

# The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 238, 28 July 2017

## Events

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

## Funding & Opportunities

### “Celebrating Age”

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/celebrating-age>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central Newsletter, 19 Jul 2017)

Just in case you haven't seen the launch of Round 2 of the Arts Council's fund:

“Supporting cultural spaces and other organisations to be open, positive and welcoming places for older people; and taking high quality arts and culture into places where older people will find it easier to engage.”

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

### “Digital Inclusion Week at SFPL”

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2017/07/opinion/field-reports/digital-inclusion-week-at-sfpl-field-reports/#>

(Source: LJXpress – Library Journal, 18 Jul 2017)

Outline of how San Francisco Public Library organised its first Digital Inclusion Week.

### “New reports demonstrate libraries' impact on communities”

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/new-reports-demonstrate-libraries'-impact-communities>

ACE announces the publication of four new reports “looking at the impact of public libraries on communities as a whole and on people's lives.”

These are:

- *Re-writing the story: the contribution of public libraries to place-shaping*, <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Combined%20placeshaping%20report%2017%20July.pdf>
- *Stand by me: the contribution of public libraries to the well-being of older people*, <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Combined%20older%20people%20report%2017%20July.pdf>
- *Evidencing libraries audience reach: research findings and analysis*, [http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/ACE%20Evidencing%20Libraries%20Audience%20Reach%20-%20research%20results%20and%20analysis%20%28final%29\\_0.pdf](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/ACE%20Evidencing%20Libraries%20Audience%20Reach%20-%20research%20results%20and%20analysis%20%28final%29_0.pdf)
- *Libraries as community hubs: case studies and learning*, <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Libraries-CommunityHubs-Renaisi.pdf>.

NB Fuller assessment to appear in *The Network Newsletter*.

**“Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund: Plymouth Libraries – the story so far ...”**

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2017/06/29/lof-innovation-fund-plymouth/>

Guest post on the Task Force blog, outlining their plans for the summer:

“We’re hugely excited to have received funding to work with CATERed, our school meals provider, to reach disadvantaged children and families over the summer. We’re looking to combat holiday hunger and introduce new audiences to library services through fun and cultural activities.

Holiday hunger is a real issue for many families across Plymouth and, for the last two years, CATERed have delivered their Big Summer Food tour, giving out free, healthy bagged meals in parks and other locations throughout August.

This year, our library staff and volunteers will be joining CATERed at outreach locations every Tuesday and Thursday throughout August. We’ll be promoting library services, joining new members and signing children up to the Summer Reading Challenge.”

**Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies**

***The Hardman directory***

<http://www.hardmantrust.org.uk/assets/201718-Print-Directory1.pdf>

(Source: email from Ian Wilson, The Hardman Trust, 24 Jul 2017)

Subtitled *The 2017/18 guide for prisoners and ex-offenders seeking funding support for personal development and resettlement purposes*, this is the latest edition of this important guide. If you work with prisoners and ex-offenders, you are very likely to have used this; however, if you don’t know it, as the Foreword states:

“While this guide is in the main for prisoners, many of the organisations included in the directory will also provide a range of services which include information on acquiring grants or loans, offers of mentoring, employment or volunteering opportunities, as well as advice to a wider group of applicants which may include those serving sentences in the community, ex-offenders and the families of prisoners and ex-offenders.”  
[p8]

In addition, the Hardman Trust need to be able to prove to their donors that the resource is used, valued and being further developed, in order to find the money to produce and distribute 1,100 free copies to all the prison libraries the following year. So, if you do use the directory, please could you complete this short two-page colleague survey? See:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HardmanColleague2017>.

### ***Right to home? Rethinking homelessness in rural communities***

<https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/right-to-home>

(Source: *IPPR Weekly*, 14 Jul 2017)

New report from IPPR, which investigates the extent of rural homelessness (it's had some media coverage too, for example featuring on BBC's *Countryfile* on 9 Jul).

NB Fuller assessment to appear in *The Network Newsletter*.

### ***Poverty, evictions and forced moves***

[https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/poverty-evictions-and-forced-moves?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2023%20July%202017&utm\\_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2023%20July%202017+CID\\_c84393d8a631f0733173ca9f9debf456&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=Call%20for%20proposals](https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/poverty-evictions-and-forced-moves?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2023%20July%202017&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2023%20July%202017+CID_c84393d8a631f0733173ca9f9debf456&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Call%20for%20proposals)

(Source: *JRF Weekly round-up*, 28 Jul 2017)

Full report and "Findings" summary both available to download.

"This report explores the rapid increase in evictions over the last 12 years, and the impact these have had on the lives of tenants who lose their homes.

