

# The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 168, 10 December 2014

## Consultations

### Museums Association Code of Ethics Consultation

<http://www.museumsassociation.org/forms/ethics-consultation>

The MA has just launched a consultation which “asks questions on a wide range of topics, from digital inclusion to sustainable practice, international partnerships, human rights, repatriation, workforce diversity, and sponsorship.”

Specific questions include, for example:

- “Many museums have adapted their services to groups who are vulnerable, or with specific health or access needs. Do museums have an ethical responsibility to engage with these groups?”
- “What are the principal ethical concerns around increasing diversity in the museums sector? How should the Code of Ethics reflect this?”

The consultation closes on **13 February 2015**.

## Congratulations!

### Award for library which supports detainees at Dover

(Source: email from Sue Wilkinson, Chair, Cilip Prison Libraries Group, to [prisons@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:prisons@jiscmail.ac.uk), 1 Dec 2014)

The Prison Library of the Year Award highlights best practice in prison library service provision and recognises the outstanding work of library staff in prisons, Young Offender Institutions and Immigration Removal Centres, who carry out innovative work across prison libraries.

“The library which provides information and support to immigration detainees held at Dover has been named winner of the 2014 Prison Library of the Year Award by the Prison Libraries Group of CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.

Dover Immigration Removal Centre (IRC), run by the Prison Service in Kent, houses 401 male immigration appellants and failed asylum seekers in secure conditions for the Immigration Service, with the on-site library service and staff supplied by Kent County Council.

The library has worked to build strong user engagement, encouraging the centre’s detainees to feel welcome in the library and to access information and resources to help improve their current outlook and future prospects during their detention. Staff take care to ensure language is not a barrier and to support users who feel anxious or have never previously encountered a library. Detainees can access websites and legal textbooks to help them understand their detention and legal rights and a wide stock of books, newspapers and periodicals in foreign languages and English.”

## Funding & Opportunities

### SCOLMA Annual Conference 2015. Call for Papers: “Africa, Africans and World War I”

<http://scolma.org/scolma-annual-conference-2015-call-for-papers/>

(Source: email from Lucy McCann to [archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk))

“The first shot fired for Britain in the First World War was from the rifle of an African soldier in West Africa. The last German troops to surrender did so on African soil, in today’s Zambia. In between African soldiers and civilians paid a heavy price in blood and lives and their societies and outlook were changed for ever. Recent scholarship, reflected in the commemorations and publications for the centenary of the outbreak of the war recognise that Africa was much more than a sideshow in a truly global conflict.

This conference will consider the role of scholars, libraries, archives and information sources in documenting and interpreting the African experience of World War I.”

Researchers, archivists and librarians are invited to submit abstracts for consideration for this conference. Abstracts of up to 500 words may be sent to Terry Barringer at [tabarringe@aol.com](mailto:tabarringe@aol.com) by **31 January 2015**.

### Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts – Start Programme

<http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/our-projects/start/get-involved/>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central Newsletter, 10 Dec 2014)

“The Prince of Wales Children and the Arts Foundation is an educational charity that helps children experience the arts. The Start Programme provides funding and support for cultural organisations to develop and deliver arts enrichment programmes for primary and secondary school students.

Start is an arts engagement programme providing the support, infrastructure and ideas for arts venues to connect with local schools who aren’t already engaging their pupils in creative experiences outside of school. The Programme:

- Introduces young people to the arts.
- Inspires them to learn more.
- Enhances their experience through critical analysis and participation.
- Encourages them to create their own art.”

First 2015 deadline for Stage One applications: **30 January 2015 (5pm)**.

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

### *Driving digital inclusion: the role of library and information professionals*

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/CILIP%20digital%20inclusion%20statement%20Sept%202014.pdf.pdf>

CILIP have issued a brief statement, outlining the contribution that “library and information professionals” can make to digital inclusion.

