

The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 257, 17 May 2018

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

“Culture Seeds”

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/culture-seeds>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 2 May 2018)

Now open for applications:

“The new grants will be used to support community-led cultural projects in every London borough.

Culture Seeds aims to help groups that usually miss out on grants because they are too small, too informal or from marginalised communities.”

Further info in the “Culture Seeds” prospectus,

<https://glagrants.org.uk/home/culture-seeds-grants/>.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Housing Secretary James Brokenshire awards funding to reduce rough sleeping”

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/housing-secretary-james-brokenshire-awards-funding-to-reduce-rough-sleeping?utm_source=b7c55d59-bc43-462b-9fb8-2b87eb69651b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Press release announcing three new pilot projects “[...] to support rough sleepers with complex needs get off the streets into stable and affordable accommodation.”

The projects are in: Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region and the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Lifting the lid on hidden homelessness: a new analysis

[https://www.justlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JL_UTA-Report-](https://www.justlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JL_UTA-Report-2017_HR_Web-)

[Ready.pdf?utm_source=IPPR+weekly+newsletter&utm_campaign=1c8cc273bf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b30c067fe-1c8cc273bf-277593261](https://www.justlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JL_UTA-Report-2017_HR_Web-Ready.pdf?utm_source=IPPR+weekly+newsletter&utm_campaign=1c8cc273bf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b30c067fe-1c8cc273bf-277593261)

(Source: *IPPR Newsletter*, 27 Apr 2018)

Important new report from Justlife*:

“The homelessness crisis in England is worsening. Year on year the numbers of rough sleepers appear to be multiplying before our eyes as we walk down our streets. Numbers published in government statistical reports indicate a similar truth in every aspect of homelessness. This report has uncovered that in the midst of these worsening statistics and better attempts at defining and quantifying homelessness, that tens of thousands of vulnerable people are still missing from the statistics and hidden from view.

We believe an estimated 51,500 homeless households are both lost and forgotten in [Unsupported Temporary Accommodation] and the truth of this reality is one of poor, unsafe conditions, a lack of support, insecurity in the accommodation and of little hope for anything better.” [p29]

* “Justlife Foundation is a charity which supports adults who are vulnerably housed or living in homeless unsupported temporary accommodation (UTA). Set up by local residents in 2008, Justlife started life as a weekly meal drop-in for homeless tenants UTA in east Manchester and has since grown to help over 500 individuals a year in Manchester and Brighton. The organisation uses innovative solutions to move people towards independent living, opening doorways to housing, healthcare and employment. For those living in UTA, Justlife aims to keep their stay as short, safe and healthy as possible. Justlife is one of the only organisations in England working with homeless adults living in UTA.” [Taken from: <https://lankellychase.org.uk/project-summary/justlife/>]

Improving Language, Improving Lives: resources for ESOL tutors

<https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Resources-for-ESOL-tutors-FINAL.pdf>

(Source: “Latest updates from Learning and Work Institute”, 17 May 2018)

“As part of the “Improving Language, Improving Lives” project in partnership with the Learning & Work Institute, The Bell Foundation has published an ESOL Tutor Resource Pack to support tutors working in the secure estate and in community rehabilitation/probation settings. The resources combine language learning with embedded wider capabilities in numeracy, digital, health, financial and civic (including elements of personal and social development), designed to make learning engaging and relevant to life in prison and in the community.”

“Jojo Moyes steps in to save Quick Reads literacy scheme from closure”

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-44053679?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXIub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-a50da9615eade411941000155d035a19-7109a39ff3a040ba9b1a1463681f16fc&esid=485aac37-5358-e811-9487-00155d035b20&urlid=23

(Source: “Latest updates from Learning and Work Institute”, 17 May 2018)

Just in case you haven't seen this ...

Helping rural businesses thrive: a toolkit for supporting rural business with digital skills

https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/sites/default/files/research-publications/princes_countryside_fund_toolkit.pdf

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

“For the last three years, thanks to funding from the Prince's Countryside Fund, we've worked together with three Online Centres to bring digital skills and confidence to small businesses, community organisations and individuals in some of the most rural areas of England. This toolkit - developed in partnership with our three Online Centres - is for individuals or organisations looking to start a project in a rural area supporting businesses with digital skills.”

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

“Healthy Libraries and Healthy Communities”

<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/healthy-libraries-and-videos.html>

(Source: *WebJunction Crossroads*, 2 May 2018)

Round-up of examples of health initiatives in the US (and interesting that the library involved has trademarked “StoryWalk”!)

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Engaging with employers in the hiring of refugees: a 10-point multi-stakeholder action plan for employers, refugees, governments and civil society

<http://www.unhcr.org/5adde9904>

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 74, Apr 2018)

Important new guidance from the OECD and UNHCR. The plan includes the following actions:

1. Navigate the administrative framework
2. Provide employers with sufficient legal certainty
3. Identify and verify refugees' skills
4. Developing skills for job-readiness
5. Match refugee talent with employers' needs
6. Provide equal opportunities in recruitment and combat stereotypes
7. Prepare the working environment
8. Enable long-term employability
9. Make the business case for hiring refugees
10. Coordinate actions between all stakeholders

and is also illustrated with very brief case-studies.

