

# The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 214, 24 July 2016

## Events

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

## Congratulations!

### “V&A wins Art Fund Museum of the Year”

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 13 Jul 2016)

[http://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/07072016-v-and-a-art-fund-museum-of-the-year?dm\\_i=2VBX,9NUX,27LU0M,WOJZ,1](http://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/news/07072016-v-and-a-art-fund-museum-of-the-year?dm_i=2VBX,9NUX,27LU0M,WOJZ,1)

Congratulations to Network member, the V&A!

## Funding & Opportunities

### “Welsh cultural inclusion scheme gets £125,000 boost”

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 13 Jul 2016)

“The Welsh government has awarded an additional £125,000 to the [Fusion: Tackling Poverty through Culture](#) programme.

The funding boost was announced by the economy secretary Ken Skates last week during a visit to Amgueddfa Genedlaethol y Glannau (the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea), which is running a Fusion project for young people.

Launched in 2015, the scheme offers people from disadvantaged areas new opportunities to engage with culture and heritage, while at the same time encouraging cultural bodies to increase the impact they have on the lives of individuals and communities.

The extra money will enable Fusion to expand its reach, increasing the number of Pioneer Areas that receive targeted funding from six to 10. The four new Pioneer Areas are Flintshire, Caerphilly, Conwy and Carmarthenshire.”

## Skills for the Future funding

[https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/skills-future?dm\\_i=6S6,4CJNT,KRNSHB,FY4JE,1](https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/skills-future?dm_i=6S6,4CJNT,KRNSHB,FY4JE,1)

(Source: email to [archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:archives-nra@jiscmail.ac.uk), 8 Jul 2016)

“The Skills for the Future programme helps organisations deliver paid training placements to meet skills shortages in the heritage sector and to help diversify the workforce. Grants range from £100,000-£750,000.”

Full details on above weblink.

## “Digital Arts & Creative Ageing”

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/digital-arts>

(Source: *Devon Funding News*, updates 20 Jul 2016)

“The new Digital Arts & Creative Ageing programme is offering forward-thinking organisations the chance to receive grant funding of up to £90,000, plus business support to scale existing creative arts services. The successful applicants will demonstrate how digital tech is being used

effectively as a medium or tool to engage the over 65s in the creative arts.

The programme will provide funding and support to help scale and sustain products or services that have already been trialled and have evidence of uptake, with the aim of developing their social, user and financial value. All types of organisation can apply as long as they are a registered legal entity and can clearly demonstrate a social purpose.”

Stage 1 application deadline: **16 Aug 2016**.

### “Celebrating Age”

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/celebrating-age>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 20 Jul 2016)

“The Celebrating Age programme is jointly funded by Arts Council England and the Baring Foundation and supports the shared objectives of both organisations.

The programme will support cultural spaces and other organisations working collaboratively, in a partnership or as a consortium, to do one or more of the following:

- Support arts and cultural spaces to be open, positive and welcoming places for older people
- Taking arts and culture into places where older people will find it easier to engage

The closing date for applications is **12 noon, Thursday 13 October 2016**.

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

#### “Books Unlocked”

The National Literacy Trust has just published its evaluation of the “Books Unlocked” programme:

There is general background info (plus links to the reports) at:

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/7276\\_new\\_evaluation\\_shows\\_positive\\_impact\\_of\\_books\\_unlocked\\_on\\_reading\\_habits\\_wellbeing\\_and\\_social\\_skills](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/7276_new_evaluation_shows_positive_impact_of_books_unlocked_on_reading_habits_wellbeing_and_social_skills)

The evaluation report is at:

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0003/3744/Books\\_Unlocked\\_evaluation\\_2014-15\\_-\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0003/3744/Books_Unlocked_evaluation_2014-15_-_final_report.pdf).

Finally, there is also Staffordshire’s evaluation report (which was published on The Network’s website):

<http://www.seapn.org.uk/uploads/files/Books-Unlocked-Report-2015-7-Staffordshire-Prison-Libraries.pdf>.

