



## The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 273, 22 February 2019

### Events

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

### Funding & Opportunities

**“Five areas to share £20 million to unleash creativity across the nation”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/five-areas-to-share-20-million-to-unleash-creativity-across-the-nation>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 386, 31 Jan 2019)

“Grimsby, Thames Estuary, Plymouth, Wakefield and Worcester will receive millions of pounds of funding to invest in culture”

There may be more opportunities to get involved in these:

#### **“Details of the winning bids:**

##### **Wakefield:**

Wakefield will receive more than £4.4 million . Bringing together major and respected cultural organisations including Yorkshire Sculpture Park and The Hepworth Wakefield, this project will turn Wakefield into an internationally renowned location promoting our world-class creative industries.

##### **Grimsby:**

Grimsby will receive £3.2 million. The bid will deliver a new programme of international events and public art to revive the town centre, provide a business support programme for local creative businesses and create new production facilities in the town’s historic centre.

##### **Plymouth:**

Plymouth will receive £3.5 million to develop the use of immersive and digital technologies to drive growth in the local creative economy and bring to life the cultural programme to mark the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower ship’s pioneering voyage.

##### **Thames Estuary:**

The Thames Estuary will receive £4.3 million to help develop a globally-significant creative production corridor. Through a programme of cultural R&D, training and mentoring for local organisations, and new arts

commissioning, a consortium of partners will develop a well-connected creative cluster.

**Worcester:**

Worcester will receive £3 million to regenerate the iconic railway arches, providing affordable creative workspaces and business support. The bid will provide support for a festivals programme helping to diversify the local cultural offering and will retain local creative graduates to the city.”

**Community Archive & Heritage Awards 2019**

<https://www.communityarchives.org.uk/content/category/awards/community-archive-heritage-awards-2019>

(Source: *Community Archives Newsletter*, 19 Feb 2019)

“Our annual Awards are open to all community groups in the UK and Ireland who are members of CAHG [...]

For Awards 2019 there are three categories. The categories are Community Engagement, Gathering Heritage, and Most Impactful involvement in a Heritage Project by Young People.”

Application form at:

<https://www.communityarchives.org.uk/content/awards/community-archive-heritage-awards-2019/application-form>.

The closing date for entries is **31 March 2019**.

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

**“Diversity within the Profession – speech to CILIP West Midlands Members Day”**

[https://www.cilip.org.uk/general/custom.asp?page=DiversitywithintheProfession&utm\\_source=Email%20marketing&utm\\_medium=Informz&utm\\_campaign=Email%20marketing](https://www.cilip.org.uk/general/custom.asp?page=DiversitywithintheProfession&utm_source=Email%20marketing&utm_medium=Informz&utm_campaign=Email%20marketing)

(Source: *Weekly news from CILIP*, 13 Feb 2019)

Important speech by Nick Poole (CILIP CE), looking at the lack of diversity in librarianship, and announcing CILIP’s new direction:

“So at the last Board meeting two weeks ago, we began an important conversation about putting inclusion, diversity and equality right at the forefront of what we are. We have proposed a new vision of “Inclusive, participatory and socially-engaged information services and libraries at the heart of their communities”.

We have put forward a proposed new mission statement for CILIP to become an activist organisation, inspiring librarians and information professionals to change lives.

We have committed to the values of librarianship as defined by the new Ethical Principles - “Human rights, equalities and diversity, preservation

of access to knowledge, public benefit, intellectual freedom, impartiality & confidentiality”.

We have set out the ambition to publish a manifesto - building on the work of CDEG and Libraries Change Lives – sharing and celebrating the multiplicity of ways in which all types of library and information service can support diverse communities. We will publish this manifesto for a new role for CILIP as an activist organisation at the beginning of April.”

**“As a librarian I spend most of my time helping benefits claimants work out the Universal Credit system”**

<https://inews.co.uk/news/uk/universal-credit-claimants-librarian-help-application/>

(Source: *Weekly news from CILIP*, 6 Jan 2019)

“A lot of my time is spent helping people with computers. People use them because they’re free. They need them for benefits support and the applications for Universal Credit. And things like job applications and printing out CVs.”