World Migration Report 2018

<http://www.iom.int/wmr/world-migration-report-2018>

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 74, Apr 2018)

Latest report from the International Organisation for Migration.

“The World Migration Report 2018 seeks to use the body of available data and research on migration to contribute to more evidence-based analysis and policy debates about some of the most important and pressing global migration issues of our time.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Diwali in the West Midlands: City of Leicester”

http://citiesofmigration.ca/good_idea/diwali-in-the-west-midlands/

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 74, Apr 2018)

Apart from the geographical slip, this is an interesting, brief article about Leicester as “a ‘community of communities’”.

Who is immigration policy for? The media-politics of the Hostile Environment

Full report: <https://corporatewatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/CW-Who-is-immigration-policy-for.pdf>

Summary: <https://corporatewatch.org/who-is-immigration-policy-for-the-media-politics-of-the-hostile-environment/>

(Source: Migrants Rights Network *Weekly News*, 1 May 2018)

In this very timely report, Corporate Watch* looks at the development of recent immigration policy, and argues that they are not being successful:

“For 20 years UK governments have continually introduced new immigration control measures, each more vicious than the last. The Conservatives’ current ‘Hostile Environment’ approach builds on Blair’s legacy: Labour passed five major immigration acts in 1999-2009, dramatically expanding the detention and deportation system and making swingeing attacks on asylum rights.

The official aim of all these policies is ‘control’: whether that means simply cutting numbers, or making sure only the ‘right’ kinds of immigrants enter. But, in those terms, none of these clampdowns actually work [...]”

* “Corporate Watch is a not-for-profit co-operative providing critical information on the social and environmental impacts of corporations and capitalism. Since 1996 our research, journalism, analysis and training have supported people affected by corporations and those taking action for radical social change.” See: <https://corporatewatch.org/about/>.

“Far more Britons live in Europe than government statistics suggest”

https://theconversation.com/far-more-britons-live-in-europe-than-government-statistics-suggest-95477?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The%20Weekend%20Conversation%20-%20100498762&utm_content=The%20Weekend%20Conversation%20-%20100498762+CID_8b10bcc8acd1af606e76cff07dd5d356&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Far%20more%20Britons%20live%20in%20Europe%20than%20government%20statistics%20suggest

(Source: *The Conversation*, 28 Apr 2018)

Interesting article that questions the latest ONS figures:

“The UK’s Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recently [produced estimates](#) of the number of British citizens living in the European Union (EU). The numbers, apparently, have declined from 1.22m prior to 2017, to “around 900,000” ([Jan 2017](#)), and more latterly to 784,900 ([April 2018](#)).

Meanwhile, our [research](#) has revealed that most informed commentators (academics, local government officials, consular offices, and others who work with the British abroad) understand numbers to have changed little since 2008, and that the correct, conservative, estimate is closer to [1.8m](#).”

“Dispersing refugees around a country puts them at an immediate disadvantage – why this matters for integration”

https://theconversation.com/dispersing-refugees-around-a-country-puts-them-at-an-immediate-disadvantage-why-this-matters-for-integration-94791?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2010%202018%20-%20101468896&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2010%202018%20-%20101468896+CID_420032c9d93301cde8ed63c220ad8d07&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Dispersing%20refugees%20around%20a%20country%20puts%20them%20at%20an%20immediate%20disadvantage%20%20why%20this%20matters%20for%20integration

(Source: *The Conversation*, 10 May 2018)

Article introducing a new paper* that looks at the issues surrounding dispersal of refugees – the paper finds that “[...] government policies to disperse refugees around host countries can have a negative impact on their future employment levels.”

*(*The Struggle for*) *Refugee Integration into the Labour Market: Evidence from Europe*, http://www.cream-migration.org/publ_uploads/CDP_16_17.pdf

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

“Newly formed Heritage Council will help ensure sector thrives”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/newly-formed-heritage-council-will-help-ensure-sector-thrives>

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 17 May 2018)

Just in case you haven’t seen this press release, 3 May:

“The Heritage Council seeks to strengthen the link between the country’s heritage and the wider regeneration and placemaking agenda as well as helping government to best support the heritage sector [...]

Core membership of the Heritage Council is made up of: DCMS; DEFRA; MHCLG and HMT along with Historic England; The Heritage Lottery

Fund; The Heritage Alliance; Natural England; The National Trust and Historic Houses.

The aim of the Council will enable collaboration and the exchange of ideas so that government and the sector can work together to protect and preserve Britain's heritage for future generations."

Broader issues – Other Agencies

"Pale, male and stale? What I learned while researching diversity and volunteering"

https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2018/04/23/pale-male-and-stale-three-things-i-learned-doing-research-on-diversity-and-volunteering/?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXIub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-449e2fd22746e411b4e4d89d6765e198-4fceef8719e14ca189b61993143eb088&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Networks%3A%20Monthly%20Members%20Bulletin&esid=8d824b88-8648-e811-8141-e0071b652f51&urlid=14

(Source: NCVO *Member Update*, Apr 2018)

Blogpost from Lisa Hornung (NCVO Research Officer):

"While working on *Getting Involved* [...], a report we published in 2017, we looked at the different ways people get involved in society, where they do it and whether it has changed. These are the top three things I learned about who gets involved, which I also presented at a session on volunteering and diversity at the NCVO Annual Conference last week."