

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 234, 31 May 2017

Events

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

This includes events for **Refugee Week 2017, 19-25 June** – and the Refugee Week posters and postcards are now available from:

http://refugeeweek.org.uk/product-category/free-materials/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=order_your_free_refugee_week_2017_posters_postcards&utm_term=2017-05-30.

Funding & Opportunities

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travelling Fellowships

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/categories/migration-living-well-together>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 22 May 2017)

“The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is inviting applications from 18+ UK citizens living in the UK for projects focused on strengthening cohesion and communication, tackling isolation and supporting communities to live harmoniously together and realise their economic potential.”

The full list of categories under which they make awards is at:

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/apply/categories>.

Arts Council Catalyst Scheme

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Catalyst%20Small%20Grants%20Guidance%20-%20FINAL%20April%202017.pdf>

(Source: *Museums North East News*, 30 May 2017)

“Arts Council England (ACE) has published the guidance notes to the new £3 million Catalyst Small Grants scheme which will open to applications on 13 July. The new fund builds on the Council's previous Catalyst: Evolve fund, which has now closed.

Catalyst Small Grants will provide one-off grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 to not-for-profits arts and culture organisations, museums, and libraries to build fundraising capacity to enable them to attract more private giving to arts and culture.

To be eligible, organisations will have an income of between £100,000 and £750,000 and previously received an Arts Council England grant (in the two years before applying to this scheme).”

Further info in the guidance, weblink above.

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

“Two Centuries of Indian Print”

<http://www.bl.uk/projects/two-centuries-of-indian-print>

(Source: email from Asian Librarians and Advisers Group, 5 Apr 2017)

“The ‘Two Centuries of Indian Print’ project is the start of a major programme to share the wealth of Indian printed books held by the British Library dating from 1713 to 1914. The British Library’s collection spans at least 22 South Asian languages and millions of pages, and is the most significant held anywhere outside the Subcontinent. Many of the books are unique and many are also in delicate condition due to their age, so the mass digitisation of these items will not only make them widely available to people around the world, but will also help preserve the fragile originals for future generations.”

There will also be a series of related events – see weblink for details.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“What people ask me is insulting”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/16/gypsy-travellers-discrimination-stigma-poster-campaign>

Guardian article about a new poster campaign to combat GRT prejudice.

A-Z article list 2015/16

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/APDF-ENG170118%20Insight%20Online%20feature%20list-FINAL.pdf>

(Source: RNIB *Insight Online*, May 2017)

Useful collection of articles from *Insight Online*.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Statistics on migrants and benefits

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7445/CBP-7445.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 10 Apr 2017)

Very useful House of Commons Library Briefing Paper which sets out the facts around this emotive topic.

Hidden lives – new beginnings: destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland

<http://www.housingnet.co.uk/pdf/3rd%20ReportHidden%20Lives.pdf>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 526, 29 May 2017)

Important new report from the Scottish Parliament’s Equalities and Human Rights Committee:

“This report examines the impact of destitution on asylum seekers and those with insecure immigration status. It looks at the reasons why destitution occurs, the support being provided currently by public authorities, non-governmental public bodies, third sector and charity

organisations to mitigate destitution and makes recommendations to improve the response by public authorities in Scotland.” [p7]

Immigration statistics, January to March 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 526, 29 May 2017)

ONS have published the latest stats, plus some background info:

- *Overview of the immigration system,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/overview-of-the-immigration-system>
- *Summary of latest statistics,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/summary-of-latest-statistics>
- *How many people come to the UK each year?,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-come-to-the-uk-each-year>
- *Why do people come to the UK? (1) To visit,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-1-to-visit>
- *Why do people come to the UK? (2) To work,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-2-to-work>
- *Why do people come to the UK? (3) To study,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-3-to-study>
- *Why do people come to the UK? (4) For family reasons,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-4-for-family-reasons>
- *How many people do we grant asylum or protection to?,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-do-we-grant-asylum-or-protection-to>
- *How many people continue their stay in the UK?,*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-continue-their-stay-in-the-uk>

- *How many people are detained or returned?*,
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-are-detained-or-returned>

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Social work in Europe adapts to challenges of migration and exclusion”

<https://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/2017/may/23/social-work-europe-migration-exclusion>

Just in case you didn't see this interesting article (and, if you scroll down the page, there are links to other articles around inter-country adoption, etc).

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people in Stockport: needs assessment

http://lgbt.foundation/assets/files/documents/may_17/FENT_1495710514_Stockport_LGBT_Needs_Assessment.pdf

(Source: LGBT Foundation *Bulletin*, 30 May 2017)

“This needs assessment will cover the needs of adult LGBT people in Stockport, with sections on the specific health needs of segments of this population, including BAME LGBT people, older LGBT people, and disabled LGBT people.

This needs assessment aims to gather evidence to determine the health and wellbeing needs of the LGBT population in Stockport.” [p7]

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“Political reads for the 2017 General Election”

http://readinghack.org.uk/blog/political-reads-for-the-2017-general-election?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=332bb7cb28-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_05_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-332bb7cb28-51507097&mc_cid=332bb7cb28&mc_eid=3fa1d39831

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, May 2017)

New from The Reading Agency:

“The political system can be confusing and complicated, especially for first-time voters, so we've put together a short book list all about politics. From a 'how should I vote' quiz and a breakdown of party policies to fictional power struggles and chilling dystopias, we hope it helps you to make a decision in June.”

“Ten of the best to introduce children to politics”

<http://content.yudu.com/web/1mjdv/0A1mjdx/BfK224/html/index.html?page=10>

Round-up of books for young people by author and bookseller Catherine Barter in *Books for Keeps*, 224, May 2017, pp10-11.