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Events

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

NB there is a RSS feed on this page, which means that you could be automatically alerted to new events, courses and conferences as they are added!

Funding & Opportunities

Carnegie Library Lab

http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/news---events/latest/carnegie-library-lab--200k-to-libraries-in-uk-and-

"The three year funding programme, 'Carnegie Library Lab' will create partnerships with up to 15 public libraries to support innovative practice and show that book lending is only one of many services that libraries can deliver ...

Funding decisions will be made in 2014 and 2016, with projects taking place between 2014 and 2017. Application will be accepted between 1 September and 30 September 2014."

Further info about the application process at:

http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-minds/knowledge---culture/the-future-of-libraries/carnegie-library-lab.

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

"Troubled Families expansion to focus on younger children and health problems"

http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1146087/troubled-families-expansion-focus-children-

health?utm_content=&utm_campaign=190814%20daily&utm_source=Children_%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_ter_m=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F1146087%2Ftro_ubled-families-expansion-focus-children-health

(Source: Children & Young People Now Daily, 19 Aug 2014)

DCLG has announced that an "expansion of the Troubled Families initiative is to focus on tackling poor health and supporting children under the age of five."

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Age Action Alliance photo gallery

http://ageactionalliance.org/galleries/

(Source: Later Life Newsletter, 58, Aug 2014)

"This Gallery is designed to showcase entries to the Alliance Photographic Competition, *All About Ageing*, and to provide a growing bank of positive images to help promote better attitudes to ageing."

Health & Wellbeing issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Health Profiles

http://www.apho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=50213

(Source: email from LGA Community Wellbeing Team, 21 Aug 2014)

"Health Profiles are designed to help local government and health services identify problems in their areas and decide how to tackle them. They provide a snapshot of the overall health of the local population, and highlight potential problems through comparison with other areas and with the national average ...

Each Health Profile document includes:

- An 'At a glance' summary description of people's health in the area
- Maps and charts that show how the health in the area compares to the national and local view
- Trended information showing changes in death rates over a ten year period of time
- A 'spine chart' health summary showing the difference in health between the area and the average for England for 32 indicators"

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

"Our Dementia"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-b3eOllyo2k&feature=youtu.be

(Source: Later Life Newsletter, 58, Aug 2014)

This is "a short film commissioned by the Beth Johnson Foundation about living with dementia. Made with members of their Dementia Focus Group it discusses their views on the illness, services provided and what they would like to happen to improve their experiences." (More info at: http://www.bjf.org.uk/news-and-events/news/our-dementia---outcomes)

Navigating the health landscape in England: a guide for the voluntary sector working with offenders

http://www.clinks.org/sites/default/files/basic/files-downloads/clinks_navigating-health_FINAL.pdf

(Source: email from Clinks, 18 Aug 2014)

Very useful guide:

"This resource aims to provide an overview of the new commissioning landscape, explaining the roles of organisations with direct commissioning responsibilities as well as key organisations in a commissioning support role.

It has been specifically developed for voluntary sector organisations working with offenders, and covers the commissioning arrangements in places of detention, as well as for offenders and ex-offenders in the community. It highlights where voluntary sector organisations working with offenders and their service users can influence health and care provision." [p3]

Migration issues - News

"Nick Clegg announces end to subsidised translation services for migrants"

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nick-clegg-announces-end-to-subsidised-translation-services-for-migrants-9650410.html

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 405, 18 Aug 2014)

"The move is designed to encourage them to learn English as 'a common language is the glue that binds a society'."

"Reducing immigration would slow UK economy and lead to tax rises" http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/aug/04/reducing-immigration-slow-uk-economy-tax-rises

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 405, 18 Aug 2014)

One of several newspaper reports of the findings of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (which had modelled the current Conservative Party migration targets).

"Sir John Major praises immigrants for 'guts and drive"

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-28737782

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 405, 18 Aug 2014) Just in case you missed this interesting intervention ...

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Scotland's future: what independence means to you

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/08/9991/downloads

(Source: email from BEMIS, 12 Aug 2014)

Booklet which is also available in Gaelic, Polish, Cantonese, Mandarin, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Punjabi and Turkish.

