

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 186, 29 July 2015

Events

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

Congratulations!

Community Archive & Heritage Group Awards 2015

<http://www.communityarchives.org.uk/content/news/winners-announced>

(Source: email from Elaine Davis to archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 21 Jul 2015)

- Community Archive and Heritage Group of the Year: Milford Street Bridge Project (Salisbury, Wilts), <http://www.milfordstreetbridgeproject.org.uk/>
- Best new group: Khizra Foundation for its new archive project, Everyday Muslim (cross-UK), <http://www.everydaymuslim.org/>
- Best website: Ryde Social Heritage Group (IOW), <http://www.rshg.org.uk/>
- Winners of the Inspiration category: Newlyn Archive (Cornwall), <http://newlynarchive.org.uk/>

Funding & Opportunities

Coastal Revival Fund

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coastal-revival-fund-bidding-prospectus-and-application-form>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 22 Jul 2015)

“Funding for local authorities, businesses, social enterprises charities and community organisations to support or restore local heritage and facilities on the English Coast that benefit the wider community and the surrounding economy.”

Applications must be received by **Monday 14 September 2015**.

Further description at:

<http://www.j4bcommunity.co.uk/Default.aspx?WCI=htmHome&WCU=CBC=View.DSCODE=J4BGR3,NEWSITEMID=252-N55447>

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

“How a Public Library Can Improve Public Participation and Democracy”

<https://bibliotekettarsaka.wordpress.com/2015/07/02/how-a-public-library-can-improve-public-participation-and-democracy/>

(Source: email from John Pateman, 2 Jul 2015)

Interesting blog post about the idea of “The Library Takes Up the Case”:

“[...] this is the name chosen for a new kind (however based on traditional library principles) of Web-based knowledge portal that libraries should start offering to their communities, for the purpose of meeting one of the major challenges of our time; the uncertain future of public participation and true democracy.

The abundance of information on the Web and in media conceals the fact that news and data are often insufficient, unbalanced and/or very complex and, often as a result, poorly or not at all organised. Dealing with such deficiencies has always been part of the library mission and libraries should be the first to take action.”

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

Digital Inclusion Outcomes Framework

<https://www.digitalskills.com/digital-inclusion-outcomes>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 189, 20 Jul 2015)

On 14 July, the Government Digital Service launched this new Framework:

“The Digital Inclusion Outcomes Framework is a single, flexible template for benchmarking and tracking digital inclusion in the UK, and evaluating digital inclusion activities locally. It aims to evidence the wider economic, health and social benefits of digital inclusion. It was developed by the Government Digital Service (GDS) Digital Inclusion Research Working Group, which brings together representatives from academia, government, private sector organisations and charities.”

It’s accompanied by a helpful blogpost by Lauren Kahn (Head of Strategy in the Digital Inclusion team at GDS) which sets out what it is, why it’s needed, and how to use it – see: <https://digitalinclusion.blog.gov.uk/2015/07/14/launching-a-digital-inclusion-outcomes-framework/>.

Creation of a Youth Zone

http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1152750/london-in-line-for-first-youth-zone?utm_content=&utm_campaign=220715%20Daily&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F1152750%2Flond-on-in-line-for-first-youth-zone

(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 22 Jul 2015)

“Barking and Dagenham Council has said it will team up with youth charity OnSide [*] to build a £6m youth zone in the borough. The new facilities will be designed to provide eight- to 19-year-olds, and those aged up to 25 with a disability, with affordable, seven-day access to a broad range of sport, arts, health and employability services. It is earmarked to open in early 2018.”

*“OnSide Youth Zones is a charity with one simple aim ... to build a network of 21st Century Youth Zones, giving young people, safe and inspiring places to go in their leisure time.” See: <http://www.onsideyouthzones.org/about-us/>.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Beyond 2015: shaping the future of equality, human rights and social justice

http://www.edf.org.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/EDF_Beyond_2015_PDF.pdf

(Source: email from EDF, 2 Jun 2015)

A new collection of essays from the Equality and Diversity Forum and EDF Research Network.

“The relationship between policymakers, research and the third sector is key [...] The absence of adequate communication about how complicated people’s lives are in the ‘real world’ means that good policy intentions lead to confusion and inefficiency on the ground, with those intentions being muddled as they trickle down to the front line. The Equality and Diversity Forum (EDF) and the EDF Research Network have published these essays to bring more service user insight into the thinking of policymakers and researchers.” [p7]

Solutions from the frontline ...

