

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 164, 21 October 2014

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

The Caring Museum: Call for Papers

<http://museumsetc.com/blogs/news/15612992-the-caring-museum-call-for-papers>

(Source: email from MuseumsEtc, 16 Oct 2014)

“We invite international submissions to be included in this forthcoming book to be published by MuseumsEtc ... in Spring 2015 ...

The book aims to explore current and developmental issues in the field of museums and ageing, with a clear emphasis on the emerging and innovative opportunities which ageing populations present. We are particularly seeking contributions which explore practice-based, research-oriented and conceptual themes.”

Proposals should be submitted by **Monday 17 November 2014**.

“Connect, debate, innovate” The CILIP Conference 2015, 2-3 July 2015, Liverpool – Call for Papers

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/conference2015>

(Source: email from CILIP, 20 Oct 2014)

“Following on from the success of CILIP’s Umbrella Conference 2013 in Manchester, we are pleased to announce that the call for papers for the CILIP Conference 2015 is now open. The conference will take place on 2-3 July 2015 at St George’s Hall, Liverpool.

The 2015 conference will seek to inspire our audience, share knowledge, raise debate and provide networking opportunities. It will cover a broad range of issues from across the library, information and knowledge professions. The conference will build on the successful strategy behind CILIP Umbrella 2013, one of eight conferences shortlisted for Best Association Conference of the Year 2013.

Proposals for presentation are invited from within and outside of the profession on the four main themes for this year’s conference:

- **Information Management: building success**
- **Information literacy and digital inclusion**
- **Demonstrating value: what’s your impact?**
- **Digital futures and technology**

The closing date for entries is **Monday 5 January 2015.**”

The National Archives User Advisory Group

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/get-involved/user-advisory-group.htm>

(Source: email from TNA, 16 Oct 2014)

TNA are “seeking new representatives to fill UAG vacancies. We would particularly like to hear from users who feel they could effectively represent one or more of the following user groups:

- **academics** - we are especially interested in hearing from historians, and those with links to one or more of the learned societies, and who are involved in encouraging post-graduates to work with archival material
- **map room users** - particularly those working with medieval records
- **county/external archives**
- **on site personal interest researchers** - particularly those interested in areas other than genealogy.”

Further info on the above weblink. The deadline for expressions of interest is: **12:00 on Monday 3 November 2014.**

Case studies of best practice

(Source: email from Jo Ward, 17 Oct 2014)

“The National Children’s Bureau is inviting case studies of best practice examples to be shared and promoted to its members and partners as well as across public sector partners and the voluntary sector. Using specific case examples, this document shows how health and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) can work together to develop and deliver effective services for children and young people. To submit a case study, use the template:

http://ncb.org.uk/media/1120267/ncb_case_study_template.doc and email it to Emily Hamblin at ehamblin@ncb.org.uk.”

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

“Pioneering project receives funding to tackle digital exclusion in the North East”

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/news/pioneering-project-receives-funding-tackle-digital-exclusion-north-east>

“The CILIP Information Literacy (IL) Group are giving £6000 to fund a pioneering scheme bringing together public and commercial organisations, local charities and community groups to create a digital support network for residents and businesses in Newcastle upon Tyne.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Limitations to equality: gender stereotypes and social change”

<http://www.ippr.org/juncture/limitations-to-equality-gender-stereotypes-and-social-change>

Very interesting article by Sophie Smith for IPPR’s *Juncture*:

“Viewed through legislation alone, the story of British women appears a whiggish one of ceaseless progress. But if these laws sought to change

normative culture and end discriminatory practices, they have not had their intended effect. In fact, the focus on equal rights may have obscured the many active and entrenched assumptions about gender that inform social practices in Britain and which contribute, in systemic ways, to the continued disadvantage of women.”

Isolation: the emerging crisis for older men ...

http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/images/uploads/publication-pdfs/Loneliness_in_older_men_report.pdf

(Source: DWP Age Action Alliance *Update*, 20 Oct 2014)

This report has had considerable media coverage – as it says:

“Loneliness is not an inevitable consequence of age but is driven by poor health and low income.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

MindEd

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

(Source: email from Jo Ward, 17 Oct 2014)

Timely reminder of this free online education resource for adults to learn about the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. There is a short film (2 mins) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQ6hq8tW9bl> to find out why improving our knowledge of children's mental health is so important. (First noted in Ebulletin 150, 10 Apr 2014)

Children and Young People's Health Policy Information Group

(Source: email from Jo Ward, 17 Oct 2014)

“This group is chaired by National Children’s Bureau and the Council for Disabled Children. The Group seeks to represent a strong, independent voluntary and community sector voice on children and young people’s health issues. If you are interested in joining the Group please contact Andrew Fellowes: afellowes@ncb.org.uk.”

