426401+CID_85d812f3aa4d2f1e9f852a00b13a666d&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Leeds%202023%20can%20investment%20in%20culture%20improve%20a%20citys%20health%20Yes%20but%20more%20ambition%20is%20needed

(Source: *The Conversation*, 11 May 2023)

This interesting article starts to look at “[...] how to draw out broader lessons from complex, personal events so that governments can roll out and scale up successful interventions.”

As part of the festival, Leeds 2023 (see: <https://leeds2023.co.uk/>), the researchers will investigate how to do this; they already know that:

“Capturing and conveying the nuanced value of culture in health and wellbeing is complex, but not impossible. Our work shows that it needs a more ambitious, joined-up and long-term approach.

This partly means shifting away from short-term funding models, where small pots of money are available for time-limited projects. Instead, there needs to be more investment in both long-term programmes and rigorous mixed methods research. This will mean researchers can learn from successes and failures and continue to build a robust evidence base.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

“My mother took bus rides to stave off the loneliness. There must be a better way”

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/may/07/my-mother-took-bus-rides-stave-off-loneliness-must-be-better-way>

(Source: *Later Life AGEnda*, 9 May 2023)

Just in case you didn't see this article which spells out key effects of loneliness (and also looks at how the places – including libraries – where people meet have been cut).

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“A Fundamental Lack of Awareness that these People are Actually Human’: How the Government is Failing Older People with Learning Disabilities”

<https://bylinetimes.com/2023/05/03/a-fundamental-lack-of-awareness-that-these-people-are-actually-human-how-the-government-is-failing-older-people-with-learning-disabilities/>

(Source: *Later Life AGEnda*, 4 May 2023)

Article featuring:

“[...] early findings from a forthcoming national study which outlines the urgent need to avoid a crisis by creating a government strategy for this unacknowledged community.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“I’m always delivering food while hungry’: how undocumented migrants find work as substitute couriers in the UK”

https://theconversation.com/im-always-delivering-food-while-hungry-how-undocumented-migrants-find-work-as-substitute-couriers-in-the-uk-201695?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%205%202023%20-%202617826344&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%205%202023%20-%202617826344+CID_2114824977ee1fccbda2440847a75888&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=lm%20always%20delivering%20food%20while%20hungry%20how%20undocumented%20migrants%20find%20work%20as%20substitute%20couriers%20in%20the%20UK

(Source: *The Conversation*, 5 May 2023)

Useful insight:

“[...] undocumented riders represent a tiny fraction of the UK’s rapidly expanding food courier population. But their experiences are important to understand. Often desperate to secure waged work but with no options for lawful employment, they are willing to accept pay standards well below the UK’s national minimum wage and put up with stressful working conditions.”

“I don’t know where to go, I just cry’ [...]: The cost of living crisis and No Recourse to Public Funds, May 2023”

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d91f87725049149378fce82/t/645cb97f957b800d16e7e59c/1683798400311/NRPF+and+the+cost+of+living+crisis_May+2023.pdf

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Update*, 11 May 2023)

“The effects of rising prices and a lack of access to targeted cost of living support on low-income households affected by NRPF conditions are stark. Our research found that two thirds of people with NRPF surveyed said they are struggling to feed their children. 59% have been forced into debt to afford the cost of basic essentials – almost three times as many as in the UK population as a whole. Given their exclusion from cost of living support schemes, 50% of people with NRPF that we spoke to report turning to food banks and charities to meet their basic needs, compared to just 3% of the general population.” [p1]

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

“Queer Heritage & Collections Network Symposium 2023”

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGgbuCg06fuuQWwNt2KCxp_z7Bz1HawR2

(Source: Queer Heritage & Collections Network *Newsletter*, 12 Apr 2023)

QHCN have just made:

“[...] the full session recordings of our hybrid QHCN Symposium 2023, which was hosted by Queer Britain 20–21 March and supported by our funder National Lottery Heritage Fund, publicly available online as a playlist. Please share these widely – we’d like to make them useful to as many people as possible.”

The full programme and list of speakers is at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fc6_grojB-nlVn_ui10IEwNGA9Ph12aR4TBmR36i-30/edit?pli=1#heading=h.g0qfbp60eelf.

LGBTQ+ issues – Other Agencies

“Anti-trans and anti-drag groups to give evidence in review of sex education in UK schools”

https://www.thepinknews.com/2023/05/10/sex-education-review-women-equalities-select-committee/?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mypinknews&pnespid=qak7BSRZbLpF3uXcrT65EoqLsRH1V5VoJrOzXuUw8AVmDvx6N2vFXhuja9MIb5YCCYIs_DOvva

(Source: *PinkNews*, 10 May 2023)

As part of its ongoing review of the RSHE curriculum:

“[...] the Women and Equalities Committee will hold a one-off session examining the current RSHE curriculum in schools, what parents and

young people want from this area of study and how the curriculum is being delivered.”

This review is being held:

“[...] following ‘disturbing’ reports of ‘inappropriate material’ being taught in some schools.

At the time, education secretary Gillian Keegan said she was ‘deeply concerned’ about the reports.

‘This urgent review will get to the heart of how RSHE is currently taught and should be taught in the future,’ she said in a statement.

‘This will leave no room for any disturbing content, restore parents’ confidence, and make sure children are even better protected.’”

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

“In praise of thriving local libraries: ‘This is really a place where people can belong’”

https://www.irishtimes.com/culture/books/2023/04/29/in-praise-of-thriving-local-libraries-this-is-really-a-place-where-people-can-belong/?utm_campaign=727747_Fortnightly%20newsletter%203%20May%202023%20-%20MEMBER&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Chartered%20Institute%20of%20Library%20and%20%20Information%20Professionals&dm_i=6WFS,FLJ7,9VBO9,1XZPZ,1

(Source: *News from CILIP*, 3 May 2023)

Terrific, positive article:

“They say members’ clubs are dead, but there remains one with undeniable perks. Its patrons are an eclectic bunch. You’ll find them lounging in armchairs with a copy of the *New Yorker*, convening for a foreign language film club, listening to David Bowie, or maybe even borrowing a book. Welcome to the library.”