

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 250, 7 February 2018

Events

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

Consultations/Inquiries

HLF consultation opened 31 Jan 2018

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/news-features/we-want-hear-you-hlfs-future-direction-and-funding>

“A unique opportunity is now open for everyone who cares about the UK’s extraordinary heritage to give their views on our plans for the future. We support projects that range from restoring natural landscapes to rescuing neglected buildings: from recording diverse community histories to providing life-changing training.

We now want to know what people think our role, vision and priorities should be as the UK’s biggest funder of heritage during our next strategic funding framework – the period from 2019-2024.”

The consultation is available at:

<http://surveys.comres.co.uk/wix/2/p1862857042.aspx#wix-page-state=current>, and closes on **Thursday 22 March 2018**.

Equality Act 2010

The Public Sector Equality Duty and Equality Impact Assessments

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06591/SN06591.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 12 Jan 2018)

New House of Commons Library Briefing Paper which gives an overview of the PSED and EIAs.

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

Museums in the UK 2018 report

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/download?id=1244881>

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 1 Feb 2018)

Key headline from this annual report is that “Work that aims to make a positive social impact is a strong and increasing focus for museums”.

Brief outline and further info in the MA News report:

https://www.museumsassociation.org/news/31012018-social-impact-work-is-thriving-finds-museums-survey?dm_i=2VBX,MWW9,27LU0M,2DF61,1.

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Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Ministers urged to help 50,000 children 'missing' from education”

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ministers-urged-help-50000-children-missing-education>

(Source: email from Anne Harding, 29 Jan 2018)

Shocking news item about young people ‘missing’ from education; according to the article:

“There is no national database that records children missing education (CME), an article published by *The Sunday Telegraph* states. CME pupils are not registered as pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education elsewhere, according to official guidance.

It is up to local authorities to record data on CME, but the information they hold is patchy and many are unable to say whether these children are known to social services, according to research by the National Children’s Bureau (NCB).”

The Prince’s Trust Macquarie youth index 2018

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/research-policies-reports>

(Source: email from The Prince’s Trust, 25 Jan 2018)

“The Prince’s Trust Macquarie Youth Index shows that young people’s wellbeing, which dropped last year to its lowest level since the study was first commissioned, has fallen even further in 2018.

The Index, which measures young people’s happiness and confidence across different aspects of their lives, has decreased by one point – from 70 to 69. Index scores for all areas attributed to wellbeing are at their lowest to date and not a single area saw an increase this year.

Key concerns include work and education and the amount of money young people have; areas for which the study measured a decrease in happiness in the last twelve months.” [p5]

A blueprint for balance

Executive summary:

<https://www.managers.org.uk/~media/Files/PDF/Blueprint%20for%20Balance%20Broken%20Windows%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

Full report:

<https://www.managers.org.uk/~media/Files/PDF/Blueprint%20for%20Balance%20Broken%20Windows%20Full%20Report.pdf>

(Source: Chartered Management Institute *Insights*, 26 Jan 2018)

Important report from CMI on working to achieve gender balance in the workplace. It includes info on how employers are working to achieve gender balance; “[...] key actions for senior leaders, line managers and diversity specialists alike to change cultures, address the broken windows, and take action across the six areas of CMI Women’s Blueprint for Business” [p8]; and sets out the basic blueprint which consists of:

- Balanced recruitment
- Pay and rewards
- Flexible working
- Skills and career development
- Mentoring and sponsorship
- Promoting leadership equality.

“Broken windows” refers to the day-to-day manifestations of gender bias which “[...] include being talked over in meetings, having their best ideas appropriated, being described as pushy or shrill when they are being decisive or firm, or being objectified.” [Taken from: <https://www.managers.org.uk/cmi-women/broken-windows?leadsrc=ldreport>]

“We must make work pay if we’re to improve living standards”

https://www.jrf.org.uk/blog/we-must-make-work-pay-to-improve-living-standards?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2029%20Jan%2017&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2029%20Jan%2017+CID_7f956b9ac2b077c558fa46aab034b4be&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20the%20blog

(Source: JRF *Weekly round-up*, 2 Feb 2018)

JRF blogpost which “[...] looks at the situation for people struggling to get by in the UK today.”

The post ends with a warning:

“This is about those struggling to get by, but it’s also about everyone. On the same day as the Coalition released its child poverty figures, a report from the RSA warned of an emerging 30:40:30 society, with around 30% of the population living comfortably, 40% just about managing and a bottom 30% not managing to get by at all. Economic insecurity is the new normal.

