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Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

Conference Call for Papers: “Women & Power: Redressing the Balance”, University of Oxford, 6-7 March 2019

<http://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/call-papers-women-power-redressing-balance>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 379, 21 Sep 2018)

“Throughout 2018 the National Trust is running a programme of public events, exhibitions and new interpretation to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act which granted some women the right to vote in British parliamentary elections for the first time. We are one of many heritage, cultural and academic institutions marking this anniversary.

Many of the programmes, exhibitions and events responding to the centenary this year are not only exploring the stories of 100 years ago but openly questioning the representation of women’s lives in the histories inherited by curators and researchers, and experienced in public life, today. This two day conference will bring together researchers and heritage professionals to reflect on previous practice, explore the delivery of and response to events of 2018, and look forward to the future of representing women’s histories.”

Further info on above website.

Abstracts + a short biography are required by **Monday 29 October 2018**.

Macquarie 50th Anniversary Award

<https://www.macquarie.com/us/about/community/50award>

(Source: NCVO Funding Central *Newsletter*, 26 Sep 2018)

Opportunity for large organisations to apply for grants:

“Macquarie’s 50th Anniversary Award will be shared by approximately five organisations globally, with funding to be delivered over a period of five years.

Award objectives:

- to build on an eligible organisation’s ability to address an area of social need
- to encourage eligible organisations to be bold in their thinking about how to address social needs
- to support excellence in the implementation of these bold ideas
- to publicly promote the selected organisations’ work and inspire continuing best practice within the social sector.”

Applications are now open and will close at **5pm, Friday 16 November 2018**

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

“Discussing Race with Young Kids | First Steps”

<https://slj.com/?detailStory=discussing-race-with-young-kids-first-steps>

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 25 Sep 2018)

Important article from the US *School Library Journal*:

“At a recent teacher workshop at the Brooklyn Public Library, ‘Talking About Race in the Classroom,’ educators and librarians discussed situations when we had heard young kids mention race, and how we responded. During the event, two white teachers said that their kindergartners ‘don’t see color’ and are ‘too young to say or think racist things.’

However, research shows that from infancy, children categorize visual attributes and assign meaning to them. If we don’t talk about race from a young age, we miss a critical window.”

Also includes lists of resources.

“Empire Windrush, Notting Hill and the importance of archives”

<http://www.irr.org.uk/news/empire-windrush-notting-hill-and-the-importance-of-archives/>

(Source: *IRR News*, 13-26 Sep 2018)

Short article by the coordinator of the Institute of Race Relations Black History Collection on the importance of archives:

“At a time when society is beginning to re-examine itself, through the re-emergence of disregarded histories and sustained critical interrogation of the media, the Black History Collection and other such archives are so important. For they give the younger generation, my generation, an opportunity to discover what we didn’t know, see how things were and learn from them.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Three reasons some countries are far more unequal than others”

https://theconversation.com/three-reasons-some-countries-are-far-more-unequal-than-others-103638?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20September%2026%202018%20-%201121310032&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20September%2026%202018%20-%201121310032+CID_ac57fb9427eee849d849e379af373f15&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Three%20reasons%20some%20countries%20are%20far%20more%20unequal%20than%20others

(Source: *The Conversation*, 26 Sep 2018)

Interesting insight into inequality:

“Why do the richest 1% of Americans take 20% of national income, but the richest 1% of Danes only 6%? Why have affluent British people seen their share of national income double since 1980, while over the same period, the income share of wealthy Dutch hasn’t budged? [...]

To explain why some advanced capitalist countries are more unequal than others, we need to look beyond the market and explore the role of politics and power in shaping distributive outcomes.”

Also has a link to the new book by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, *The inner level* (see: <https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/188607/the-inner-level/9781846147418.html>).

Digital exclusion in Gypsy and Traveller communities in the United Kingdom

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Digital-Inclusion-in-Gypsy-and-Traveller-communities-FINAL-1.pdf>).

Source: Clinks *Health and Justice Bulletin*, September 2018

New report from Friends, Families and Travellers.

The key findings include:

- “One in five Gypsy and Traveller participants had never used the internet, compared to one in ten members of the general population.
- Over half of Gypsy and Traveller participants said that they did not feel confident using digital technology by themselves.
- Only two in five Gypsies and Travellers surveyed said that they use the internet daily, compared to four out of five of the general population.
- Only 38% of Gypsies and Travellers (33% if housed) had a household internet connection, compared to 86% of the general population.” [p1]

Two of the recommendations are also important for us:

- “Policy makers should consider the digital exclusion faced by Gypsy and Traveller communities when carrying out Equality Impact Assessments.
- All government services which take a digital first approach should ensure that other options are available to populations experiencing digital exclusion.” [p1]

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

“Launching the MARCH Network: Social, Cultural and Community Assets for Mental Health”

<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/iehc/2018/09/05/launching-the-march-network-social-cultural-and-community-assets-for-mental-health/>

(Source: *Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance Bulletin*, Sep 2018)

“Mental health is the single largest cause of disability in the UK, and it is estimated that almost a quarter of the country’s population are affected by mental health issues each year. So in September 2018, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) announced £8 million of funding to bring researchers, charities and other organisations together to address important mental health research questions. One of the grants for £1.25m has been awarded to Dr Daisy Fancourt, Institute of Epidemiology and Health Care at UCL. Here she tells us about her new programme.

