

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 170, 13 January 2015

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

The Social History Curators Group Conference – Call for Papers

http://www.shcg.org.uk/news?item=71&utm_source=TWAM+Communications&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Museums+North+East+-+29+December+2014

(Source: Museums North East *Ebulletin*, 29 Dec 2014)

“The Social History Curators Group (SHCG) have posted a call for papers for their 2015 Conference. The conference theme is *A Toast to the Future – New Ways of Engaging* and will question how Social history practitioners are responding to the need to provide new, innovative and exciting ways of engaging with museum collections.

If you think you have a paper that would be relevant and you would like to present at the conference, an application form and contact details can be found [at the above weblink].”

Deadline: **30 Jan 2015**

Conference dates: 18 & 19 June 2015.

Creative Future Literary Award 2015

<http://www.cfliteraryawards.org.uk/about/about-the-awards/>

(Source: email from Creative Future, 12 Jan 2015)

“In 2013 we launched the Creative Future Literary Awards (CFLA), a national literary competition and high profile awards ceremony which celebrates talented writers who lack opportunities due to mental health issues, disability, health or social circumstance.

Submissions for the 2015 Awards will be accepted from **16 March 2015 to 15 June 2015.**”

Art Fund Museum of the Year

<http://www.artfund.org/prize>

Application details: <http://www.artfund.org/prize/apply>

(Source: j4bCommunity Funding *Newsletter* 17 Dec 2014, <http://www.j4bcommunity.co.uk/>)

“The £100,000 Art Fund Museum of the Year Prize is the largest arts award in Britain and the biggest museum prize in the world. It is awarded to the museum or gallery in the UK that is judged to have best demonstrated excellence, innovation and imagination.”

“The shortlisted museums will be revealed on Thursday 23 April 2015, and the award ceremony – where the winner is announced – will take place at Tate Modern's Turbine Hall on Wednesday 1 July 2015.”

Applications close on **Wednesday 4 February 2015** at **12 noon**.

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

“The Seven Stories’ art project awarded £40,000”

<http://www.itv.com/news/border/update/2015-01-06/art-project-in-carlisle-awarded-40-000/>

(Source: email from Frances Hendrix to lis-pub-lis, 7 Jan 2015)

Great news for Network members Cumbria:

“An arts project that supports young, disabled and disadvantaged people in the county has been awarded £40,000.

Cumbria County Council secured grant funding from Arts Council of England lottery funding, to support “The Seven Stories”, a new project based at Carlisle and Penrith Libraries.

The Seven Stories, 16 month arts project, will target hard-to-reach groups and local schools through a programme of art workshops, exhibitions and performances.

The work will then be exhibited at Carlisle Library in November 2015, with a second exhibition and performance taking place in February 2016.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Out of sight: how we lost track of thousands of NEETs and how we can transform their prospects

http://www.fabians.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/OutOfSight_WEB.pdf

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 22 Dec 2014)

According to this study, more than 50,000 young people aged 16 to 18, who are neither in education nor work, have gone missing from official statistics and are receiving no support. It argues that tackling the NEET issue doesn’t require major new resources or far-reaching changes to national legislation or policy. It does however, require a proper count, at both local and national level, to reflect the true scale of the problem and push the issue up the political agenda.

Policy on trans people in football: policy document

<http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/equality/lgbt-football>

(Source: email from Gendered Intelligence, 7 Jan 2015)

Interesting that the FA has developed a policy statement (and is currently working with Gendered Intelligence to develop guidance).

Census 2011: Ethnic composition of England's most deprived neighbourhoods

<http://www.ethnicity.ac.uk/medialibrary/areaprofiler/AreaProfilerEthnicDeprivation2011census.xlsx>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 412, 22 Dec 2014)

New analysis from the Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity [CODE], this would be very useful for helping find out about our communities when planning services.

Worth looking at in conjunction with a new briefing from the Runnymede Trust, co-produced with CODE:

Drifting upwards or sliding back? Ethnic inequalities in local authorities in England and Wales, 2001-2011

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/Runnymede%20Ethnic%20Inequalities%20Briefing.pdf>

Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 (27 Jan 2015)

<http://hmd.org.uk/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 422, 12 Jan 2014)

The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 is “Keep the Memory Alive”:

“27 January 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. 2015 will also be the 20th anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia. Therefore it is particularly appropriate that the theme for this major anniversary year focuses on memory.”

