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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>.

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

“Judith's Reading Ahead success story”

https://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/judiths-reading-ahead-success-story.html?mc_cid=665a6d8b69&mc_eid=3fa1d39831

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

Brief case study of how Judith Robinson (Development Librarian for Kirklees Library Service) has developed provision using The Reading Agency's “Reading Ahead” programme.

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

Contribution of Sikhs to the UK

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CDP-2019-0101#fullreport>

(Source: *MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview]*, 610, 6 May 2019)

Useful House of Commons Library debate pack briefing, with info about Sikh people in the UK.

The *MEMO* listing also includes:

- *The British Sikh report 2019*, <http://www.britishsikhreport.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/British-Sikh-Report-2019-Final.pdf> (“This is the seventh in our series of strategic documents created by Sikhs about Sikhs, and for everyone with an interest in the lives of Sikhs in Britain.”[p3])

What is being done to tackle racism in Wales?

<https://senedresearch.blog/2019/05/03/what-is-being-done-to-tackle-racism-in-wales/>

(Source: *MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview]*, 610, 6 May 2019)

Short briefing by Senedd Research, National Assembly for Wales, produced as background to a debate on ‘Tackling Racism and Racial Inequality in Wales’.

“Brokenshire confirms over £25 million to help vulnerable rough sleepers”

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/brokenshire-confirms-over-25-million-to-help-vulnerable-rough-sleepers?utm_source=a65f656b-90bc-4c4d-956d-b22b34e32c07&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Press release announcing that:

- “Over £25 million of funding to be allocated to over 100 areas across England – including 20 new rough sleeping centres
- Funding to provide specialist support for the most vulnerable rough sleepers – including those with mental health or substance misuse issues”

Provision will include:

- 20 new “Somewhere Safe to Stay” rough sleeping centres – where people on the streets can access professional help and guidance, including immediate shelter and mental health support
- Over 130 navigator posts – specialist support workers who direct people to the services they need, such as counselling, housing advice, mental health support or substance misuse services
- 61 supported lettings schemes – helping people to secure tenancies in properties that they may not otherwise be able to access
- 30 dedicated local letting agencies – specialist agencies that support vulnerable people into affordable and stable accommodation”

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

“Food banks are becoming institutionalised in the UK”

https://theconversation.com/food-banks-are-becoming-institutionalised-in-the-uk-114325?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%203%202019%20-%201275511833&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%203%202019%20-%201275511833+CID_38697f7de1881fda3a4ff00cfaf25290&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Food%20banks%20are%20becoming%20institutionalised%20in%20the%20UK

(Source: *The Conversation*, 3 Apr 2019)

Interesting article that argues that:

“Food banks are becoming embedded within welfare provision, fuelled by corporate involvement and ultimately creating an industry of poverty.”

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

“Digital health hub rolled out across more areas following pilot success”

<https://digital.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/digital-health-hub-rolled-out-across-more-areas-following-pilot-success>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 6 May 2019)

According to NHS Digital:

“A digital health hub piloted in Nailsea has proved to be such a success that the NHS is scaling it up across England [...]

The project is a partnership between local NHS services, Nailsea Town Council and Healthwatch and is supported by local volunteers, including local students, who provide one to one support. It has also seen support from local organisations to national charities, who have run group meetings or hosted private sessions for the people of Nailsea.

Organisations in five new areas will now use their own digital health hubs to learn what works in their area. Using the learnings from existing Pathfinders, including Nailsea, they'll will be making sure the most excluded in their boroughs have the chance to benefit from digital. This second wave of hubs will be in Blackburn with Darwen Library, Staffordshire Refugee Centre (ASHA), a community centre in Saltburn and the Grenfell victims support centre in NW London.”

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

How can your museum better welcome families and young people who are blind or partially sighted?

https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/KIM_Visual_Impairment_A4.pdf

(Source: email from Jocelyn Murdoch to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 3 Apr 2019)

Useful brief intro by Kids in Museums to ways to make museums (and other organisations) more accessible.

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“7 top tips for communicating with deaf people”

https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/blog/communicating-with-deaf-person-tips2/?source=ENEWS&_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXIub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-4d9de5f4953fe71181015065f38bd502-4d4d1e81dc3146dc9887dc466d808c25&esid=83dd2658-7471-e911-a960-000d3ab3f117

(Source: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People *Newsletter*, May 2019)

Very helpful brief guide.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

“EU citizens staying in Scotland: package of support”

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/eu-citizens-staying-in-scotland-package-of-support/>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 609, 29 Apr 2019)

The Scottish Government has just produced “[...] a package of support to help EU citizens stay in Scotland.”