I am delighted to be launching the new MARCH Network. While many approaches to mental health focus on a ‘deficit’ approach, identifying and fixing ‘problems’, this new national network takes an ‘asset-based approach’, which gives prominence to the resources (or ‘assets’) that exist within our communities. This network proposes that these Assets for Resilient Communities lie at the centre of Mental Health (M-ARC-H), and can enhance public mental health and wellbeing, help to prevent mental illness and support those living with mental health conditions.

Specifically, we’re focusing on social, cultural and community assets which include the arts, culture, heritage, libraries, parks, community gardens, allotments, care farms, leisure centres, volunteer associations, social clubs and community groups.”

Further info about this new network at the weblink above, plus a link to sign up to receive updates and to get more involved.

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

‘We look after our own’: dementia in Gypsy and Traveller communities

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Dementia-in-Gypsy-and-Traveller-communities-1.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 14 Aug 2018)

Brief report of research looking into:

“[...] awareness of the symptoms of dementia in Gypsy and Traveller communities, awareness of ways to reduce the risk of dementia, and to find out more about access to care and support for dementia.”

The key findings were:

- “Campaigns raising awareness about risk reduction activities to prevent dementia are often not reaching Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- A significant number of Gypsies and Travellers would not attempt to access support for dementia because they feel that they would not receive culturally appropriate care.
- The majority of Gypsies and Travellers share a strong preference for carers from within the Gypsy and Traveller communities.” [p1]

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

EEA migration in the UK: final report

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741926/Final EEA report.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741926/Final_EEA_report.PDF)

This key report from the Migration Advisory Committee has had a lot of media coverage. The main conclusions are:

“A managed migration system could benefit the resident population though there would be winners and losers and the size of the benefits are likely to be modest. The evidence shows benefits would be best achieved through shifting the mix of work migration towards higher-skilled workers. If freedom of movement ends, the migration of EEA workers will become harder. Our proposals for changes to the Tier 2 visa system – removing the cap, widening the range of jobs permitted, and reducing bureaucracy - mean that the change would be less for medium-skilled workers than low-skilled workers and less still for high-skilled workers. For non-EEA workers, our Tier 2 proposals would make it easier to hire migrants into high and medium-skilled jobs but make no change for lower-skilled.” [pp6-7]

There is a helpful brief outline of the report in *The Independent*:

“Immigration myths that fuelled Brexit blown apart by major government-commissioned report”,

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-myths-brexite-leave-government-report-eu-citizens-migrants-tax-income-a8543121.html>.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

National Conversation on Immigration: final report

<http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Final-report.National-Conversation.17.9.18.pdf>

“The National Conversation on Immigration is the biggest-ever public consultation on immigration and integration [...]

The current immigration system does not command public trust: this will only be restored by engaging the public in a debate about their views and concerns, and what policies we should now put in place.

Coordinated by British Future and HOPE not hate, the National Conversation on Immigration set out to hear from those with less voice in policy decisions. It comprised over 130 meetings with local citizens and stakeholders in 60 locations across every nation and region of the UK, together with an online survey [of] people and nationally representative research by ICM. In total 19,951 people took part.

This final report provides a comprehensive evidence base of public views on immigration, including reports from each of the 60 locations visited. It concludes with a series of recommendations to national and local government, business and civil society

The National Conversation on Immigration examines whether it is possible to build a consensus on immigration policy and what steps are needed to do so. It offers a model for deeper, ongoing public engagement from the Government on this issue as Britain sets out its future approach to immigration.” [Taken from: <http://www.britishfuture.org/publication/national-conversation-immigration-final-report/>]

NB Fuller assessment to appear in *The Network Newsletter*.

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

“Children need libraries – quotes on their importance”

<http://www.aneharding.net/2815/children-need-libraries-quotes-importance/>

(Source: email alert from Anne Harding Training, 26 Sep 2018)

Valuable round-up of quotes about the importance of libraries and reading.

Safeguarding for museums: a series of short guides. 1. DBS Checks – who needs one?

<http://sharemuseumseast.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Safeguarding-for-Museums-DBS.pdf>

(Source: email from Sally Ackroyd, SHARE Museums East, 4 Oct 2018)

Very useful brief guide to whether a DBS check is needed – or not.

SHARE Museums East is the Museum Development Programme for the East of England – see: <http://www.sharemuseumseast.org.uk/>.