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Registered Blind and Partially Sighted People: Year ending 31st March 2014, England

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB14798>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 169, 10 Oct 2014)

Latest figures published in Sept by the Health and Social Care Information Centre. As ever, the report advises that “the data in this publication cannot be considered as definitive numbers of blind and partially sighted people.” This is because not all visually impaired people are registered for various reasons.

The report provides data for registrations by all age groups and for additional disabilities for England.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Future of JISC TechDis

<http://www.jisctechdis.ac.uk/techdis/news/detail/2014/techdischanges>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 169, 10 Oct 2014)

David Owen notes this important change:

“On 8th September JISC TechDis reported that JISC had announced that TechDis will cease to be hosted by the Higher Education Academy in York from 31st December 2014 which ‘means that JISC TechDis will no longer exist as a separate, distinct service providing advice and guidance on technologies to support disabled students and staff.’ JISC is restructuring its services to create a centralised operation with a single helpdesk and this is obviously creating uncertainty for the future of the TechDis services and staff at a time when their customers have to address changes to the Disabled Students’ Allowance and the new Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms.

I was not aware of these major changes which are not just of interest to colleagues in the academic sector because TechDis services are of value across the disability sector.”

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Modern slavery: industry factsheets”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-industry-factsheets>

Briefings explain how each industry is affected, the profile of modern slavery victims in each sector, and the signs to watch out for.

“Modern Slavery can take many forms including the trafficking of people ... forced labour, servitude and slavery.”

Includes factsheets for:

- Agricultural sector,
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363741/AgriculturalFactsheet.pdf
- Construction industry,
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363742/ConstructionFactsheet.pdf
- Fishing industry,
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363743/FishingFactsheet.pdf
- Food industry,
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363748/FoodFactsheet.pdf
- Hospitality industry,
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363749/HospitalityFactsheet.pdf.

“Asylum and Indefinite Leave to Remain (Illegal Immigrants)”

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtx/141013-0001.htm#1410134000016>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 413, 20 Oct 2014)

This brief exchange from the UK Parliament Questions on Immigration and Asylum is very revealing:

“Philip Davies: How many illegal immigrants have been granted asylum or indefinite leave to remain in the UK since 2010. [905430]

Reply from the Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire): We grant humanitarian protection only when it is genuinely needed. Sometimes that includes people who have overstayed their permission to be here, or who have entered the country without permission. Since 2010, 18,000 such people have been granted asylum.

Philip Davies: Surely anybody who enters this country illegally should not be able to remain here with indefinite leave or be granted asylum, but should go through the proper processes ...”

“Illegal Immigrants”

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209994/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 413, 20 Oct 2014)

This is also interesting:

“Frank Field [209994] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with which countries the UK has readmission agreements for the return of nationals found illegally in the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The UK participates in EU readmissions agreements with Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Hong Kong, Macau, Moldova, Montenegro, Pakistan, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Ukraine. The UK has bilateral readmission agreements with Algeria, South Korea and Switzerland. The UK has memoranda of understanding for the return of nationals found illegally in the UK with Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, South Sudan and Vietnam.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Refugee Council courses

<http://noreply.refugeecouncil.org.uk/I6P-2V2RT-9D31JHQG46/cr.aspx>

Info about new courses for Nov 2014.

“Wisbech: the end of the road for migrant workers”

http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/oct/08/wisbech-migrant-workers-exploited-gangmasters-eastern-europe?CMP=fb_gu

Just in case you missed this *Guardian* article about the plight of migrant workers in Cambridgeshire.

Still stateless, still suffering ...

http://www.statelessness.eu/sites/www.statelessness.eu/files/ENS_Still_Stateless_Still_Suffering_online%20version_2.pdf

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 412, 13 Oct 2014)

New report by the European Network on Statelessness which has gathered testimonies from a few of the estimated 6000,000 stateless migrants across the continent.

“A stateless person is someone who has no nationality. They are not Japanese, not Cuban, not Danish, not Ugandan – they do not enjoy the legal bond of nationality with any state. International law defines a stateless person as someone “who is not considered as a national by any state under the operation of its law” (Article 1 of the 1954 Statelessness Convention).” [p1]

“City is 'Uniting Nations' to help refugee families”

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/city-is-uniting-nations-to-help-refugee-families-183918n.25526953>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 412, 13 Oct 2014)

News story about the work of ‘Uniting Nations in Scotland’, a group bringing together different ethnic communities in Glasgow, who are recommending that the scheme goes nationwide.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“New model for English Heritage moves a step closer following consultation”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-model-for-english-heritage-moves-a-step-closer-following-consultation>

Just in case you missed this news announcement on 14 Oct. To summarise the changes:

“A new charity, retaining the name English Heritage, will run the National Heritage Collection of historic properties. A newly-named non-departmental public body, Historic England, will be dedicated to offering expert advice, championing the wider historic environment and providing support for stakeholders in the heritage sector. The changes will come into effect on 1 April 2015. The Minister confirmed that the Government will provide additional funding of £88.5m to invest in the National Heritage Collection.”