

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 253, 8 March 2018

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 7 Mar 2018)

“Project Grants is our new open access programme for arts, museums and libraries projects, funded by the National Lottery. The fund will support thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations.”

This new grants programme opened on 5 Mar.

According to NCVO: “There are no deadlines. Applications can be submitted at any time.”

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

“Museums mark international Women's Day”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/08032018-museums-mark-international-womens-day?dm_i=2VBX,NXO1,27LU0M,2GJRB,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 8 Mar 2018)

News item from the MA.

“Museums, galleries and heritage sites all over the UK are taking part in events to mark International Women's Day on 8 March. The theme for this year's International Women's Day is #PressforProgress, which aims to encourage people to be gender inclusive.

Many venues have linked their activities to this year's centenary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which gave some UK women the right to vote for the first time.”

The post mentions some events and exhibitions, including:

- NML's “Taking liberties: women's suffrage in Liverpool”, see: <http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol/visit/galleries/peoples/womens-suffrage/>
- St Fagan's National Museum of History “International Women's Day – 100 years of women's activism in Wales”, day of events 10 Mar 2018, see: <https://museum.wales/stfagans/whatson/9885/International-Womens-Day--100-years-of-womens-activism-in-Wales/>

- Southbank Centre’s “WOW – Women of the World”, events 7-11 Mar, see: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/women-of-the-world>
- Scarborough Museums Trust “Glass Ceilings: The Unseen Barriers to Women’s Success”, one-day event 8 Mar 2018, see: <https://www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/event/international-womens-day-2018/>.

“£7m funding for cultural and social impact work in Manchester”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/07032018-7m-funding-manchester-social-impact?dm_i=2VBX,NXO1,27LU0M,2GJRB,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 8 Mar 2018)

“A number of museums and galleries in Greater Manchester are among 28 organisations to benefit from a £7m investment to support cultural engagement and social impact work with a diverse range of communities.

The two-year Culture and Social Impact fund, which was announced last week by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), will support cultural projects across 10 districts. Manchester Jewish Museum, the People’s History Museum, the Lowry cultural centre and Manchester Histories heritage charity all received grants.

The funding programme’s objectives include attracting new investment and talent to Manchester, improving people’s skills and employability, building inclusive communities and tackling social isolation, and improving health and wellbeing among residents. Projects will run until March 2020.”

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

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-racial-discrimination/>

(Source: message from Simon Wallace, 7 Mar 2018)

“The fight against racism and all forms of discrimination is a mainstay of peace and social cohesion, especially in our increasingly diverse societies. On the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, UNESCO calls on all its Member States and partners to step up their efforts to build a more inclusive, more giving and fairer world.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Intersectional Feminism | Collection Development”

<https://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2018/02/collection-development/intersectional-feminism-collection-development/>

(Source: LjXpress – Library Journal, 6 Mar 2018)

Very interesting review article, looking at books (and, briefly, websites and apps) that represent a range of view on modern feminism. As the blurb in the LJ email says:

“Today’s intersectional feminism focuses on solidarity among social justice movements as well as shared responsibility for equality. These 27 resources will energize any collection.”

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Understanding stammering: a guide for employers

<https://www.stammering.org/help-information/professionals-and-business/businesses/guide-employers-esn-and-enei>

The British Stammering Association’s Employers Stammering Network and the Employers Network for Equality & Inclusion have produced this excellent introduction for employers – it covers, for example:

- What causes stammering?
- What is stammering – effect on speech
- How different factors affect people who stammer at work
- Understanding the hidden aspects of stammering
- Good practice for employers.

The full contents-list is on the above webpage.

For your copy, email Helen Carpenter at: hc@stammering.org.

“Supporting children with learning difficulties in museums and libraries – useful websites, blogs, case studies and videos”

<http://www.aneharding.net/2692/supporting-children-learning-difficulties-museums-libraries-useful-websites-blogs-case-studies-videos/>

Thanks to Anne Harding for alerting me to this really useful round-up of resources.

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

“Network launched for neurodivergent museum professionals”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/07032018-network-neurodivergent-museum-professionals?dm_i=2VBX,NXO1,27LU0M,2GJRB,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 8 Mar 2018)

“The Disability Co-operative Network (DCN) has created two informal virtual groups to share and develop knowledge regarding and develop inclusive working practice.

Neurodivergent profiles are dyslexia, dyspraxia, AD(H)D, autism, dyscalculia, dysgraphia and tourettes.”

Further info at: www.musedcn.org.uk.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Making change happen: the impact of national policies on our clients' lives

<https://migrantsrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Making-Change-Happen-Lewisham-Refugee-and-Migrant-Network-2018.compressed.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly News*, 6 Mar 2018)

New report by Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network, which draws together evidence of the impact of national policies on migrants and refugees within the borough.

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

“Plans announced to create UK’s first LGBTQ+ museum”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/07032018-plans-announced-to-create-uk-first-lgbtq-museum?dm_i=2VBX,NXO1,27LU0M,2GJRB,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 8 Mar 2018)

As those of us on the LGBT JISMAIL list have been discussing:

“The UK’s first museum dedicated to LGBTQ+ history and culture is to open in London, it was announced last week.

Still in the early stages of development, the museum will be called Queer Britain: The National LGBTQ+ Museum. It is currently exploring funding options in both the public and private sectors, and has identified a potential site in south London, where it could open as early as 2021.

The museum has ambitions to house the world’s most extensive archive of LGBTQ+ stories and artefacts. It will explore the impact LGBTQ+ people have had on all aspects of society, including art, culture, history and science, featuring permanent and temporary exhibitions, as well as immersive digital technology and virtual reality experiences.”

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

“Setting our goals”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/07/setting-our-goals/>

Just in case you haven’t seen this Libraries Taskforce blogpost which outlines their goals for 2018.