Afghanistan: security

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/343042/AFGHANISTAN - CIG - SECURITY 2014 v 1.0.pdf

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW Newsflash 4-15 Aug 2014)

The latest in the Government's "Country Information and Guidance" series, this one sets out the grim picture in Afghanistan, and is valuable background info for work we do with Afghan refugees.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Migration to the UK: Asylum

http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/migobs/Briefing%20-%20Migration%20to%20the%20UK%20-%20Asylum 0.pdf

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW Newsflash 4-15 Aug 2014)

Latest Briefing from the Migration Observatory:

"This briefing sets out key facts and figures, as well as information gaps, relating to the number of asylum seekers applying to stay in the UK, who these asylum seekers are, how many are rejected, what the overall impacts of asylum seekers are on UK migration statistics and what

happens to asylum seekers after their applications have been processed." [p2]

Bulgarians & Romanians in the British national press: 1 December 2012 - 1 December 2013

http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/migobs/Report-Bulgarians_Romanians_Press.pdf

(Source: Migrants Rights Network Weekly Migration News, 18 Aug 2014)

New report from the Migration Observatory:

"References to Romanians by themselves revealed a strong association with crime, while references to Bulgarians, although less common in the corpus, were concentrated around a particular story of a young girl suspected by authorities of having been kidnapped.

Mentions of the ROMA or GYPSIES were also frequent, and particularly associated with issues of crime and settlement." [p20]

Who feels Scottish? National identities and ethnicity in Scotland http://www.ethnicity.ac.uk/medialibrary/briefings/dynamicsofdiversity/code-census-briefing-national-identity-scotland.pdf

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 405, 18 Aug 2014)

Latest in the series, "Dynamics of Diversity: Evidence from the 2011 Census", gives a fascinating glimpse of diversity in Scotland:

- "About 25% of Scotland's residents born outside Scotland do feel Scottish, and this is no less for those from South and East Asia, Africa and the Middle East, than it is for those born in England or other parts of Europe. About a third of Scotland's residents born in North America, the Old Commonwealth and Western Europe feel Scottish.
- The Polish ethnic group, who have recently had the highest migration rates into Scotland, expressed most affiliation to a non-UK identity only (80%).
- For other groups, including Pakistanis, Bangladeshis, Africans, Indians and Chinese, British only was chosen as frequently as Scottish only. This perhaps reflects the emphasis on Britishness in citizenship regulations, and was also found in England where minorities identified as British more often than English.
- Almost all minority groups are more likely to claim a Scottish identity in Scotland than an English identity in England." [p1]

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

"Public library engagement in the United States"

http://www.pewinternet.org/2014/08/18/public-library-engagement-in-the-united-states/

(Source: email from Frances Hendrix, 21 Aug 2014)

"An overview of three years of research into Americans' relationships with public libraries in the digital age." Interesting observations on patterns of library use, the demand for e- resources and community facilities.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

"Socially-engaged arts undervalued, say practitioners"

http://www.artsprofessional.co.uk/news/socially-engaged-arts-undervalued-say-practitioners?utm_source=Weekly-

News&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Socially-engaged-arts-undervalued,-say-practitioners&utm_campaign=8th-August-

2014&dm i=876,2P86I,13AR3H,9W1FM,1

(Source: PHF Newsletter, Summer 2014)

"The majority of socially-engaged arts practitioners feel their work is not valued by the sector as a whole and that there is not enough understanding of its benefits, a new survey has shown."

In the public interest: the role of the modern state

http://classonline.org.uk/docs/2014_The_role_of_the_state_-

Yvonne Roberts FINAL.pdf

(Source: email from Class, 11 Aug 2014)

Latest in the "Think Piece" series (and, if you have time, do read the shocking analysis of Thames Water, pp7-8).

"All societies across the world have some kind of state – the question is not whether the state should play a role in society, but what sort of role that should be ... Five years after the financial crisis, and with an ecological crisis looming, it is time to ask how a modern state can play a major role in securing social and ecological justice." [p2]

You might also like to look at Class's latest "Policy Paper", Renewing public ownership: constructing a democratic economy in the twenty-first century, which argues that:

"Since 1979 the privatisation and marketization policies of successive governments have delivered the economy into the hands of a narrow set of vested corporate and financial interests. The consequences are that decision-making is geared towards short-term profit and rent-seeking, at the expense of more longer-term thinking and in particular strategic concerns for the common good."

See: http://classonline.org.uk/docs/Renewing Public Ownership-Andrew Cumbers FINAL.pdf.