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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

World Book Night (23 Apr 2019) Resources

https://worldbooknight.org/resources?utm_source=The+Reading+Agency&utm_campaign=51c3e105cc-&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ef82b5d6fa-51c3e105cc-51507097&mc_cid=51c3e105cc&mc_eid=3fa1d39831

(Source: The Reading Agency *Newsletter*, Apr 2019)

The Reading Agency WBN webpage has:

“[...] lots of ideas to get you sharing a love of reading, whether you're celebrating with friends, family, in the local community or at work.”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Knife crime and gangs: how a decade of bad policy left deprived young people without real choice”

https://theconversation.com/knife-crime-and-gangs-how-a-decade-of-bad-policy-left-deprived-young-people-without-real-choice-113681?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%203%202019%20-%201276011843&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%203%202019%20-%201276011843+CID_add15a485dd6da05b842ddb1423d6e22&utm_source=campaign_monit_or_uk&utm_term=Knife%20crime%20and%20gangs%20how%20a%20decade%20of%20bad%20policy%20left%20deprived%20young%20people%20without%20real%20choice

(Source: *The Conversation*, 4 Apr 2019)

Interesting article by Robert Hesketh, Lecturer in Criminal Justice:

“I have read most of the theories and the recent government reports about why young people turn to gangs and crime. And I have also lived for four decades in a place void of real opportunity, where crime is common. So I know, through research and experience, that places such as Knowsley very quickly become hotspots for crime – not by choice, but because there is a lack of choice.”

“Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities endure worsening racism and inequality: this must be a turning point”

https://theconversation.com/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-communities-endure-worsening-racism-and-inequality-this-must-be-a-turning-point-114890?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%208%202019&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20Ap

[ril%20%202019+CID_9c6159d6bd7f2e05de0c38d1caa2477e&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Gypsy%20Roma%20and%20Traveller%20communities%20endure%20worsening%20racism%20and%20inequality%20this%20must%20be%20a%20turning%20point](https://www.conversation.co.uk/2019/04/08/cid_9c6159d6bd7f2e05de0c38d1caa2477e&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Gypsy%20Roma%20and%20Traveller%20communities%20endure%20worsening%20racism%20and%20inequality%20this%20must%20be%20a%20turning%20point)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 8 Apr 2019)

Important article for International Roma Day (8 Apr 2019), which outlines how Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities continue to experience open discrimination and prejudice, both in the UK and Europe.

It also mentions the new report from the House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee, *Tackling inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities* (see the summary at:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmwomeq/360/report-summary.html>, and the full report at:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmwomeq/360/360.pdf>).

See also coverage of the report at: https://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2006572/mps-call-for-action-to-improve-support-for-traveller-children?utm_content=&utm_campaign=080419_Update&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2F%2Fnews%2F2006572%2Fmps-call-for-action-to-improve-support-for-traveller-children.

“Good Things Happen - What are motivational barriers to getting online?”

<https://goodthingsfdn.podbean.com/e/good-things-happen-what-are-motivational-barriers-to-getting-online/>

(Source: *Good Things Foundation News*, Apr 2019)

First in a new podcast series:

“Good Things Happen highlights the stories of socially excluded people who are improving their lives through digital. We speak to people working in communities as they help others get the support and skills they need to change their lives and overcome social challenges.”

“Transforming Society”

http://www.transformingsociety.co.uk/?utm_source=Bristol%20University%20Press%2FPolicy%20Press%20sign%20up%20list&utm_campaign=a7558a9a07-Monthly%20Newsletter%20Apr%2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f395de8081-a7558a9a07-129850705

(Source: email from Bristol University Press, 11 Apr 2019)

“Bristol University Press and Policy Press have launched ‘Transforming Society’ a space where research and critique can create positive social change.

Articles, interviews, briefings for policy makers, reviews and podcasts tell the stories at the heart of the research, helping the work to have an even greater impact on the way people think about the world.”

See above weblink for links to posts on the blog.

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

“Reading bedtime stories helped me survive prison”

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-47559626>

(Source: email from Anne Harding, 25 Mar 2019)

Very positive article about Storybook Dads.

Children of prisoners: fixing a broken system

Executive summary: <http://crestadvisory.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Executive-summary-web-version.pdf>

Full report: <http://crestadvisory.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Children-of-Prisoners-full-report-web-version.pdf>

(Source: Clinks *Light Lunch*, 577, 22 Mar 2019)

Published in Feb, this new research from Crest* looks at a growing problem:

“Every local authority has a responsibility to protect and promote the welfare of children in need in its area. However, children who have a parent in custody are not regarded as vulnerable by definition of their parent’s incarceration. They are an invisible group.

A significant body of research [...] demonstrates that children of prisoners are at risk of significantly worse outcomes than children not affected by parental imprisonment including an increased risk of mental health issues, and of being involved in the criminal justice system themselves in later life.”

[Taken from: <http://crestadvisory.com/children-of-prisoners-publication/>]

*“Crest are an independent criminal justice and policing-focused consultancy.”

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

“Libraries and Museums of Sanctuary”

To support the growing interest in establishing libraries and museums as places of Sanctuary, we have set up a specific JISMAIL list.

If you’d like to join this, just let John Vincent (john@nadder.org.uk) know.

As the numbers on the list grow, we’ll be sending out migration info there too.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“Dedicated support centres for complex cases”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dedicated-support-centres-for-complex-cases--2>

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1 Apr 2019)

The Home Office has opened seven dedicated Service and Support Centres across the UK to help those with complex cases.