**“‘We’re beyond capacity for this’: how universal credit’s online application could shut out the people who need it most**

<https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/politics/universal-credit-problems-digital-online-only-libraries-dwp-benefits>

(Source: Weekly update from the CILIP CEO’s office - w/c 11.02.2019)

Important article about the lack of resources to support Universal Credit claimants:

“The DWP say that claimants can use libraries and job centre computers to apply to the online-only benefit. But that’s not enough.”

**“If we’re talking inclusivity, then include me”**

<https://libdiverse.wordpress.com/2019/02/15/if-were-talking-inclusivity-then-include-me/>

(Source: News from CILIP CEO Nick Poole, 18 Feb 2019)

Important blogpost by Heena Karavadra (Academic Librarian, University of Leicester):

“In the past year, I’ve noticed an increase in the talks surrounding diversity and inclusivity within the library profession. But what’s often missing from these discussions is the voices of those who are actually affected by these issues.”

**“Archives and Learning for All”**

<https://aranewprofessionals.wordpress.com/2019/02/15/archives-and-learning-for-all-alicia-chilcott/>

In Jan, ARA’s Archives for Learning and Education Section hosted an event, “Archives and Learning for All: Engaging Diverse Communities” (which JV attended part of – and it was excellent).

Alicia Chilcott has written up brief outlines of the sessions.

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

### **Policy priorities – education**

[https://www.equalityni.org/Education/Policy?utm\\_source=NewZapp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=e-zine-Feb19](https://www.equalityni.org/Education/Policy?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=e-zine-Feb19)

The Equality Commission Northern Ireland has published its priorities which include:

- Tackling prejudice-based bullying
- Addressing inequalities in attainment and access experienced by Traveller, Roma and Newcomer children
- Recommendations ‘of benefit to all children’ (eg advance childcare and early-years provision to meet the diverse needs of all children; to drive attainment via collaborative approaches involving family and the wider community; and to put in place a system for learning from successful interventions.)

### **Addressing inclusion: effectively challenging racism in schools**

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b0353f\\_dc2e501101154002b90e87b9dfaea6d8.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b0353f_dc2e501101154002b90e87b9dfaea6d8.pdf)

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 600, 18 Feb 2019)

Important new guidance:

“This resource provides information and guidance to school staff on addressing racist bullying in Scottish schools and has been written to complement [the national strategy]” [p5]

The national strategy is *Respect for all: the National Approach to Anti-Bullying for Scotland’s children and young people*,

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/respect-national-approach-anti-bullying-scotlands-children-young-people/>.

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

### **How do we build community cohesion when hate crime is on the rise?**

<http://www.appghatecrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/APPG%20on%20Hate%20Crime%20Report%20Hate%20Crime%20and%20Community%20Cohesion.pdf>

(Source: Equality and Diversity Forum *Newsletter*, 14 Feb 2019)

New report from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hate Crime.

Key findings include:

- “Hate crime is often intersectional in nature (e.g. many victims are women as well as being black, LGBT, Muslim etc.). However, the current legislation does not allow for this intersectionality to be recorded so the picture that authorities have lacks depth and subtlety
- Hate crime has a markedly greater impact on the emotional and mental well-being of victims when compared to non-hate motivated offences

- Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to hate crime, both through absorbing harmful online content as well as being exposed to the prejudices of adults in their day to day lives
- It was largely agreed that current hate crime legislation is fragmented and creates a 'hierarchy of hate' that needs to be addressed (e.g. racism and religious hate crime can carry a greater penalty than LGBT or disability related hate crimes).” [Taken from: [https://www.edf.org.uk/appg-on-hate-crime-report-how-can-we-build-community-cohesion-when-hate-crime-is-on-the-rise/?utm\\_source=Equality+and+Diversity+Forum+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=8286decee7-February+Newsletter+14%2F02%2F2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_104ed5022f-8286decee7-58965893](https://www.edf.org.uk/appg-on-hate-crime-report-how-can-we-build-community-cohesion-when-hate-crime-is-on-the-rise/?utm_source=Equality+and+Diversity+Forum+Newsletter&utm_campaign=8286decee7-February+Newsletter+14%2F02%2F2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_104ed5022f-8286decee7-58965893)]

### Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

**“Rough sleeping is on the decline, so why does it seem like there are more homeless on the streets?”**

[https://theconversation.com/rough-sleeping-is-on-the-decline-so-why-does-it-seem-like-there-are-more-homeless-on-the-streets-111111?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296+Version+A+CID\\_341df5b45f546f1620e5c3b711a1559a&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=Rough%20sleeping%20is%20on%20the%20decline%20so%20why%20does%20it%20seem%20like%20there%20are%20more%20homeless%20on%20the%20streets](https://theconversation.com/rough-sleeping-is-on-the-decline-so-why-does-it-seem-like-there-are-more-homeless-on-the-streets-111111?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296+Version+A+CID_341df5b45f546f1620e5c3b711a1559a&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Rough%20sleeping%20is%20on%20the%20decline%20so%20why%20does%20it%20seem%20like%20there%20are%20more%20homeless%20on%20the%20streets)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 5 Feb 2019)

Important article, urging us to look beyond the headline figures:

“The latest official count of [rough sleepers](#) across England found a 2% reduction from 2017 to 2018. But walking past snow-covered sleeping bags on the pavement of the UK’s major cities, it’s hard to believe that there’s been any improvement.

Context is important here: the total number of people estimated to be rough sleeping on a given night in 2018 is 4,677 – that’s 74 fewer people than the previous year. In cities where people move for work and opportunity, including London, Manchester and Birmingham, the figures are up - again. In any case, the count of rough sleepers should be approached with caution. These figures are only a snapshot, a head count taken in every local authority in England on a given night.

While it’s useful for councils to know, at a given point, how many people are homeless on the street, the data does not capture the movement of rough sleepers throughout the year, nor provide a clear picture of the number of people in need and what challenges they’re facing, such as poor physical and mental health, difficulties in accessing healthcare, education and employment and feelings of anxiety and hopelessness.”

**“These maps show how tricky it is to measure inequality in local areas across England”**

[https://theconversation.com/these-maps-show-how-tricky-it-is-to-measure-inequality-in-local-areas-across-england-109143?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2018%202019%20-%201239011420&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2018%202019%20-%201239011420+CID\\_2c2012fb37e60c1df798d4633520eaf6&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=These%20maps%20show%20how%20tricky%20it%20is%20to%20measure%20inequality%20in%20local%20areas%20across%20England](https://theconversation.com/these-maps-show-how-tricky-it-is-to-measure-inequality-in-local-areas-across-england-109143?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2018%202019%20-%201239011420&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2018%202019%20-%201239011420+CID_2c2012fb37e60c1df798d4633520eaf6&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=These%20maps%20show%20how%20tricky%20it%20is%20to%20measure%20inequality%20in%20local%20areas%20across%20England)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 18 Feb 2019)

This is a very interesting and important piece of research which shows that, whereas we tend to think of places as being deprived or affluent, in fact there are mixes everywhere – and particular types of deprivation, such as rural, are often ignored.

“We want to cut through old stereotypes and divisions, by presenting data in a new way, which sheds light on the longstanding inequalities within and between places – no matter how big or small, or urban or rural they are.

By the time we complete our project in 2020, we hope to produce an atlas of inequality, which illustrates the scale and severity of inequality across England, right down to a local level – since that’s where its impacts are felt most keenly.”

**“London’s 2011 riots: report blames deprivation and poor policing – not mad, bad, dangerous people”**

[https://theconversation.com/londons-2011-riots-report-blames-deprivation-and-poor-policing-not-mad-bad-dangerous-people-111770?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2015%202019%20-%201236511402&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2015%202019%20-%201236511402+CID\\_d2ecdf87fd639cea5c8e910160815a15&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=Londons%202011%20riots%20report%20blames%20deprivation%20and%20poor%20policing%20%20not%20mad%20bad%20dangerous%20people](https://theconversation.com/londons-2011-riots-report-blames-deprivation-and-poor-policing-not-mad-bad-dangerous-people-111770?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2015%202019%20-%201236511402&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2015%202019%20-%201236511402+CID_d2ecdf87fd639cea5c8e910160815a15&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Londons%202011%20riots%20report%20blames%20deprivation%20and%20poor%20policing%20%20not%20mad%20bad%20dangerous%20people)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 15 Feb 2019)

Interesting article which reports findings from a recent research project looking in more depth at the background to the 2011 riots.