<http://www.clinks.org/sites/default/files/basic/files-downloads/solutions-from-the-frontline-web.pdf>

(Source: National Alliance for Arts in Criminal Justice *News*, Jun 2015)

New paper from Making Every Adult Matter*, which “[...] sets out how policy makers, local authorities, commissioners and frontline services can respond to the challenges faced by people experiencing multiple needs.” [p3]

*“Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) is a coalition of Clinks, Homeless Link and Mind, formed to improve policy and services for people facing multiple needs. Together the charities represent over 1,300 frontline organisations and have an interest in the criminal justice, substance misuse, homelessness and mental health sectors.” [p2]

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

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

“Ideas and innovations in public libraries”

<http://www.publiclibrariesnews.com/practitioners/ideas-and-innovations-in-public-libraries>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 12 Jul 2015)

Very useful round-up by Ian Anstice, including health & wellbeing initiatives.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Measuring your impact on loneliness in later life

<http://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/wp-content/uploads/Loneliness-Measurement-Guidance1.pdf>

(Source: LGA *Health, adult social care and ageing bulletin*, Jun 2015)

“This guidance offers information and advice on choosing and using a scale to measure the impact of your services on loneliness in older age.” [p5]

“Book packs prescribed for health literacy”

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/book-packs-prescribed-health-literacy>

(Source: CILIP *Top library and information stories from the past 2 weeks*, 23 Jul 2015)

Blogpost by the National Literacy Trust about their work to put literacy at the heart of public health strategies, including a project setting up libraries in neonatal units and opticians.

This worked is backed up by a research paper, *Understanding the role of literacy in public health* – see:
http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0002/7394/National_Literacy_Trust_Hubs_health_and_literacy_paper_FINAL_updated.pdf.

Powerful people: reinforcing the power of citizens and communities in health and care

http://www.ippr.org/files/publications/pdf/powerful-people_July2015.pdf?noredirect=1

(Source: *IPPR Newsletter*, 24 Jul 2015)

New paper from IPPR, which argues that:

“ [...] in a world where most healthcare demand comes from patients with long-term conditions, the focus must shift to creating health rather than responding to ill health. That means giving people the information, power and control to stay healthy, manage their conditions and choose their treatments. It identifies the new, empowering models of care that are emerging across the country, which bring about a fundamental shift of power from providers to patients. These models include social prescribing, the integration of care around the patient, peer support and care networks, asset-based community development, and technology-enabled care plans.” [p3]

Arts and vulnerable people: examining the evidence base

<http://www.lemosandcrane.co.uk/resources/Final2%20Arts%20and%20vulnerable%20people.pdf>

(Source: National Alliance for Arts in Criminal Justice *News*, Jun 2015)

This new paper by Lemos&Crane reviews the research evidence on the impact of arts therapy for vulnerable people (including those with mental health illness, individuals in palliative care, older people, homeless people and prisoners). Participation in arts projects is linked to positive outcomes, such as symptomatic relief, raised self-esteem, and building social capital. [NB you need to register on the site to access the paper.]

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

“Libraries and print impairment – how to go from foe to friend”

http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/libraries-print-impairment-how-go-foe-friend?utm_source=Communicator_membership_list&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=Untitled39&utm_campaign=Weekly+news+from+CILIP%2c+2+July+2015

(Source: *Weekly News from CILIP*, 2 Jul 2015)

New blogpost by Alistair McNaught with “a few tips to ensure that your library is set up to support print-impaired learners to make the most of your services.”

“Improving access to library services for visually impaired people”

http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/blog/improving-access-library-services-visually-impaired-people?utm_source=Communicator_membership_list&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=Untitled39&utm_campaign=Weekly+news+from+CILIP%2c+2+July+2015

[m_content=Untitled36&utm_campaign=Weekly+News+from+CILIP%2c+23+July+2015](#)

(Source: *Weekly News from CILIP*, 23 Jul 2015)

Brief outline by Edinburgh Library Service of their Jodi Award-winning initiative.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Insight Online

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online>

(Source: *RNIB News Update*, Jul 2015)

New from RNIB:

“Insight Online is here to keep you informed so that you can provide the best support possible for children and young people with vision impairment. Read the latest news and features, discover events in your area, and join in the discussion with nearly 2,000 other professionals.”

Content includes news, as well as info on: Effective learning; Independence and wellbeing; and Technology and products.

Sign up to receive *Insight enews* at:

http://www.rnib.org.uk/insignupform?utm_source=INJuly2015&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=signup1&dm_i=4V0,3IPCJ,JX0FR1,CM3HT,1.

Learning Difficulty issues – Other Agencies

“10 activity books for the summer holidays”

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/july-book-blog-10-activity-books-summer-holidays>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 189, 20 Jul 2015)

The latest Book Blog from Dyslexia Action gives info about 10 activity books suitable for children and young people with dyslexia, and also recommends taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

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

“The Polish Community in Surrey”

<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/diversity/polish/>

(Source: email from Di Stiff, Surrey History Centre, to archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 17 Jun 2015)

New online resource for the history of the Polish community in Surrey on the *Exploring Surrey's Past* website. Resources include:

- “Sources at Surrey History Centre for researching Polish history and the Polish community”,
<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/diversity/polish/sources/>
- “Polish Exiles in Surrey – Tweedsmuir Military Camp, Thursley”,
<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/diversity/polish/exiles/>
- Case studies:

- “Marian Hemar (1901-1972), Polish poet and writer”,
<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/diversity/polish/marian-hemar/>
- “Aleksander Leon Jarzembowski (1902-1987)”,
<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/diversity/polish/jarzembowski/>.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Mapping Immigration Controversy

<http://mappingimmigrationcontroversy.com/>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jul 2015)

Subtitled, “A research project mapping the unfolding controversy of Home Office immigration campaigns”, this website records the work of an ESRC-funded project looking at the effects of the high-profile campaigns.