## **CLOCH (Conserving Local Communities Heritage) project film**

<http://vimeo.com/113026655> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH1doZrvSM0>

(Source: email from Hannah Price, Glamorgan Archives via [lis-wales@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:lis-wales@jiscmail.ac.uk))

“The CLOCH project is part of the Heritage Lottery Fund’s ‘Skills for the Future’ programme and has provided work-based training opportunities for 16 bursary holders over three years. CLOCH is a partnership project, led by Glamorgan Archives, bringing together libraries, archives and museums across South Wales to offer placements and work experience in the heritage sector ... we have used Positive Action to recruit men under 30, who are under-represented in our workforce.”

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

### **National Literacy Trust. *State of the Nation and Impact Report 2013/2014***

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0002/3989/National\\_Literacy\\_Trust\\_-\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_Nation\\_and\\_Impact\\_Report\\_2013-2014.pdf](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0002/3989/National_Literacy_Trust_-_State_of_the_Nation_and_Impact_Report_2013-2014.pdf)

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Newsletter*, Nov 2014)

“... in this 2013/2014 report we present a snapshot of literacy in the UK at a time when the impact of the recession has continued to work its way through society. Cuts to public spending have impacted on individuals and communities, making those with low levels of basic skills, such as literacy, more vulnerable to economic hardship. Within this tough economic climate, we are proud to showcase the considerable impact the National Literacy Trust has had on UK children and families at the key moments of literacy development; from supporting communication development in the early years to equipping school leavers with the literacy skills to gain employment.” [p6]

### **Girls’ Attitudes Survey 2014**

<http://new.girlguiding.org.uk/girlsattitudes>

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 8 Dec 2014)

“The sixth annual survey reveals that sexism and harassment are becoming a part of daily life for British girls, with almost 60% of girls and young women aged 13 to 21 reporting sexual harassment at school or college and 20% experiencing unwanted touching. The survey, which polled more than 1,400 girls and young women across the UK, warns that such experiences are coming to be seen as just “a normal aspect of being a girl”. As part of its Girls Matter campaign, Girlguiding UK is calling on the government to introduce guidelines for dealing with sexual bullying and harassment in schools.”

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

### **Disability History Month – Leonard Cheshire Disability**

<http://www.leonardcheshire.org/who-we-are/history/archive/uk-disability-history-month-2014>

(Source: email from Stephanie Nield to [archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk))

“As part of our development work on our Heritage Lottery Funded project on the history of Le Court Cheshire Home and our charity Leonard Cheshire Disability, we have released a series of film and audio clips

from the archive to mark Disability History Month. We would love your views on them – what you would like to see more of, what you find interesting, any questions you may have.

Feel free to share this link on Facebook and Twitter; comments can be left on the Leonard Cheshire Disability web page as well. Alternatively you can email [archive@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:archive@leonardcheshire.org).

Please do share this link with your colleagues.”

The clips are available at the above weblink.

### Migration issues – News

#### Syrian Refugee Resettlement Scheme

[http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/latest/news/4200\\_aid\\_agencies\\_call\\_for\\_uk\\_to\\_resettle\\_up\\_to\\_10\\_000\\_refugees\\_from\\_syria](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/latest/news/4200_aid_agencies_call_for_uk_to_resettle_up_to_10_000_refugees_from_syria)

(Source: email from the Refugee Council, 29 Nov 2014)

Update that shows that, since January, just 90 people have been resettled here – aid agencies are calling on the Government to take up to 10,000 people.

### Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

#### Statistical News Release: Immigration Statistics July-September 2014

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/380454/immigration-q3-2014snr.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380454/immigration-q3-2014snr.pdf)

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 24 Nov-5 Dec 2014)

Useful summary of the current position (the stats were published on 27 Nov), including:

“There were 24,257 asylum applications, an increase of 2% compared with the previous 12 months (23,805), but low relative to the 2002 peak (84,132). The largest numbers of applications were from Eritrean (2,932), Pakistani (2,891), Iranian (1,999) and Syrian (1,802) nationals.”