The report, *Re-reading the 2011 English riots*, is at:

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=beyond-contagion-report-for-the-guardian-january-2019.pdf&site=557>.

### ***The London clearances: race, housing and policing***

<http://www.irr.org.uk/publications/issues/the-london-clearances-race-housing-and-policing/>

(Source: *IRR News*, 6-19 Feb 2019)

The Institute of Race Relations has just published this “challenging background paper”:

“There are thousands of people waiting for housing across the capital, and yet new housing developments are not being built to meet their needs. Instead, the report reveals how ‘regeneration’ projects are being used to actively dispossess working-class and low-income families of their homes. This process, often referred to as ‘social cleansing’, has previously been understood as a class issue. But the fact that BAME families are over-represented in social housing in the capital and highly racialised language was used to describe London’s post-war housing estates in the aftermath of the 2011 riots, would strongly suggest, the IRR argues, that this is also a race issue.

IRR researcher Jessica Perera says, ‘this is a replication of the government’s “hostile environment” policy. Instead of the policy being a prelude to moving people out of the country, it is, at a local level, a prelude to decanting BAME families from local authority land.’”

[Quotations taken from press release, <http://www.irr.org.uk/news/the-london-clearances-a-background-paper-on-race-housing-and-policing/>]

NB Charged-for publication.

### ***The Prince’s Trust eBay youth index 2019***

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/research-policies-reports/youth-index-2019>

(Source: email from The Prince’s Trust, 21 Feb 2019)

In this, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the index:

“Based on an online survey of 2,162 young people across the UK aged 16-25, this year’s Youth Index scores register the lowest levels in a decade:

- 57% of those aged between 16 and 25, believe social media has generated a pressure that continues to swell up, causing detriment to themselves, their future and their overall quality of life
- 41% of young people feel more confident online than they do in person
- Online confidence trumping that of real-life confidence is significantly more prevalent in 16-18 year olds (at 47%) than it is in 19-25 year olds” [Taken from website]

Key issues include:

- The ease by which young people can compare themselves to their peers on social media cannot be overlooked. This year’s report shows that comparison online can intensify the existing insecurities and instabilities that young people face.
- Young people have great ambitions and plans for their life, but the considerable pressure they put on themselves can take its toll.
- An unstable political and economic landscape, financial worries and the ever-increasing presence of social media, makes a complicated backdrop for this generation.
- Young women’s responses suggest they are more likely than young men to put too much pressure on themselves, and to be more negatively affected by life online. However their differing experiences means the reality is more complex. [Taken from p4]

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

#### **“Art psychotherapy can help people explore themselves through museum exhibits”**

[https://theconversation.com/art-psychotherapy-can-help-people-explore-themselves-through-museum-exhibits-107387?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296+Version+A+CID\\_341df5b45f546f1620e5c3b711a1559a&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=Art%20psychotherapy%20can%20help%20people%20explore%20themselves%20through%20museum%20exhibits](https://theconversation.com/art-psychotherapy-can-help-people-explore-themselves-through-museum-exhibits-107387?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%205%202019%20-%201227411296+Version+A+CID_341df5b45f546f1620e5c3b711a1559a&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Art%20psychotherapy%20can%20help%20people%20explore%20themselves%20through%20museum%20exhibits)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 5 Feb 2019)

Interesting article about the increasing use of museums in therapy:

“The idea of receiving psychotherapy in a museum might seem unusual. However, art psychotherapists are increasingly looking towards the rich resources of museums and galleries to aid them in their clinical work.”

#### **“The benefits of collaborative effort: a new health information initiative”**

<https://ciliplondon.wordpress.com/2019/02/15/the-benefits-of-collaborate-effort-a-new-health-information-initiative/>

(Source: News from CILIP CEO Nick Poole, 18 Feb 2019)

“Public library users in Redbridge are getting help to navigate health information on a 1-2-1 face to face basis!

[...] Aubrey Keep Library, NELFT NHS Foundation Trust has partnered with Redbridge Libraries to provide health information “drop-in” sessions at libraries across the borough. The two hour sessions are staffed by health information specialists who are able to ascertain user information needs and signpost to relevant, high quality resources.”

