

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 191, 18 September 2015

Ebulletin 190 – reminder of call for info about our responses to refugees

Just a quick reminder of the call that was in Ebulletin 190, sent out on 14 Sept. Please let John Vincent (john@nadder.org.uk) have examples/case-studies of what libraries, museums, archives and cultural heritage organisations can do in the current situation, especially to prepare for when new refugees (such as those coming from Syria) arrive in the UK.

Network website – revised list of suppliers now available

<http://www.seapn.org.uk/suppliers>

The list of suppliers that had been on our old site has now been completely updated – please see the above weblink.

If you know of any suppliers of materials in community languages, that are not included, please let me know (john@nadder.org.uk).

Events

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

Consultations

DCMS White Paper on the Arts

<http://dcmsblog.uk/2015/09/share-your-ideas-for-a-new-cultural-programme/>

According to Culture Minister, Ed Vaizey, the Paper will have four themes:

- The role that culture plays in creating places that people want to live, work and visit. How can our culture and heritage contribute to vibrant, healthy communities across the country, and how can we in Government support them to do that.
- People and how they engage with culture. How do we ensure that everyone can learn about and through culture, and get the right encouragement and opportunities to experience and participate in cultural activities throughout their lives.
- Building financial resilience in cultural organisations and institutions through new funding models, to enable them to survive and prosper in a tough economic and financial climate.
- Working with our cultural institutions to promote Britain abroad, in our relations with other countries and international organisations, and to support trade, exports, inward investment, inbound tourism and presentation of cultural artefacts.

“To support the upcoming White Paper, starting next week we’ll be launching a [dedicated #OurCulture discussion platform](#), looking at each theme in turn over the coming months, to give *you* the chance to submit and discuss *your* ideas across each of the four topics. We’re seeking innovative proposals to drive discussion and I’m looking forward to seeing lots of lively

debate that underlines our passion for the cultural sectors, and how we need to ensure they continue to adapt and thrive for future generations.

You can also join the conversation on your own social media channels, using the **#OurCulture** hashtag.”

See <https://dcms.dialogue-app.com/> for the discussion on the first topic, “Places”.

Funding & Opportunities

Prince’s Countryside Fund

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

(Source: *Devon Funding News*, updates 1 Sep 2015)

“The Prince’s Countryside Fund supports the sustainability and protection of farms and rural communities throughout the UK.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations, charities, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, companies limited by guarantee, and unincorporated associations.

Projects should focus on at least one of the following three key countryside issues:

- service provision in rural areas including innovative ways of providing village services or creating business hubs and employment for local people
- supporting rural enterprise and farming businesses
- training opportunities for young people and the unemployed, including improving skills and take-up of rural careers, especially farming.”

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

“Librarians on Bikes Are Delivering Books and WiFi to Kids in ‘Book Deserts’”

<http://magazine.good.is/articles/bike-libraries>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 30 Aug 2015)

Re-emergence of outreach:

“‘Food deserts’ refer to low-income areas where convenience stores are often the only viable food source and fresh produce is a rarity. But nutritious foods aren’t the only thing kids need to thrive and grow.

Many of these undernourished kids also live in so-called ‘book deserts’ – areas without easy access to libraries and reading material to nurture their imaginations and development [...]

To combat these problems, creative-thinking librarians and literacy supporters are using inventive solutions to expand access to books and promote a love of reading.”

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

Thinking outside the box: supporting the television broadcasting industry to increase diversity

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication_pdf/ofcom%20brochure%20visual%207f%20Final%20proof.pdf

(Source: EHRC *Newsletter*, Aug 2015)

Although aimed at the TV industry, this guidance from EHRC makes useful and interesting background reading.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Young against old? What's really causing wealth inequality?

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/YoungagainstOld.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 3 Sep 2015)

New pamphlet from the TUC, which argues that young people's deteriorating prospects are a consequence of growing wealth inequalities across UK society:

“But while it is right to argue that today's young adults are facing severe labour and housing market challenges, the blame cannot be dumped at the door of older workers and pensioners.” [p1]

Social Progress Index 2015

<http://www.socialprogressimperative.org/data/spi>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 7 Sep 2015)

Very useful guide to social progress across the world, focusing on:

- Basic Human Needs (eg Water & Sanitation)
- Foundations of Wellbeing (eg Access to Information & Communications)
- Opportunity (eg Personal Rights).

How to build your own domestic violence case without a lawyer

<http://chayn.co/how-to-build-your-own-case/>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 14 Sep 2015)

“This is an open-source, free to use, toolkit that enables women facing domestic violence to collect and present evidence for a variety of cases. Irrespective of whether someone wants to take legal action (criminal, divorce, child custody or asylum) – collecting and presenting evidence is critical.”