The report shows:

- the rented sector has grown in the past 12 years by nearly a half, and the number of tenants being evicted from their homes has grown by a third: 10,000 more tenants lost their homes in 2015 than in 2003
- the number of tenants evicted by private landlords exceeded the number evicted by social landlords for the first time in 2014
- the increase in repossessions in recent years has been almost entirely due to the increasing use of 'no fault' evictions, using Section 21 (S21) of the Housing Act 1988
- the use of S21 is highly concentrated geographically – four out of every five repossessions using S21 are in London, the East and the South East, and nearly two-thirds are in London alone."

### ***Work and relationships over time in lone-mother families***

[https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/work-relationships-lone-mother-families?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%209%20July%202017&utm\\_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%209%20July%202017+CID\\_9ad2376e079d8568254f8822b7099e94&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm\\_term=View%20research](https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/work-relationships-lone-mother-families?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%209%20July%202017&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%209%20July%202017+CID_9ad2376e079d8568254f8822b7099e94&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=View%20research)

(Source: *JRF Weekly round-up*, 14 Jul 2017)

Available as the full report or a brief "Findings".

"This research project started 15 years ago, with 50 lone-mother families. Analysis explored various issues, including the transition to work, the

'family-work project', the importance of social relationships and state support in sustaining work. This analysis draws on material from four rounds of interviews with 15 lone mothers and 17 young people. This longitudinal qualitative approach enables us to examine issues from the perspective of the participants and explore their reflections on their lives, choices and opportunities." ["Findings", p4]

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

#### **"Future Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance announced!"**

<https://museumsandwellbeingalliance.wordpress.com/>

(Source: *Newsletter from the National Alliance for Museums, Health & Wellbeing*, 19 Jul 2017)

"The National Alliance for Museums, Health and Wellbeing and the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing are pleased to announce that from April 2018 we will be merging to become a new Sector Support Organisation, the Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance (CHWA). Funded by Arts Council England as part of the National Portfolio Fund 2018-2022, the new organisation will be led by Arts & Health South West. For further information see the press release [CHWA Press release FINAL](#)."

#### **"I'm the Girl I Want To Be"**

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2017/07/18/im-the-girl-i-want-to-be/>

Guest blogpost from Northamptonshire Libraries, which outlines their work hosting courses for young women:

"The acclaimed 8 session course takes girls aged 11 – 18 years old on a journey through issues of self-esteem, body image, sex and relationships, dreams and aspirations and much more. The course was written and developed by Golddigger Trust, an award winning youth work charity who has been successfully delivering the course with hundreds of young women across the UK since 2006."

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

#### **"'Virtual Story Time' Offers a New Way to Experience Books"**

<http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/tennessee-virtual-story-time.html>

(Source: *WebJunction Crossroads*, 5 Jul 2017)

Interesting new development:

"[...] story time events at the Tennessee State Library and Archives have a special twist: instead of performing with groups of eager children crowded at her feet, the librarian administering the program at the Library and Archives is reading books aloud in mostly empty rooms.

The audience – children with vision impairments or other disabilities that make reading standard print books difficult – listen to the stories each month via telephone conference call. While they are listening, the

children prepare crafts provided by the library that relate to the stories they are hearing.”

### **Share the Vision Bulletin**

STV *Bulletin* has just re-launched (following the death of its previous compiler, David Owen, earlier this year). If you are on the Six Steps JISCMAIL list, then you will already receive this – if you aren't, you can either join the email list by contacting John Vincent ([john@nadder.org.uk](mailto:john@nadder.org.uk)), or you can contact Mark Freeman, Chair of STV ([mark.freeman@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:mark.freeman@stockton.gov.uk)).

### **Neurodiversity issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations**

#### **“Neurodiversity in the library: one librarian’s experience”**

<http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2017/neurodiversity-in-the-library/>

(Source: *Weekly News from CILIP*, 5 Jul 2017)

Very interesting interview with Charlie Remy, “the Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) [who] happens to have autism”.

According to the [National Symposium on Neurodiversity at Syracuse University](#), the neurodivergent “include those labeled with Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Dyscalculia, Autistic Spectrum, Tourette Syndrome, and others.” [see:

<https://neurodiversitysymposium.wordpress.com/what-is-neurodiversity/>].

### **Migration issues – News**

#### **“More than 100 child refugees missing in UK after being smuggled from Calais”**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/child-refugees-uk-missing-calais-smuggled-jungle-camp-crisis-lorries-parliament-dubs-resettlement-a7853991.html>

Just in case you haven't seen this grim news story:

“At least 104 unaccompanied minors known to have crossed illegally in past year remain unaccounted for, amid growing concerns of opportunistic child exploitation by smugglers in Britain.”

#### **“Refugees of all nationalities fleeing Syria are now eligible for resettlement in the UK”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/refugees-of-all-nationalities-fleeing-syria-are-now-eligible-for-resettlement-in-the-uk>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jun-Jul 2017)

The Government announced on 3 Jul:

“The Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) will be expanded to include refugees of all nationalities who have fled the conflict in Syria to neighbouring countries.”