## Disability issues – Other Agencies

**“Forget the Bird Box challenge: Try dealing with automated services when you are blind”**

<https://www.thejournal.ie/readme/the-real-bird-box-challenge-is-surviving-with-vision-impairment-as-technology-replaces-people-4471930-Feb2019/>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 261, 15 Feb 2019)

Thought-provoking post about the lack of access in many organisations with self-service:

“Undoubtedly, living with a vision impairment presents significant challenges and obstacles, although probably not the ones you’d expect, and certainly not the ones portrayed in *Bird Box* [\*]

Take a simple example of going to the bank – if you imagined yourself doing this as a blind person, you might think that finding the building would be one of the biggest problems – but you’d be wrong.

What happens when you get to the bank and it doesn’t have any cashiers?

One of the biggest problems with modern banks – as well as lots of other businesses – is that the majority of their terminals are now touchscreen and they are not accessible for people who are vision impaired.

Trust me, it’s hugely challenging to do anything independently when you can’t see that screen.”

\* *Bird Box* has somehow passed me by! According to Wikipedia:

“*Bird Box* is a 2018 American post-apocalyptic thriller film, directed by Susanne Bier from a screenplay written by Eric Heisserer, and based on the 2014 novel of the same name by Josh Malerman. The film follows a woman, played by Sandra Bullock, and a pair of children, who must travel through a forest and down a river blindfolded to avoid supernatural entities that cause people who look at them to commit suicide.”

Taken from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird\\_Box\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird_Box_(film)).

## Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

***Settling in 2018: indicators of immigrant integration***

[https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/indicators-of-immigrant-integration-2018\\_9789264307216-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/indicators-of-immigrant-integration-2018_9789264307216-en)

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 77, Jan/Feb 2019)

“This joint OECD-European Commission publication presents a comprehensive international comparison across all EU and OECD countries - as well as selected G20 countries - of the integration outcomes of immigrants and their children, using 74 indicators based on three strands: labour market and skills; living conditions; and civic engagement and social integration.”

## Migration issues – Other Agencies

### “Entry Hub – because integration is local: We Link Sweden”

[http://citiesofmigration.ca/good\\_idea/entry-hub-because-integration-is-local/](http://citiesofmigration.ca/good_idea/entry-hub-because-integration-is-local/)

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 77, Jan/Feb 2019)

Introduction to an interesting Swedish project:

“In a time of apps, websites and automation, connecting in-person can seem like a thing of the past. But for job-seeking refugees, it can be the key to their success [...]

The We Link Sweden model champions close relationships with local city governments, non-government organizations, employers, researchers, and the refugees themselves to craft local, customized solutions that meet all their needs.”

### “Language has become a tool for social exclusion”

[https://theconversation.com/language-has-become-a-tool-for-social-exclusion-112028?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2022%202019%20-%201242711469&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2022%202019%20-%201242711469+CID\\_66103c58d76a5ef26d4e93cfb687b1e3&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=Language%20has%20become%20a%20tool%20for%20social%20exclusion](https://theconversation.com/language-has-become-a-tool-for-social-exclusion-112028?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2022%202019%20-%201242711469&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2022%202019%20-%201242711469+CID_66103c58d76a5ef26d4e93cfb687b1e3&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Language%20has%20become%20a%20tool%20for%20social%20exclusion)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 22 Feb 2019)

Interesting article that looks at our ambiguous approach to languages:

“Languages, in their plurality, enrich our experience of the world and our creative potential. Multilingualism opens up new ways of being and of doing, it connects us with others and provides a window into the diversity of our societies. And yet, despite the more positive statistics above, we are currently witnessing a deep divide.

On the one hand, multilingualism is associated with mobility, productivity and knowledge creation (see, for instance, the EU’s objective for all citizens to speak two languages in addition to their first one). On the other, monolingualism (speaking only one language) is still perceived as both the norm and the ideal for an allegedly well-functioning society. Linguistic diversity is seen as both suspicious and costly [...]

By projecting a deficit approach onto refugees and asylum seekers, their contribution to society is dismissed and both their presence and the linguistic diversity attached to it are perceived as problems or costs. This mechanism of exclusion relies on a hierarchy in which not all languages are equal or desirable.”