None of us, in other words, can afford to let this go unchecked. Although we have effectively full employment – with unemployment at its lowest since 1975 – real wages are falling and the decline is accelerating.”

The RSA report referred to is:

- *Thriving, striving, or just about surviving? Seven portraits of economic security and modern work in the UK*, https://www.thersa.org/globalassets/pdfs/reports/rsa_7-portraits-of-modern-work-report.pdf

UK poverty 2017: a comprehensive analysis of poverty trends and figures

https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/uk-poverty-2017?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%20Christmas%202017&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%20Christmas%202017+CID_13ae3c63dda3f9b349c7a9692b0be5a2

[&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20the%20re-search](#)

(Source: *JRF Round-up special: the highlights of 2017*, 15 Dec 2017)

“UK Poverty 2017 highlights that overall, 14 million people live in poverty in the UK – over one in five of the population. This is made up of eight million working-age adults, four million children and 1.9 million pensioners. 8 million live in families where at least one person is in work.

Over the last 20 years, the UK has dramatically reduced poverty among people who had traditionally been most at risk – pensioners and certain types of families with children. But that progress is beginning to unravel; poverty rates for both groups have started to rise again.”

“Findings” and full report available to download from the above weblink.

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Reboot UK: social outcomes powered by digital

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/sites/default/files/research-publications/reboot_social_outcomes_v5.pdf?utm_source=Good+Things+Foundation+News&utm_campaign=01f8162f5c-GT+Foundation+News+Feb+2018&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e9dc7b206a-01f8162f5c-110029601

(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Feb 2018)

New report which looks at the impact of Reboot UK phase 2, highlighting the effects:

- “Recovery powered by digital
- Re-integration powered by digital
- Improved outlook powered by digital.” [p8]

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“Being a digital ambassador for young carers”

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/news-and-blogs/blog/being-digital-ambassador-young-carers?utm_source=Good+Things+Foundation+News&utm_campaign=01f8162f5c-GT+Foundation+News+Feb+2018&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e9dc7b206a-01f8162f5c-110029601

(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Feb 2018)

Blogpost by Amen Dhesi who is a “Making Your Mind Up”* Digital Ambassador, writing about the importance of digital access for young carers.

* MYMUP, <https://twitter.com/MYMUPUK>.

“Austerity, rationing and inequity: trends in children’s and young peoples’ services expenditure in England between 2010 and 2015”

online version:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03003930.2018.1430028>

pdf version:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03003930.2018.1430028?needAccess=true>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Daily Bulletin*, 7 Feb 2018)

This is the research report that has received considerable media coverage recently. As *C&YP Now* highlight:

“Analysis of spending on children and young people's services across England over a five-year period found that the least affluent areas have been disproportionately affected by funding cuts.

The most deprived 20 per cent of councils saw their spending per child cut by a quarter (27 per cent) between 2010 and 2015, while the least deprived 20 per cent of areas experienced cuts of only four per cent.

Overall between 2010 and 2015 there was a 16 per cent cut in spending per child, the research by the University of Sheffield and University of Huddersfield found.

Researchers said there was an 11.7 per cent cut in total central government grants to councils by the coalition government in 2010 alone.”

[Taken from: https://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2004872/poor-areas-worst-affected-by-childrens-services-cuts?utm_content=&utm_campaign=070218_DailyNews&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fcyp%2Fnews%2F2004872%2Fpoor-areas-worst-affected-by-childrens-services-cuts]

Health & Wellbeing issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

A handbook for cultural engagement with people living with dementia

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=35485>

(Source: email from the National Alliance for Museums, Health & Wellbeing, 18 Dec 2017)

This handbook has grown out of The Whitworth’s programme, “Beyond Dementia”:

“Our core aims for Beyond Dementia were to stimulate imagination, encourage conversation and develop creative capacity whilst supporting active citizenship for those living with dementia. In partnership with Together Dementia Support and their activity group the Fabulous Forgetful Friends, we co-developed a programme of gallery visits culminating in an exhibition in the Whitworth’s Collection Centre. Museum professionals and creative practitioners led the workshops and were supported by trained volunteers.” [p13]

It includes sections on:

- Understanding dementia
- Top tips from the Fabulous Forgetful Friends
- Arts for dementia
- Lessons learnt
- Impact.