It includes a 'Stay in Scotland' toolkit:

"[which] provides a range of materials for employers and EU citizens. It includes information on the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme, details of the application process and requirements, links to other resources and some practical suggestions about how employers can support their EU employees in the workplace."

Migration issues – Other Agencies

"Fairbeats!"

<https://www.youthmusic.org.uk/fairbeats>

(Source: MARCH Mental Health Network *Newsletter*, May 2019)

"Fairbeats has been working with young people from various backgrounds including refugee, asylum seeking and new migrant families since 2009. Through music-making, Fairbeats has helped hundreds of children and families play an active part in cultural life and become more settled in the UK.

Youth Music is currently funding a two-year Fairbeats project working in the London boroughs of Kingston upon Thames, Wandsworth and Lewisham."

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

"Advocating for public libraries"

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/blog/advocating-public-libraries>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 6 May 2019)

ACE blogpost reporting as the Arts Council takes the lead on the work of the Libraries Taskforce.

Includes a very brief range of examples of good practice.

"British Library teams up with ten London boroughs to support entrepreneurs across the capital"

<https://london-post.co.uk/british-library-teams-up-with-ten-london-boroughs-to-support-entrepreneurs-across-the-capital/>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 6 May 2019)

"The British Library's Business & IP Centre today [2 May] celebrates the launch of a major new initiative, Start-ups in London Libraries, a three-year project to support London's entrepreneurs from all walks of life to get their business idea off the ground. This coordinated network of free support for start-ups will officially launch in over 60 public libraries this month, in partnership with ten London boroughs.

With funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the project will be delivered in the boroughs of Bexley, Croydon, Greenwich, Haringey, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest."

“Make the case for art and culture”

https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/make-case-art-and-culture?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXlub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-a4733678e9aee511937a005056915655-850491c8c14a4e15b69c0f904f60311e&esid=ea3bdbc9-d05a-e911-8635-005056911737

ACE have produced a three-stage toolkit that “[...] can help you tell a story about how your work positively impacts people's lives.”

The steps are:

- Get the facts
- Create your story
- Tell your story.

As a case-study, they have produced:

“A better place to live: how arts and culture investment is improving communities”

https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/art-culture-and-economy/better-place-live-how-arts-and-culture-investment-improving-communities?_cldee=am9obkBuYWRkZXlub3JnLnVr&recipientid=contact-a4733678e9aee511937a005056915655-850491c8c14a4e15b69c0f904f60311e&esid=ea3bdbc9-d05a-e911-8635-005056911737

ACE have drawn together some examples to show:

“From creating jobs and supporting education to boosting tourism and making weekends fun, public investment in art and culture benefits the local economy and the community.”

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“The return of fascism? Why this is the wrong question to ask”

https://theconversation.com/the-return-of-fascism-why-this-is-the-wrong-question-to-ask-114468?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%2017%202019%20-%201286911971&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%2017%202019%20-%201286911971+CID_9ce86255782dc9944566e40305b89306&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=The%20return%20of%20fascism%20Why%20this%20is%20the%20wrong%20question%20to%20ask

(Source: *The Conversation*, 17 Apr 2019)

Fascinating article that looks at the growing populist voice, and suggests:

“The question is understandable and legitimate. It is also largely misleading. The current explosion of incivility in everyday life and hostility to international liberal principles may illustrate striking similarities to the political and social milieu of the interwar years. But this does not mean

that it is fascism 2.0, nor is it the main problem we should be worrying about.”

The article goes on to argue for the need to continue vigilance and fighting for human rights:

“The successes of contemporary populists should remind everyone that fascism may have been crushed in 1945, as postwar societies have so often been told ever since; yet the political, social, and cultural forces that sustained it in the first place never went away. This is perhaps the most useful “lesson” from history – that there are no final victories – or defeats.”

The article also has a link to the lengthy introduction to the Human Rights Watch *World report 2017*, “The Dangerous Rise of Populism: Global Attacks on Human Rights Values”, which is also well-worth reading:

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2017/country-chapters/dangerous-rise-of-populism>.