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

### “Multaqa: Museums Welcome Refugees”

[http://citiesofmigration.ca/good\\_idea/multaqa-museums-welcome-refugees/](http://citiesofmigration.ca/good_idea/multaqa-museums-welcome-refugees/)

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 69, Jun 2017)

Another positive write-up of the engagement of refugee guides and cultural interpreters in Berlin museums to “create new spaces for connection and integration.”

## Migration issues – Other Agencies

### ***Critical perspectives on clandestine migration facilitation: an overview of migrant smuggling research***

[http://cmsny.org/publications/jmhs-clandestine-migration/#.WV-oWe\\_X2IY.linkedin](http://cmsny.org/publications/jmhs-clandestine-migration/#.WV-oWe_X2IY.linkedin)

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 17 Jul 2017)

New report which deepens discussion around ‘clandestine migration’:

“The risks inherent to clandestine journeys and the violence people face during these transits must not be denied. Many smugglers do take advantage of the naiveté and helplessness of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, stripping them of their valuables and abandoning them to their fate during their journeys. Yet, as those working directly with migrants and asylum seekers in transit can attest, the relationships that emerge between smugglers and those who rely on their services are much more complex, and quite often, significantly less heinous than what media and law enforcement suggest.”

### ***Living on the margins: undocumented migrants in a global city***

<https://policypress.co.uk/living-on-the-margins>

(Source: Policy Press catalogue)

Published in May:

“Living on the margins offers a unique insight into the working lives of undocumented (or ‘irregular’) migrants living in London, and their employers. Breaking new ground, this topical book exposes the contradictions in policies, which marginalise and criminalise these migrants, while promoting exploitative labour market policies. However, the book reveals that the migrants can be active agents in shaping their lives within the constraint of status. Taking an inter-disciplinary approach, this fascinating book offers an international context to the research and provides theoretical, policy and empirical analyses. It will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers and academics, as well as policy makers, practitioners and interested non-specialists.”

NB: Charged-for publication.

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

### “A Tale Full of Fact and Fiction”

<https://leonslibraryblog.com/2017/07/22/a-tale-full-of-fact-and-fiction/>

(Source: new post alert from *Leon's Library Blog*, 22 Jul 2017)

Interesting new post which highlights the issue around the ‘narrative’ for public libraries – either the positive narrative approach, or the crisis approach.

Leon argues that this is an unhelpful dichotomy, and also that, whilst the positive narrative approach provides good evidence of the role of libraries, the purpose of this is not clear:

“David Lankes argued for a ‘compelling value proposition.’ In practical terms this means showing how libraries are valued, proving both social and economic worth, and demonstrating how effective they are in delivering national and local government priorities etc.

But after that, then what? What exactly is the outcome hoped for once this has been achieved? The arguments so far have focused on the establishment of a narrative without addressing what the cause and effect will be [...]

Partly, the problem is the profession defining the aims and purpose of libraries for decision maker to understand as the strategic direction nationally is vague at best. Equally, libraries now offer a smörgåsbord of activities and partnerships from service to service that, even allowing for the Universal Offers, it’s no longer clear what the library brand and identity actually is.”

For further detail of R David Lankes’s points, see:

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/blog/jelly-babies-katrina-libraries>.

Leon’s blogpost also refers to the LGA Conference – please see next item.

### “Leadership for Libraries”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2017/07/14/leadership-for-libraries/>

In this guest Libraries Taskforce blogpost, Ian Leete of the LGA outlines the involvement of the Taskforce – and libraries – with the LGA Conference.

There are brief descriptions of the presentations, as well as links to their work. These include:

- Janet Holden, “Norfolk’s healthy libraries”, see, for example: <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/norfolks-healthy-libraries> and <https://www.local.gov.uk/using-libraries-promote-healthy-living>
- Tabitha Witherick on Somerset’s “Glass Box Project”, see: <https://twitter.com/glassboxtaunton?lang=en> and

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2016/11/25/glassbox-enterprise-and-innovation-in-somerset-libraries/>

- Paul Blantern on Northamptonshire’s “Library Plus”, see, for example: <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/northamptonshire-library-and-information-service-cic>

and, in a separate session:

- Stella Duffy on “Fun Palaces”, see, for example: <http://funpalaces.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Evaluation-2016-final-for-website.pdf>.

### **Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government**

#### **“Change of name for DCMS”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/change-of-name-for-dcms>

Just in case you haven’t seen this:

“The Department will continue to be referred to as DCMS in all communications, but is now the department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.”

### **Broader issues – Other Agencies**

#### **“The power of nonneutral librarianship”**

<http://www.slj.com/2017/07/programs/the-power-of-nonneutral-librarianship-ala-annual-2017/#>

(Source: *LJXpress* – *Library Journal*, 18 Jul 2017)

Very interesting summary of a panel discussion at the ALA Conference.