“Experienced UKVI [UK Visas & Immigration] staff will provide a face to face service and help people throughout their immigration application. The hands-on service will help make sure the right information and evidence is captured, so that individuals apply under the route most appropriate for their circumstances.

The SSCs will be in Belfast, Cardiff, Croydon, Glasgow, Liverpool, Sheffield and Solihull.

“Migrants and Refugees in Education: A toolkit for teachers”

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/migrants-and-refugees-in-education>

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1 Apr 2019)

“The British Council is offering from 1 April the free online course ‘Migrants and Refugees in Education’, aimed at teachers willing to learn how to teach and support young people across the globe affected by violence, conflict or displacement.”

“The EU Settlement Scheme”

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1 Apr 2019)

The Scheme has now been launched.

The English-language version is at: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

It’s also available in 26 European languages:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/settled-status-for-eu-citizens-and-their-families-translations>.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

State of Children’s Rights in England 2018: immigration, asylum and trafficking

http://www.crae.org.uk/media/126991/B5_CRAE_IMMIGRATION_2018_WEB.pdf

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1 Apr 2019)

“This briefing is part of CRAE’s *State of children’s rights in England 2018* and assesses the progress made in England towards implementing the UN Committee’s recommendations on immigration and trafficking, which is an area of Special Protection Measures in the CRC. It highlights areas of progress and concern since CRAE’s last *State of Children’s Rights in England* report published in December 2017.” [p3]

CRAE = Children’s Rights Alliance for England

CRC = UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This important report is summed up in the introduction as follows:

“The government has committed to some positive steps to improve the safeguarding of separated children. However, the ‘hostile environment’ has made it even more difficult for migrant and asylum-seeking children, especially the most vulnerable, to get the support and protection they

need. Long-standing concerns by the UN Committee have still not been addressed and the UK's exit from the European Union raises important and worrying questions for EU children living in the UK, including those in care and those with complex family arrangements." [p4]

Healthcare charging: what do refugee and asylum support projects in England need to know?

<https://cityofsanctuary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Healthcare-Charging-Briefing-for-refugee-and-asylum-support-groups-FINAL.pdf>

(Source: WMSMP [West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership] *E-Bulletin*, 1 Apr 2019)
Very useful briefing from Asylum Matters, which sets out what refugees, asylum-seekers and refused asylum-seekers are entitled to.

"Migration Collection"

https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/migration-collection?utm_source=Bristol+University+Press%2FPolicy+Press+sign+up+list&utm_campaign=a7558a9a07-Monthly+Newsletter+Apr+19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f395de8081-a7558a9a07-129850705

(Source: email from Bristol University Press, 11 Apr 2019)

"To mark the publication of *Home-Land*, the new book in our "Global Migration and Social Change Series", we have made selected journal articles on migration available for FREE until the end of June."

Also see: Rachel Humphris. *Home-land: Romanian Roma, domestic spaces and the state*, <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/home-land-romanian-roma-domestic-spaces-and-the-state>

Managing migration after Brexit

Summary: <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/summary-managing-migration-after-brexit>

Full report:

https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/IfG-Migration-After-Brexit_4.pdf

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 11 Apr 2019)

"Leaving the European Union (EU) will allow the UK to 'take back control' of aspects of migration policy previously determined by EU law. The Government will be able to restrict EU immigration in a way that has not been possible for decades.

'Taking back control' of immigration is about much more than just designing and implementing a new immigration system. Over the past 15 years, the UK has come to depend on the free movement of workers from the EU to meet skills gaps and labour shortages; large numbers have moved to the UK from the EU without coming into contact with the UK immigration system.

Managing migration after Brexit says the Home Office is not ready or able to meet the challenge of ending free movement after we leave the

EU. The report lays bare the flaws in the immigration system that have led to a series of crises and to reorganisations designed to solve the last set of problems rather than address future needs

This report presents a six-point plan for managing migration after Brexit [...]"

[Taken from:

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/publications/managing-migration-after-brexit>]

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

“50 Years After Stonewall | Collection Development: LGBTQ History”

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=50-years-after-stonewall>

(Source: *LJ Reviews+*, 1 Apr 2019)

Useful round-up of mainly US LGBTQ titles. As the author says:

“From the heady days of gay liberation through the trauma of the AIDS epidemic, into the fight for recognition of queer families and queer identities—and throughout it all the formation, fracture, and reformation of queer coalitions—queer lives are not quite as difficult to locate and describe as they have been in the past. But there is still work to be done [...]"

Library staff must be intentional about their collections related to LGBTQ+ issues and identities. Fortunately, we live at a moment that offers an explosion of resources to help broaden and deepen these holdings. What began with a few difficult-to-find texts during the early 20th century has developed into an exciting subfield in historical research: the history of sexuality. Winnowing even the short list down to the resources included here was a challenge. This feature deliberately focuses on U.S. history, with heavy emphasis on the 20th century. It tilts toward the generalist reader rather than the scholar and strives not to overrepresent cis male stories or lesbian and gay stories (at the expense of BTQIA+ identities) or tell only the experiences of white, urban queer folk. While predominantly history-focused, the list also includes activist voices calling for queer(er) futures.”

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

“Bringing libraries to life”

<https://www.artspromotional.co.uk/magazine/article/bringing-libraries-life>

(Source: *STV Bulletin* 264, Apr 2019)

Interesting article from *Arts Professional*:

“Libraries will always be about books and information, but in Manchester they’re also a place for local communities to enjoy live gigs and other arts events.”