(Taken from:

http://hmd.org.uk/sites/default/files/hmd_2015_theme_vision.pdf)

- Resources: <http://hmd.org.uk/resources/theme-papers/hmd-2015-keep-memory-alive>
- Activity packs: <http://hmd.org.uk/campaign-pack>.

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

“Does bibliotherapy work?”

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/does-bibliotherapy-work>

CILIP blogpost by Kirklees Library and Information Service who have been delivering bibliotherapy for over 14 years and are widely recognised as pioneers in this field.

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

The Care Act – Southend Council briefing

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/careact>

(Source: email from the Southend Association of Volunteers, 18 Nov 2014, with thanks to Dan Turpin, SAVS, and Sarah Baker, Group Manager and Care Act Programme Manager, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council)

Southend have produced a very helpful briefing:

“The Care Act, coming into effect in April 2015, is considered to be one of the biggest changes to adult social care for over 60 years.

This single modern law puts wellbeing at the heart of care and support services and focuses on prevention and independence with the first changes coming into effect from April 2015.”

Cancer – Parliamentary question

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-01-02/219611/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 422, 12 Jan 2014)

Useful round-up of the current initiatives by the DOH to tackle inequalities among BME communities' awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer and patient experience of cancer care.

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

Re-imagine: improving access to the arts, galleries and museums for people with learning disabilities

<http://www.lemosandcrane.co.uk/home/index.php?id=235006>

(Source: emails from Jo Reilly, HLF, and Sarah Frankenburg, Lemos&Crane)

“Lemos&Crane have been working with the City of London Corporation's charity the City Bridge Trust to identify ways of improving access to the arts, museums, galleries for people with learning disabilities. As part of this process we conducted a call for good practice among mainstream and specialist arts organisations, museums and galleries to identify current good practice and areas in which more might be done.

We have heard many examples of excellent work as well as identifying many opportunities to do much more. The results from this review are now available in our scoping paper ...”

This is available to download from the weblink above – you just need to register on-site to access it.

Disability issues – Other Agencies Learning Disability Alliance England

<http://learningdisabilityalliance.org/>

Launched in Aug 2014:

“LDA England is an independent movement to advance the rights of people with learning disabilities.”

“The Book Blog”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/book-blog>

(Source: STV Bulletin 175, 18 Dec 2014)

First in a new series of blogposts from Dyslexia Action, looking at books. This one is about picture books.

“Tech Thursday: Reading apps for tablets”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-reading-apps-tablets>

(Source: STV Bulletin 175, 18 Dec 2014)

“...This week, we will look at what reading apps you can install on your tablet (if that's what you chose over something like the Kindle).”

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Country information and guidance reports”

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* 8-19 Dec 2014)

The Home Office has just published another seven reports:

- China, https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/383690/China_OGN_v_12_October_2013_Updated_December_2014.pdf
- Syria, [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388629/CIG - Syria - Security Situation - 2014-12-16 - _v1_r.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388629/CIG_-_Syria_-_Security_Situation_-_2014-12-16_-_v1_r.pdf)
- Eritrea, https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/383891/eritrea_ogn_february_2014_re_issue_december_2014.pdf
- Vietnam, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vietnam-country-information-and-guidance>
- Somalia, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/somalia-country-information-and-guidance>
- Bangladesh, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bangladesh-country-information-and-guidance>
- Iraq, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/iraq-country-information-and-guidance>.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Cities of Migration Index of Good Ideas in Integration

<http://citiesofmigration.ca/good-ideas-in-integration/view-all-good-ideas/>

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 55, Dec 2014)

The Cities of Migration website has indexed its “Good Ideas” posts so they can be searched by city, country, or theme.

Broader issues – Other Agencies

CultureCase

www.culturecase.org

(Source: National Alliance for Arts in Criminal Justice *News*, Dec 2014)

CultureCase is a new resource from the Cultural Institute at King's College London. It contains research that relates to two broad themes:

- research that demonstrates the impact of culture (for use in advocacy and ‘making the case’);
- and research that shows ‘what works’ and can help improve organisational practice.

Well worth searching (by “Impacts” and “Insights”, for example) to see what research may benefit your practice.