Quick Reads

<http://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/quick-reads-joins-the-reading-agency.html>

(Source: email from Deborah Hyde on behalf of The Reading Agency, 9 Sep 2015)

“Quick Reads celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2016 with a diverse collection of titles which will be published on 4 February, and sponsored by Galaxy® for a sixth year:

- Agatha Christie (edited by Sophie Hannah and John Curran) - *The Double Clue: Poirot Short Stories*
- Ann Cleeves - *Too Good to be True*

- Lucy Diamond - *A Baby at the Beach Café*
- Veronica Henry (editor) - *The Anniversary: Ten Tempting Stories From Ten Bestselling Authors*
- Andy McNab - *On the Rock*
- Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb - *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban (An Abridged Edition)*

Also, Quick Reads have announced that they are joining The Reading Agency.

Six Book Challenge impact report 2015

http://readingagency.org.uk/adults/Six_Book_Challenge_evaluation_Full_Report_FINAL.pdf

(Source: email from Deborah Hyde on behalf of The Reading Agency, 9 Sep 2015)

Report on the impact of the Six Book Challenge, as the programme is relaunched as Reading Ahead – for example: “a huge 92% of participants said they felt more confident about reading after taking part”.

Youth, welfare and the legacy of structural racism

<http://www.irr.org.uk/news/workfare-and-the-legacy-of-structural-racism/>

(Source: *IRR News*, 31 Jul-10 Sep 2015)

Thought-provoking background piece which looks at the damaging effects of youth policies on young BAME people.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Future in mind: the report of the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Taskforce – briefing for the children and young people’s voluntary sector

http://www.ncb.org.uk/media/1228041/150824_ncb_yphp_future_in_mind_briefing.pdf

(Source: *NCB Members’ Newsletter*, Aug 2015)

Very useful background briefing by NCB.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

Changes in vision in older people: causes and impact

<http://www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/Resources/Thomas%20Pocklington/Documents/PDF/Research%20Publications/rf49-changes-in-vision-in-older-people-elsa-3.pdf>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 192, 2 Sep 2015)

New report from the Thomas Pocklington Trust, which announced the findings of research it had commissioned from Manchester University. Using data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, it found that sight loss is related to low income and poor quality of life in older people, eg:

“Those in the poorest fifth of the population had an almost 80% higher risk of developing severe visual impairment than those from the wealthiest fifth.” [p1]

Migration issues – News

“Jungle Books: Calais migrant camp's newly opened library needs books!”

<http://www.versobooks.com/blogs/2206-jungle-books-calais-migrant-camp-s-newly-opened-library-needs-books>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 29 Aug 2015)

Just in case you haven't seen this news story (and appeal for books).

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

“Easing the plight of refugees”

<http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/about-us/our-history/wrvs-archive-and-heritage-collection/heritage-bulletin-blog>

(Source: *RVS Heritage Bulletin Blog* email, 3 Sep 2015)

The Royal Voluntary Service Archive & Heritage Collection blogs regularly about material in its collection, and has posted here a brief intro to the WRVS's work with refugees.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Refugees – one-stop resource

<http://www.local.gov.uk/refugees>

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

The LGA has set up a “one-stop resource for councillors and council officers to answer any questions you might have about taking in refugees. This includes regional contacts, where to direct residents offering housing and our media statements, amongst other resources. We will continue to update these resources as more information comes through - keep checking this page to stay up to date. For residents wanting to offer support please contact your council in the first instance.”

Introduction to migration

<http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/introductiontomigration-IUN/>

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

Migration Yorkshire* have produced these really useful basic guides to migration in the UK:

“You'll find lots of practical examples from organisations, and hear the stories of people newly arrived in the UK. The booklets should be particularly useful if you work in public services or the voluntary sector and you're new to working on migration issues. We focus on migration to the north of England, but the information will also be useful in other areas of the UK.”

*“Migration Yorkshire is a local authority-led regional migration partnership. We work with national government, local government, and others to ensure that Yorkshire and Humber can deal with, and benefit from, migration. We work with agencies across the statutory, voluntary, community and private sectors to help support the delivery of high quality services to migrants in a way that benefits everyone living in local communities.” [Taken from:

<http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/?page=aboutus>]

Migration Matters Scotland – COSLA webpage of resources

<http://www.migrationscotland.org.uk/>

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

“Migration Matters Scotland was a project delivered by COSLA Migration, Population and Diversity Team with funding from the European Integration Fund. It sought to develop various resources in order to assist councils and their community planning partners with respect to the integration of migrants in their communities. The project has now been completed and the resources that they developed are all now available on the team's website”

“Scotland Welcomes Refugees”

<http://www.scotlandwelcomesrefugees.scot/>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 450, 17 Sep 2015)

New website set up by The Scottish Government and the Scottish Refugee Council:

“This website will be a place to find out more about the crisis and more about what Scotland is doing to help. You will also be able to make offers of practical support to refugees in Scotland here.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Seeking a Fair Distribution of Refugees in Europe”

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/09/04/world/europe/europe-refugee-distribution.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&_r=0

(Source: Facebook post by Wolfgang Kaiser, 5 Sep 2015)

A visual look at how Europe's countries are absorbing hundreds of thousands of migrants.

