

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 228, 20 February 2017

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

“Learning Matters”

<https://www.vsnw.org.uk/nw-health-awards-2017>

(Source: email from Jo Ward, 13 Feb 2017)

“Learning Matters! You tell us why.

The search is on for people and projects where individual and organisational learning is driving development and transforming the health and care sector in the North West

Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW) and Health Education England (HEE) are proud to announce a new joint North West regional award programme and learning campaign, Learning Matters, to celebrate all kinds of learning across the health and care sector. You can nominate people: colleagues, volunteers or patients where their learning is really making a difference; or projects which are applying learning in any given context. Nominations will showcase the impact of learning on people and organisations in order to inspire others. They will importantly, acknowledge and say thank you to those who go that extra mile. Show your support by taking the time to nominate. Help us tell people why Learning Matters so much to everyone.

This joint campaign led by VSNW, recognises the contribution that adult learning makes to individual, community and economic wellbeing. It will emphasise the importance the awards’ partnership places on the need to develop and harness all talent. It will highlight what can be done to enable the health and care system to support people to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to play an active role in managing their own health; and how to work effectively with communities and their assets. Learning Matters will also demonstrate the fundamental role of learning in reducing health inequalities and how the sector can use leverage to add social value.”

If you want more information on award themes and categories and how to get nominating now, go to the above weblink.

Nominations are now open until **12 noon on 10 April**.

“Call for case studies: autism-friendly museums”

http://www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/wayfinding/02022017-call-for-case-studies-autistic-friendly-museums?dm_i=2VBX,DX6M,27LU0M,1GF0M,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 17 Feb 2017)

“The March edition of Museum Practice will look at autism-friendly museums.

The articles will explore how to create safe and inclusive spaces for visitors with autism, as well as how outreach programmes can break down barriers.

Museums are invited to submit their own case studies to Museum Practice. Case studies should be about 300 words long and accompanied by photographs.”

Deadline: 3 March 2017.

“Call for case studies: dementia-friendly heritage”

(Source: email from Laura Bedford, 17 Feb 2017, to National Alliance for Museums, Health and Wellbeing, MUSEUMSANDWELLBEINGALLIANCE@JISCMail.AC.UK)

“The Dementia-Friendly Heritage Group is calling for case studies to be included in the ‘dementia-friendly heritage guide’, which aims to be published in autumn 2017. The Dementia-Friendly Heritage Group is a peer network working collaboratively to create a resource that will inspire and support heritage sector staff and volunteers to make their sites more dementia-friendly.”

All case studies that illustrate dementia-friendly heritage initiatives are welcome.

- Use the case study template
- Authors will be contacted prior to publishing case studies
- Case studies may be edited for length
- Email your case studies by Sunday **30 April 2017** to kim.klug@hrp.org.uk.”

Call for papers: “Queer Localities: a two-day international queer history conference”, Birkbeck, University of London, 30 November – 1 December 2017

<http://www.raphael-samuel.org.uk/call-for-papers-queer-localities/>

“We invite papers on all regions and all periods which address intersections of locality and queer lives (both broadly conceived), and which might touch some of the following questions:

- How have LGBTQ people’s migration patterns between capital cities, regional centres and rural areas changed over time?
- What can we learn about changing attitudes towards queerness at the level of the regional city, small town, or neighbourhood from such studies?
- Are the generalisations made about increasing LGBTQ confidence and acceptance in the metropolis applicable to smaller communities and how are they distinct?

- How do local LGBTQ communities construct their own particular histories using local resources such as oral histories and exhibition projects?
- How can local queer histories foreground diversity, of class, race, religion and disability, ensuring that lesbian and trans voices are fully integrated?
- How did the experience of anti-racist activism modulate lesbian and gay lives and queer experience, for example?

In association with the Raphael Samuel History Centre, the conference is part of a major two-year AHRC project entitled 'Sexualities and Localities' (or more informally 'Queer Beyond London') and will hopefully lead to an edited collection of papers.

Submitting a proposal:

- We welcome proposals for 20 minute papers or presentations relating to any period or locality
- We seek wide participation and welcome proposals from independent researchers, archivists, museum professionals, community history groups, postgraduate students, academics, and others [...]

Further info at above weblink – deadline: **Monday 20th March, 12.00 midday.**

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

“Case Study: Henry County Library System Provides Summer Food Service Program”

<http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/fairview-pl-ga-summer-meal-case-study.html>

(Source: WebJunction *Crossroads*, Feb 2017)

Library involvement in a US summer food programme:

“[...] we planned and advertised a variety of programs for our usual children and teen patrons either before or after the lunch serving period. By concentrating on our library objectives and reaching our local patrons, we hoped to attract a wider variety of patrons who would benefit from the free summer food program. While we advertised the summer food service program at the libraries, the best information came from those who came for our programs and additionally received free lunch, who in turn shared the opportunity with others verbally.”