## **“National Museum of Flight”**

[http://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-change-lives/19072016-engaging-with-experience-project?dm\\_i=2VBX,9RKV,27LU0M,X51B,1](http://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-change-lives/19072016-engaging-with-experience-project?dm_i=2VBX,9RKV,27LU0M,X51B,1)

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 20 Jul 2016)

Brief outline of their “Engaging with Experience” project:

“Engaging with Experience is a cross-generational training project that sees experienced engineers sharing practical, hands-on skills with young people. The participants gain confidence and skills which might aid them when seeking employment.

The engineers take pleasure in sharing their skills which might otherwise not be passed on, or be lost altogether.”

## **Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies**

### ***Dementia, equity and rights***

[http://www.raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/Dementia%20report%20SCREEN\\_0.pdf](http://www.raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/Dementia%20report%20SCREEN_0.pdf)

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 8 Jul 2016)

New from the Race Equality Foundation:

“This publication seeks to highlight the main issues arising for people with dementia and carers from the following population groups: the oldest old, young onset, people with disabilities, black and minority ethnic people (BME), women, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGB&T), and different socio-economic populations. It considers the prevalence of dementia within each group and the needs and experiences of people living with dementia and carers within each protected characteristic group. It also provides information, recommendations and resources for commissioners, service providers, service users and their carers to ensure that the best possible care and support to people living with dementia and their carers is expected and delivered.” [p4]

## **Disability issues – Other Agencies**

### ***Sight loss: what we needed to know***

[http://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Sight\\_loss\\_what\\_we\\_needed\\_to\\_know.pdf](http://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Sight_loss_what_we_needed_to_know.pdf) and:

[www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Sight\\_loss\\_what\\_we\\_needed\\_to\\_know.docx](http://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Sight_loss_what_we_needed_to_know.docx)

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 212, 4 Jul 2016)

This new guide, which has been put together by people who have experienced losing their sight, includes:

- The emotional impact of sight loss.
- What sort of help is available.
- Explaining the Certificate of Vision Impairment.
- Help that you can expect from your local council.
- What it means for work, education and training.
- The benefits you may be entitled to.
- Our top 10 tips.

- Your rights under the Equality Act.
- Where you can go to get more help and support.

### **Children and young people: our services in England**

[http://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Our\\_Services\\_in\\_England\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/Our_Services_in_England_Booklet.pdf)

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, 14 Jul 2016)

RNIB have just published this guide to their provision for children & young people in England.

### **Information about vision impairment: guide for parents**

[https://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/APDF-ENG021603\\_Early%20Support%20Parents%20Information.pdf](https://www.nib.org.uk/sites/default/files/APDF-ENG021603_Early%20Support%20Parents%20Information.pdf)

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, 14 Jul 2016)

RNIB have also just launched this revised guide:

“The resources are designed to help you find out more about your child’s situation and to help you to help them. You will find information on:

- What vision impairment is
- How this will affect you and your child
- Where to go for further support and information.” [p4]

### **“Tech Thursday: VoiceDream”**

[www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-voicedream-reader-app-review](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-voicedream-reader-app-review)

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 213, 18 Jul 2016)

Dyslexia Action have just published the next part of Dominik Lukes’s series on speech-assisted reading.

“This is a review of VoiceDream Reader which he regards as “the most complete dyslexia-friendly reader app for iPads, iPhones and Android tablets.” It costs £8 and its functions include downloading books from Bookshare and other repositories but not, currently, from RNIB Bookshare or from public libraries.”

### **“Tech Thursday: Reading news with speech assistance”**

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/news/tech-thursday-reading-news-speech-assistance>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 213, 18 Jul 2016)

DA have also just published this guide to three apps, Palabre, Instapaper and Nuzzle.

## **Migration issues – News**

### **“Government launches National Transfer Scheme for migrant children”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-national-transfer-scheme-for-migrant-children>

(Source: *NCB Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 4 Jul 2016)

“The Home Office and Department for Education have today (1 July) launched a new voluntary transfer arrangement between local authorities for the care of unaccompanied children who arrive in the UK and claim asylum.

