

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 242, 24 October 2017

Events

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

Apologies!

For a while, work on the Arts Council England paper on equality & diversity and public libraries has taken over, so I apologise for being a bit slow to pick up some of the items – I'll be catching up over the next few issues (I hope!).

Congratulations! (1)

HMP Norwich Library wins 2017 CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/prestigious-award-hmp-norwich-library-service-forgotten-prisoners>

Congratulations! (2)

“Engaging Libraries Projects Revealed”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2017/10/13/engaging-libraries-projects-revealed/>

Announcement of the library projects awarded funding via the “Engaging Libraries” scheme.

Further info at: <https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/project/engaging-libraries/>.

Funding & Opportunities

Excellence in Prison Libraries Award

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/prison-libraries-group/excellence-prison-libraries-award>

(Source: email from Sue Wilkinson, Chair of CILIP Prison Libraries Group, 19 Oct 2017)

“Entries are now open for the Excellence in Prison Libraries Award. This award acknowledges best practice in prison libraries. The award is made for a single, original project, initiative or example of best practice, large or small that has had a lasting impact on both the prison library service and the wider prison community. This could be a creative project, a new service initiative or a collaborative activity with an external or prison partner. For full guidance notes and an application form, please go to the weblink above.”

The closing date for entries is **31 January 2018**.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Making the difference: breaking the link between school exclusion and social exclusion

Full report: <https://www.ippr.org/files/2017-10/making-the-difference-report-october-2017.pdf>.

Summary report: <https://www.ippr.org/files/2017-10/making-the-difference-summary-october-2017.pdf>.

(Source: *IPPR Newsletter*, 13 Oct 2017)
Important new report which:

“[...] examines the cost of school exclusion, its causes and, importantly, the role that workforce development can play in addressing this growing national problem.” [Full report, p9]

“From Hostility to Hate? Hate Crime Awareness Week Highlights Deepening Problem in Post-Brexit Britain”

https://migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2017/10/23/hostility-hate-hate-crime-awareness-week-highlights-deepening-problem-post-brexit-britain/?mc_cid=bb319b89e4&mc_eid=f4e6ea96b3

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 23 Oct 2017)

MRN blogpost which reflects on National Hate Crime Awareness Week, and highlights the Home Office hate crime stats, published during the Week, which confirmed:

“[...] a steady rise in the number of aggressions linked to racism, xenophobia, homophobia, and other forms of intolerance.

In the last year, reports of hate incidents to the police have increased by 29%, reaching a total of 80,393 over the 2016/2017 period.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

Green Light Toolkit

https://www.ndti.org.uk/uploads/files/Green_Light_Toolkit_2017.pdf

(Source: email from Peter Bates, NDTi, 23 Oct 2017)

Guidance from the National Development Team for Inclusion, subtitled *A guide to auditing and improving your mental health service so that it is effective in supporting people with autism and people with learning disabilities.*

“This report is about what we are doing to update the Green Light Toolkit, which was published in 2004 to help improve mental health treatment for people with learning disabilities. Lots of things have changed since Green Light was published, but some people still receive a poor service. The evidence suggests that many services are failing to meet their responsibilities under equalities legislation - so this is an important topic. To help mental health services take action to address this agenda we have:

- Brought people together at two peer learning events to exchange issues and solutions, and inform our work
- Developed a new audit framework for use in mental health services
- Provided an easy read version of the audit so that people with learning disabilities can be full stakeholders in the process
- Built a database of reasonable adjustments” [p18]

Whilst obviously not intended for the cultural sector, nevertheless there is useful guidance in here in terms of auditing provision.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Children with dyspraxia are falling ‘under the radar’”

https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/pr-children_falling_under_radar/

(Source: *Children & Young People Now Daily*, 13 Oct 2017)

Press release from the Dyspraxia Foundation (as part of Dyspraxia Awareness Week 2017), which calls for a greater understanding of the issues faced by children and young people with dyspraxia:

“[A recent] nationwide poll of teachers [...] highlighted that dyspraxia is ‘under the radar’ when it comes to awareness, training and support.”

Learning Difficulty issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

Malta Libraries – dyslexia-friendly titles

<https://www.facebook.com/www.maltalibraries.gov.mt/posts/1985087074838506>

(Source: message from Simon Wallace via Facebook, 27 Sep 2017)

Useful link to picture of dyslexia-friendly titles recently added at the Gozo Central Public Library.

Migration issues – News

“Migrants document their experiences with RIMA's digital storytelling”

http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/arts/cultural_diary/80929/flying_off_the_wall#.WdT-AbL8uUn

(Source: message from Simon Wallace via Facebook, 27 Sep 2017)

Interview with the coordinators of a series of digital storytelling workshops in Malta.

The workshops are hosted by RIMA, <http://www.rimaproject.org/9/About>.

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

“Why we need a manifesto for arts and migration”

https://migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2017/10/23/we-need-manifesto-for-arts-and-migration/?mc_cid=bb319b89e4&mc_eid=f4e6ea96b3

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 23 Oct 2017)

Linked in to a workshop on 28 Oct, this blogpost argues for the recognition of the importance of the arts.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Integration not demonisation

http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/themes/570513f1b504f500db000001/attachments/original/1504379228/TC0016_AAPG_Integration_not_Demonisation_Report.pdf?1504379228

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly Update*, 29 Aug 2017)

Subtitled *The final report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration's inquiry into the integration of immigrants*, this report looks at the integration of 'immigrants'; as it says:

“The term ‘immigrants’, unless otherwise specified, is used throughout this report to refer to economic migrants (including students) and their family members, rather than to refugees or asylum seekers. We define an economic migrant as someone who has legally immigrated to the United Kingdom to advance their economic and professional prospects. This includes both recent immigrants and those who have resided in the country legally for a number of years, but have not acquired British citizenship. The terms ‘new arrivals’ and ‘newcomers’ are used throughout this document to refer to economic or family migrants who have recently come to the UK – these individuals are the primary focus of this report.” [p8]

As you may have seen in media coverage, there are four core recommendations:

- Ministers should devolve substantive immigration policy powers to the constituent nations and regions of the UK – creating a regionally-led immigration system.
- The government should develop a comprehensive and proactive strategy for the integration of immigrants.
- Rather than being seen as security risks or ‘the other’, immigrants should be viewed as Britons-in-waiting.
- Ministers should develop a new strategy for the promotion of English language learning reflecting the guiding principle that no one should be able to live in our country for a considerable length of time without speaking English.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Refugee-led Community Organisations – key contacts

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/4401/Refugee-led Community Organisations Key Contacts Aug 2017.pdf](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/4401/Refugee-led%20Community%20Organisations%20Key%20Contacts%20Aug%202017.pdf)

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 537, 11 Sep 2017)

Valuable list of organisations, produced by the Scottish Refugee Council.

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

“Secularism and National Libraries Week”

<http://www.secularism.org.uk/opinion/2017/10/secularism-and-national-libraries-week-libraryletters>

(Source: National Secular Society *Newsline*, 6 Oct 2017)

Interesting article in support of Libraries Week, that promotes the pluralistic role of public libraries.