“Creative Sparks” – Project and Exhibition in Leeds

Short film: <https://vimeo.com/203293637>

Info about exhibition and opening times:

<https://marksintime.marksandspencer.com/whats-on/temporaryexhibition>

(Source: email from Katie Cameron, Archive & Outreach Officer, M&S Company Archive, 13 Feb 2017)

“Older people from across Leeds have created archive-inspired artwork which is now on display in our Temporary Exhibition space. Residents

from two care homes spent nine weeks exploring the M&S Company Archive, and creating artwork inspired by what they found. The objects inspired memories which in turn inspired the creative process. As well as reminiscing, the group learned new skills and built new friendships. A celebration event at the end of the project gave the group the opportunity to see their work on display, and share it with friends and family.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Ethnic Inequalities

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/events-conferences/latestNews/ethnic-inequalities-briefings-january-2017.html>

(Source: Runnymede Trust *Monthly Newsletter*, Feb 2017)

“Research conducted by the Runnymede Trust and the University of Manchester’s Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity has analysed the extent of the ‘ethnic penalty’ suffered by black and minority ethnic (BME) citizens in Bristol and Manchester [and Barking & Dagenham]”.

The three briefings are:

- *Bristol: a city divided? Ethnic minority disadvantage in education and employment,*
<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/CoDE%20Briefing%20Bristol%20v2.pdf>
- *Ethnic inequalities in Manchester: a need for local partnerships and solutions,*
<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/CoDE%20Briefing%20Manchester%20v2.pdf>
- *Ethnic inequalities in Barking & Dagenham,*
<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/CoDE%20Briefing%20Barking%20%26%20Dagenham%20v2.pdf>.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Gardens and health: implications for policy and practice

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/Gardens_and_health.pdf

(Source: email from Jo Ward, 5 Feb 2017)

“This report looks at the impact of gardens and gardening on health and wellbeing, and explores what the NHS and the wider health and social care system can do to maximise this impact.

Gardens are often thought of as intimate private spaces attached to private households but they can also be large private or formal gardens open to the public, or part of hospitals, care homes or hospices. Gardens serve many purposes: they can be cultivated for flowers or growing food; used as spaces for exercise, relaxation, solace and recovery; used as places to play, meet and volunteer; and can be part of wider environmental, planning or sustainability policies.” [p5]

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

“Libraries Serve Refugees”

<https://refugeelibraries.org/>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 14 Feb 2017)

Valuable new resource:

“This is an effort to bring together resources and assets to help libraries serve refugees. This is a growing and developing resource and is an active space for developing services, programming, and resources. All input is welcome. We are particularly looking to build a body of experts in this area and connect them to libraries that are developing services to refugee populations.

We will be looking at best practices, toolkits, case studies, government resources, NGO partnership possibilities, and asset development. Please check back for regular updates and if you are interested in joining our research team contact us ASAP.

This list is meant as a resource and is far from exhaustive. If you have more information or other resources we are interested in hearing about it.”

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Immigration: Written statement - HCWS467”

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-02-08/HCWS467>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jan/Feb 2017)

The statement outlines the Government’s position and strategy to support international efforts to and deal with the root causes of the migration crisis as well as the consequences. The statement includes information on: the UK’s current international commitment and response to the migration crisis; the total number of UASC transferred to the UK under various arrangements; the Syrian Vulnerable Persons scheme; a refugee children’s fund to support the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe; the National Transfer Scheme for UASC; additional funding for local authorities’ social services teams caring for UASC; the controlling Migration Fund.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

The world’s stateless children

<http://children.worldsstateless.org/assets/files/worlds-stateless-full-report.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 13 Feb 2017)

This huge report (560+ pages) from the IOS* looks at statelessness region-by-region, and provides a snapshot of: stateless populations; regional standards; noteworthy developments since 2014.

*“The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion is an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting an integrated, human rights based response to the injustice of statelessness and exclusion.”

“Red Cross figures show refugee destitution on the rise”

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/en/About-us/News/2017/February/Red-Cross-figures-show-refugee-destitution-on-the-rise>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jan/Feb 2017)

Press release from the Red Cross, highlighting the number of refugees left destitute in the UK.

“We helped 14,909 people who had been left penniless last year – a 10 per cent increase from 2015.

Large numbers came from countries affected by conflict or political persecution, including Sudan, Syria, and Eritrea.

Destitute refugees and asylum seekers are found across the UK, with the Red Cross seeing people most frequently in Leicester, London and Cardiff.

They included men, women and children aged from one to 92.”

“Support for migrant families”

<http://migrantfamilies.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/>

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Jan/Feb 2017)

New resource (created in partnership between the No Recourse to Public Funds Network and COMPAS, with funding from the Legal Education Foundation) for local authority and voluntary sector practitioners to use to help find out what support options a destitute migrant family might have.

Further info about NRPF at: <http://www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>, and COMPAS at: <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/>.

NRPF have also just published *Assessing and supporting children and families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF): practice guidance for local authorities*, <http://www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/Documents/Practice-Guidance-Families.pdf>.

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

“Louisville Library Workers Champion Preferred Pronoun Badges”

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2017/02/diversity/louisville-library-workers-champion-preferred-pronoun-badges/#>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 14 Feb 2017)

Interesting article about a library worker’s fight to wear a badge with their preferred pronoun:

“Six months after librarian Valerie Pfister was told by administrators at Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) that wearing a preferred pronoun button was a dress code violation, the library has honored its promise to list preferred pronouns on the library-issued name badges of any employee who requests it.”