“Engaging Libraries projects underway”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/01/31/engaging-libraries-projects-underway/>

Guest Libraries Taskforce blogpost which introduces two London-based projects; announces the launch of a support network; and a brief “what next” section:

“One of the aims of Engaging Libraries is to evaluate whether these pilot projects are easily replicable and scalable in other locations, and where possible try to make some of that a reality. One of the unintended but extremely positive consequences of providing the projects with a forum where they can build relationships is, even in the early stages of the programme, watching the ‘we could do that’ light bulbs appear when people see the possibilities.”

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

Health & Wellbeing issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Making it easier: a Health Literacy Action Plan for Scotland

<https://scottishlibraries.org/media/1802/making-it-easier.pdf>

(Source: CILIP Public and Mobile Libraries Group *Newsletter*, Dec 2018)

Practice guidance document:

“The actions set out are designed to take the next steps in improving health literacy practice across the health and care system.” [p6]

It includes a specific section on how libraries and librarians can support Health Literacy [pp32-35].

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

How can your museum better welcome families with a wheelchair user?

<https://www.keepandshare.com/doc/8214937/kim-wheelchair-resource-england-pdf-248k?da=y>

(Source: email from the National Alliance for Museums, Health & Wellbeing, 2 Feb 2018)

Very useful new guide from Kids in Museums – and, of courses, applicable to other organisations too.

Disability issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

People with disabilities in employment

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7540/CBP-7540.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 31 Jan 2018)

New House of Commons Library Briefing Paper which analyses the latest employment stats.

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

“Heritage in action for adult education and vice versa”

<https://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/blog/epale-longreads-heritage-action-adult-education-and-vice-versa>

(Source: email from Jo Ward to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 1 Feb 2018)

“Jamtli Foundation runs a relatively large museum in Östersund in central Sweden in the region of Jämtland-Härjedalen, some 600 km north of Stockholm. Our museum, established in 1912, has a big role in the building and re-building of locals’ regional and national identity [...]

The board of Jamtli Foundation concluded that if our museum is to reach everyone who lives in Jämtland-Härjedalen, and if we want to contribute to the cohesion of all, we need to think carefully about what we represent in our museum and how we present it.

That is why in 2015, when the housing of the high number of refugees proved challenging even for the north of Sweden, the board of Jamtli Foundation decided to look into the possibility of building cheap but good-quality houses on the museum grounds for people in need.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

Out in the cold: homelessness among destitute refugees in London

<http://www.jrsuk.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Out-in-the-Cold-Homelessness-among-destitute-refugees-in-London-A-report-by-JRS-UK-January-2018-FINAL.pdf>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly News*, 30 Jan 2018)

“This report examines patterns of homelessness amongst the destitute refugees served by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in London. JRS UK provides support to those who have fled to the UK for safety and sought asylum, but who are struggling to gain recognition of their status as a refugee. Unable to leave the UK yet barred from working and with no access to government support, they are left destitute, often for many years.

Our survey of those who attended the JRS UK Day Centre in East London uncovered a widespread pattern of sporadic street homelessness: indeed the majority of respondents, including men and women of various ages, had been street homeless within the last year. This was coupled with very insecure accommodation in general.” [p6]

Safe but not settled: the impact of family separation on refugees in the UK

https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0004/2515/Safe_but_not_settled.pdf

(Source: EoE AS&R/MW *Newsflash* Dec 2017-Jan 2018)

“This joint report by the Refugee Council and Oxfam is one of the first to look at how family reunion and ongoing forced separation from loved ones affect the ability of refugees to successfully integrate into UK society.”

LGBTQ issues – Other Agencies

LGBT in Britain: trans report

<http://www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/lgbtinbritain-trans.pdf>

(Source: *Stonewall Newsletter*, 19 Jan 2018)

New research report from Stonewall, which highlights “[...] the profound levels of discrimination and hate crime faced by trans people in Britain today.” [Taken from:

http://www.stonewall.org.uk/lgbt-britain-trans-report?utm_source=Stonewall%20Newsletter%20-%20January&utm_campaign=e30b5e3b15-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4dd7c10a47-e30b5e3b15-209602993&mc_cid=e30b5e3b15&mc_eid=bfb9d438cb]

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

“Making sure there’s time to read”

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk/2018/02/06/making-sure-theres-time-to-read/>

Libraries Taskforce guest blogpost by Ian Anstice, outlining the work of the NW’s Time To Read collaboration (for more info, see: <http://www.time-to-read.co.uk/>).