It also has info about and a link to:

Go Home: mapping the unfolding controversy of Home Office immigration campaigns – end of project findings June 2015,

<https://mappingimmigrationcontroversy.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/end-of-project-findings-leaflet-final.pdf>

Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) 2015

<http://mipex.eu/united-kingdom>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jul 2015)

“The Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) is a unique tool which measures policies to integrate migrants in all EU Member States, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and the USA. It spans 38 countries, 167 indicators and 8 policy areas and measures annually how well individual nation states are doing on immigration. The UK ranks 15 out of 38 for migrant integration with an overall score of 57 out of 100.”

The MIPEX Index for the UK was released in June 2015.

‘Libya is full of cruelty’: stories of abduction, sexual violence and abuse from migrants and refugees

http://www.amnesty.eu/content/assets/Reports_and_Briefings_2015/Libya_is_full_of_cruelty.pdf

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* May 2015)

Important background info about the conditions in Libya, which are spurring people on to migrate.

“Migrants in the city: new dynamics of migration in urban settings: an interdisciplinary and international conference”

Cutler’s Hall, Sheffield, 12-13 October 2015

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/smi/research/events/migrants-in-the-city>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* May 2015)

“The international conference Migrants in the City will provide a forum for the examination of key questions related to contemporary international

migration in the context of urban development, residential segregation and diversity. The conference is designed to be global in focus.”

“Intimate Migrations”

<http://intimatemigrations.net/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 441, 8 Jun 2015)

New research project exploring the experiences of lesbian, gay and bisexual migrants from Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union in Scotland.

This is my home

<http://www.theredcard.org/thisismyhome>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 446, 27 Jul 2015)

“This Is My Home is based on a series of seven short films commissioned by Show Racism the Red Card, exploring the issues of immigration and racism from the point of view of Scotland’s migrant community.”

The needs of ethnic minority communities in Scotland

http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/15ix_pkavs.pdf

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 446, 27 Jul 2015)

Launch of a new survey by PKAVS:

“This is the first national survey of organisations to explore the unmet needs of ethnic minority communities in Scotland. We are interested in the views of anyone that supports, delivers services for, represents, works with or has a research or policy role connected to ethnic minority populations in Scotland.

Our aim is to find out about needs and differences in the availability and uptake of support. We want to know about the challenges facing service providers and to find out if change is required. The survey focuses on:

- Health and wellbeing (including disabilities, physical health and mental health)
- Community safety (including anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and perceived safety concerns as well as hate crime and scams)
- Employability (including volunteering, access to employment support and navigating the jobs market)
- Community engagement (for example, local consultations, multicultural events and celebrations)
- Housing (including home ownership and access to emergency, temporary or permanent housing provided by housing associations, local authorities or private landlords)
- ESOL provision (such as classes for beginners, women-only, specific community groups, employment focused)
- Interpretation and translation services.”

*PKAVS = Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service, see:

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

Rethinking ‘vulnerability’ in detention: a crisis of harm

Summary: http://detentionforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/rethinkingvulnerability_executivesummary_v2web-1.pdf

Full report: http://detentionforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/rethinkingvulnerability_8july.pdf

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 13 Jul 2015)

“This new report calls for a complete rethinking of ‘vulnerability’ in order to end the detention of people who are at risk of harm. It advocates for a new approach which moves away from static ‘category based’ definitions to a more dynamic approach recognising that vulnerability is the result of a variety of factors and changes over time.”

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

In a spin: guidance on spinning out local authority archive services

https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archives/May_2015_In_a_spin_2nd_edition.pdf

(Source: email from Isobel Hunter, TNA, to archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 20 Jul 2015)

New edition of this useful guide from TNA, which explains in straightforward terms what ‘spinning out’ involves, looking at the pros and cons, and practical issues.

“The future of public libraries: some thoughts from a library user”

<http://information-studies.blogspot.co.uk/2015/07/the-future-of-public-libraries-some.html>

(Source: *Weekly News from CILIP*, 23 Jul 2015)

Blogpost by Briony Birdi on the Sheffield University *Information School News*, which focuses particularly on public libraries’ core values in a period of upheaval.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Good information and advice must support the Care Act”

<https://socialcare.blog.gov.uk/2015/07/28/good-information-and-advice-must-support-the-care-act/>

(Source: email from Derek Kinrade, 29 Jul 2015)

Interesting piece about the importance of finding and disseminating information.