#### “Country information and guidance reports”

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 24 Nov-5 Dec 2014)

The Home Office has just published another three reports:

- North Korea, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-korea-country-information-and-guidance>
- Iran, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/iran-country-information-and-guidance>
- Bangladesh, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bangladesh-country-information-and-guidance>.

### Migration issues – Other Agencies

#### “Rooting Out Intolerance: the Kungälv Model”

[http://citiesofmigration.ca/good\\_idea/rooting-out-intolerance-the-kungalv-model/](http://citiesofmigration.ca/good_idea/rooting-out-intolerance-the-kungalv-model/)

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, No. 54, November 2014)

Interesting article that looks at a project that reduces racism and intolerant attitudes among young people; it concludes with a very simple set of ideas to implement.

### **“Digital Inclusion: Empowering Newcomer Families and Youth”**

[http://citiesofmigration.ca/ezine\\_stories/digital-inclusion-empowering-newcomer-families-and-youth/](http://citiesofmigration.ca/ezine_stories/digital-inclusion-empowering-newcomer-families-and-youth/)

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, No. 54, November 2014)

This is an interview with Di Daniels, National Coordinator of Computers in Homes (New Zealand):

“Bridging the digital divide means bridging an intercultural divide. Replicated in 19 regions across New Zealand, the Computers in Home (CIH) program provides low income and refugee families with computers and training. CIH recognized basic computer technology and skills as a passport to improved integration outcomes for immigrant children and their parents.”

### **“Somalis in European Cities”**

The Open Society Foundation has been working on a seven-city research series entitled “Somalis in European Cities” as part of their “At Home in Europe” project – it looks at the realities of life for people from Somali backgrounds.

The series includes:

- *Somalis in London*,  
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-london-20141010.pdf>
- *Somalis in Leicester*,  
[http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-leicester-20140917\\_0.pdf](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-leicester-20140917_0.pdf)
- *Somalis in Copenhagen*,  
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-copenhagen-20141031.pdf>
- *Somalis in Amsterdam*,  
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-amsterdam-20140408.pdf>
- *Somalis in Malmö*,  
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-malmo-20130131.pdf>
- *Somalis in Oslo*,  
[http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-oslo-20131210\\_0.pdf](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-oslo-20131210_0.pdf)
- *Somalis in Helsinki*,  
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/somalis-helsinki-20131121.pdf>.

### ***The ethics of immigration***

<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199933839.do>

(Source: email from Peter Brown)

Published in 2013, this title has recently received a glowing review in the *TLS* (26 Nov). As the publishers' blurb describes it:

"[Joseph] Carens begins by focusing on current immigration controversies in North America and Europe about access to citizenship, the integration of immigrants, temporary workers, irregular migrants and the admission of family members and refugees. Working within the moral framework provided by liberal democratic values, he argues that some of the practices of democratic states in these areas are morally defensible, while others need to be reformed. In the last part of the book he moves beyond the currently feasible to ask questions about immigration from a more fundamental perspective. He argues that democratic values of freedom and equality ultimately entail a commitment to open borders. Only in a world of open borders, he contends, will we live up to our most basic principles."

NB Charged-for publication.

***Disrupted flight: the realities of separated refugee families in the EU***

<http://ecre.org/component/downloads/downloads/956.html>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 24 Nov-5 Dec 2014)

This new report from the Red Cross and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles:

"... has shed light on some of the very practical problems that people in need of international protection may encounter when seeking to be reunited with their family members in the EU. It illustrates the main obstacles facing people from being granted refugee or subsidiary protection status, and also at times their families from enjoying the right to family life and makes some recommendations ... The evidence presented in this report points to the lack of a transparent, reliable and effective framework for EU family reunification procedures involving people in need of international protection. It is difficult for people in need of international protection to obtain reliable information and data on the actual possibility of enjoying their right to family life." [p27]