The National Transfer Scheme has been launched to encourage all local authorities to volunteer to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) so there is a more even distribution of caring responsibilities across the country.

Under the scheme, a child arriving in one local authority area already under strain caring for unaccompanied asylum seeking children may be transferred to another council with capacity.”

### **Migration issues – Other Agencies**

#### ***Solutions for sanctuary: an overview of the refugee and asylum charity sector in the UK***

[http://www.thinknpc.org/publications/solutions-for-sanctuary-refugee-and-asylum-sector/?utm\\_source=New%20Philanthropy%20Capital&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=7300108\\_NPC%20Newsletter\\_No%205%202016&dm\\_i=UL9,4CGSS,6622UL,FXPQF,1](http://www.thinknpc.org/publications/solutions-for-sanctuary-refugee-and-asylum-sector/?utm_source=New%20Philanthropy%20Capital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7300108_NPC%20Newsletter_No%205%202016&dm_i=UL9,4CGSS,6622UL,FXPQF,1)

(Source: Monthly update from New Philanthropy Capital, no.5, 2016)

This paper provides useful background to the refugee and asylum charity sector in the UK.

#### **FLEX booklets**

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Update*, 11 Jul 2016)

FLEX is “Focus on Labour Exploitation”, see: <http://www.labourexploitation.org/>.

FLEX has just launched two illustrated booklets of clear, accessible information for trafficking victims. The booklets outline what they are entitled to and set out avenues to legal remedy in the UK.

- *Support entitlements in the UK: national referral mechanism for victims of human trafficking*,  
<http://www.labourexploitation.org/sites/default/files/publications/NRM%20Booklet%20English.pdf>
- *Legal rights and options for victims of human trafficking in the UK*,  
[http://www.labourexploitation.org/sites/default/files/publications/FLEX%20Legal%20Rights\\_Options%20Pamphlet%20A5-English.pdf](http://www.labourexploitation.org/sites/default/files/publications/FLEX%20Legal%20Rights_Options%20Pamphlet%20A5-English.pdf).

#### ***Towards visibility: the Latin American community in London***

Full report: <http://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Towards-Visibility-full-report.pdf>

Key findings: <http://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Towards-Visibility-key-findings.pdf>.

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Update*, 11 Jul 2016)

New research which focuses on this growing community:

“Around a quarter of a million Latin Americans live in the UK, with over half (145,000) in London. The Latin American population is one of the fastest growing migrant populations in London, with two-thirds having arrived since 2000. Official monitoring data on this group is sparse, limiting the ability of policymakers to plan appropriate services and make

targeted policy interventions. The QMU research sheds new light on the population and offers policy recommendations.

Brazilians are the largest national group, making up over a third of the Latin American population in London, followed by Colombians (around a fifth). The next largest groups are from Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico. The proportions are similar in the rest of the UK.

Of those living in the capital, more than two-thirds are in Inner London, with particularly large concentrations in Lambeth and Southwark, followed by Brent, Westminster, Wandsworth and Haringey.” [Taken from: [http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2016/latin-american-community-one-fastest-growing-london?utm\\_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm\\_campaign=a9a14d7f78-MRN\\_News\\_05-05-2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1084a7080c-a9a14d7f78-197822741](http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2016/latin-american-community-one-fastest-growing-london?utm_source=Migrants+Rights+News&utm_campaign=a9a14d7f78-MRN_News_05-05-2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1084a7080c-a9a14d7f78-197822741)].

### ***In search of safety: teaching about Europe's refugee crisis***

<http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/rrsa-teaching-resources/refugee-crisis-europe/>

(Source: email from refed, <http://www.refugeeeducation.co.uk/mailing.htm>, 17 May 2016)

Recently launched by UNICEF:

“The education pack is aimed at teachers and contains learning activities that can help children in primary and secondary schools (from 7 years old upwards) make sense of the refugee crisis, with a focus on children and their rights.”