Changing the debate on migration

[http://classonline.org.uk/docs/2015_Changing_the_debate_on_migration_\(MRN\).pdf](http://classonline.org.uk/docs/2015_Changing_the_debate_on_migration_(MRN).pdf)

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 14 Sep 2015)

This is an updated version of the Class pamphlet (published 2014 as *Why immigration is good for all of us*), supported by MRN, which provides facts on refugees, asylum-seekers and migration, and is an important tool for challenging the current narrative.

Migration to the UK: asylum

http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/migobs/Briefing%20-%20Migration%20to%20the%20UK%20-%20Asylum_0.pdf

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

“This briefing sets out key facts and figures, as well as information gaps, relating to the number of asylum seekers applying to stay in the UK, who these asylum seekers are, how many are rejected, what the overall impacts of asylum seekers are on UK migration statistics and what happens to asylum seekers after their applications have been processed.” [p2]

LIT3

<http://www.lit3-project.eu/>

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

“LIT3 aims to promote family literacy (reading and health literacy) in Roma communities as a tool for raising the attainment level of Roma children in general education.”

Queens of Syria

<https://vimeo.com/86996865>

(Source: email from Simon Wallace, 9 Sep 2015)

“Queens of Syria tells the story of fifty women from Syria, all forced into exile in Jordan, who came together in Autumn 2013 to create and perform their own version of the Trojan Women, the timeless Ancient Greek tragedy about the plight of women in war.

What followed was an extraordinary moment of cross-cultural contact across millennia, in which women born in 20th century Syria found a blazingly vivid mirror of their own experiences in the stories of a queen, princesses and ordinary women like them, uprooted, enslaved, and bereaved by the Trojan War.”

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

“Putting LGBTQ Books into Kids’ Hands”

<http://www.slj.com/2015/09/diversity/putting-lgbtq-books-into-kids-hands/#>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 8 Sep 2015)

“LGBTQ kids, along with children raised, for example, by two moms, or a grandparent, often can’t see themselves in books. That was a big problem to veteran school librarian Susan Polos. So she did something about it.

That something is “[Shared Stories Open Minds.](#)”

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

LGBT Black History Month: a youth work and education resource pack

<http://www.lgbtyouthnorthwest.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/LGBT-Black-History-Month-Resource-Pack-ONLINE-FINAL.pdf>

(Source: LGBT Foundation *Bulletin*, 15 Sep 2015)

New resource from LGBT Youth NW.

“In the UK we dedicate October to exploring and learning about the rich history of Black peoples and communities; a section of history that is often overlooked, mis-represented and poorly documented, much like February where we dedicate the month to exploring and uncovering lost and hidden LGBT histories. There has been little cross over between the two months, leaving untouched a huge gap in the history that we are learning and teaching about.

Throughout the pack you will come across and learn about a diverse group of Black LGBT people, past and present from a range of backgrounds and professions. We have tried to include as many UK based people as possible too for familiarity. There are also a number of Black allies who have fought against inequalities facing Black LGBT

people and communities. This pack is designed to inspire and empower young people by highlighting and celebrating a somewhat invisibilised community and by providing opportunities to learn about and explore how these unsung Black LGBT heroes have helped to shape the world they live in today.” [p3]

Further info and posters to download from:

http://www.lgbtyouthnorthwest.org.uk/campaignsandprojects/lgbt-black-history-month/?utm_source=LGBT+Foundation+weekly+bulletin&utm_campaign=f9907481d9-481d9-

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

“Edinburgh International Book Festival: Museums and Libraries – Spaces for Literacy”

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2015/08/edinburgh-international-book-festival-museums-and-libraries-spaces-for-literacy/>

(Source: CILIP *Top library and information stories from the past 2 weeks*, 3 Sep 2015)

Brief report of a panel discussion at the Festival about the role of libraries and museums.

Broader issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Government responsibilities

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2015-09-17/HCWS209/>

(Source: emails on archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk, 18 Sep 2015)

“This written ministerial statement confirms that policy responsibility for data protection policy, sponsorship of the Information Commissioner’s Office, and sponsorship of The National Archives will transfer from the Ministry of Justice to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and that responsibility for government records management policy will transfer from the Ministry of Justice to the Cabinet Office. These changes will be effective from 17 September [...]”