### **“Brexit Q&A: What's next for EU nationals in the UK?”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Doi3KYfkbp8&spfreload=5>

(Source: email from Migrants Rights Network, 21 Jul 2016)

“On 15th July 2016 in London, Migrants' Rights Network hosted a Q&A session in London with immigration law and EU law experts to explore the immediate consequences for the rights of EU nationals and their families living in the UK.”

This is their video of the event.

### **LGBTQ issues – News**

#### **“British LGBT+ people still feel the need to lie about their sexuality research reveals”**

<http://prideinlondon.org/British-LGBT-people-still-feel-the-need-to-lie-about-their-sexuality-research-reveals>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 20 Jul 2016)

In June, Pride in London, in partnership with Quadrangle and Populus, conducted a survey of more than 1000 LGBT+ people in the UK.

Headlines include that 75% of LGBT+ people still feel the need to lie about their sexuality or gender identity; are six times less likely to hold a partner's hand in

public than the rest of the population; and that LGBT+ respondents are five times more likely to have been bullied at work because of their gender.

### **LGBTQ issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government**

#### ***Stonewall education equality index 2016***

[http://www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/education\\_equality\\_index\\_2016\\_0.pdf](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/education_equality_index_2016_0.pdf)

(Source: NCB *Policy & Parliamentary Information Digest*, 18 Jul 2016)

“The index benchmarks local authorities, showcasing how well they celebrate difference and tackle homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in schools and support LGBT young people in their local communities.”

The top ten local authorities are:

Herts for Learning/Hertfordshire County Council  
Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Brighton & Hove City Council  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
North Yorkshire County Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Birmingham City Council  
Sheffield City Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council.

### **LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies**

#### ***Barriers to health faced by transgender and non-binary black and minority ethnic people***

[http://www.better-health.org.uk/sites/default/files/briefings/downloads/Better%20Health%2041%200-%20Trans%20NB%20\[final\].pdf](http://www.better-health.org.uk/sites/default/files/briefings/downloads/Better%20Health%2041%200-%20Trans%20NB%20[final].pdf)

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *eNewsletter*, 8 Jul 2016)

New Briefing from the Race Equality Foundation. The key messages are:

- “Transgender and non-binary black and minority ethnic people need improved and more equitable access to health services.
- There is a need for increased access to social services/behavioral health for these individuals.
- Health professionals in all health related fields should be required to have additional trainings to support their work with this community.
- There is a demonstrated need for additional research examining the experiences of these individuals with health care services, both in the community and academia.” [Taken from: <http://www.better-health.org.uk/briefings/barriers-health-faced-transgender-and-non-binary-black-and-minority-ethnic-people>]

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

### “MA launches Museum Taskforce”

[http://www.museumsassociation.org/news/05072016-museums-association-launches-museum-taskforce?dm\\_i=2VBX,9HKK,27LU0M,VWTX,1](http://www.museumsassociation.org/news/05072016-museums-association-launches-museum-taskforce?dm_i=2VBX,9HKK,27LU0M,VWTX,1)

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 6 Jul 2016)

Announced 5 July:

“The Museums Association (MA) is launching a Museum Taskforce, comprising museum leaders from across the UK, to look at the challenges and opportunities that museums face in the short to medium term.

The taskforce will focus on museums that are not in receipt of national funding as the principle source of their revenue in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It will examine the impact of Brexit on the museum sector and consider responses to the increasingly difficult financial situation that many museums in the UK face.

The taskforce will produce a state of the nation report on museums in the UK, and share potential routes to sustainability, looking at all possible options.

And it will use research and evidence to advocate on behalf of museums to funders, politicians, stakeholders and the public, providing a unique and independent voice to stand up for museums across the UK.”

### “Sutton libraries: public consultation”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/sutton-libraries-public-consultation>

The Libraries Task Force has just added this “overview of the transformation process and consultation run in 2014” by Network member Sutton to its examples of good practice.