



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 279, 21 May 2019

Events

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

Funding & Opportunities

“Tens of thousands to benefit from Integrated Communities Innovation Fund”

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tens-of-thousands-to-benefit-from-integrated-communities-innovation-fund?utm_source=80dc7564-e0cb-4a20-ac58-c6610df3d6c0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Press release announcing launch of £3m funding.

To make it easier to check what’s available, the details of the projects being funded are as follows:

Aldridge Education

Project in the Blackburn with Darwen Integration Area working with 14 to 19-year-olds to empower young people to lead enterprising solutions to social challenges. Students will work in teams to develop ideas and run their own businesses supporting social projects.

Ashley Community Housing

Employment programme to stimulate people’s autonomy, aspiration, engagement and access to social capital through personal integration plans. Focusing on vulnerable homeless newly arrived refugees and migrants in Bristol, Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

Burnley FC in the Community

Employability programme for NEET adults. Provides social mixing opportunities for the BAME and white British community, and run in the former Brierfield Mill, which has been renovated by the Club into a brand-new leisure facility.

The Behavioural Insights Team

Two projects: one delivered by UKActive through its UK-wide physical activity camps during the summer holidays, and another to develop a new evidence-based curriculum for PSHE classes in 15 schools across Birmingham and Coventry.

Brighton Table Tennis Club

Running table tennis clubs across three housing estates in Brighton. Each club is delivered by a team of 3 qualified coaches: one experienced coach, one community coach who comes from the estate, and one qualified coach who is an unaccompanied asylum seeker.

The Challenge Network

Project in London, Birmingham and Manchester bringing together young people from different backgrounds through a volunteering and employability programme. Participants can attend an interview for a paid position with one of The Challenge's corporate partners.

CXK

Develops a new employment-based pathway to integration for people living marginalised and isolated lives in Kent and Medway. Participants will create video CVs to be uploaded via a new portal, and a network manager will engage employers and encourage businesses to weave integration into existing corporate social responsibility, equality and diversity policies

Groundwork London

Tackles local integration challenges in Barnet and Hackney through activities that bring together white settled majority communities, well-established ethnic minority communities and recent arrivals to the area. Activities include "chatterbox sessions", employment support, and volunteering around environmental action.

Learn English at Home

Merges social mixing opportunities with language interventions through a structured programme combining community gardening and language support. Activities will take place across south-west London, working with ethnic-minority adults and local resident volunteers.

Luton Tigers

In-school interventions using poetry, art, dance and drama to explore commonalities and differences between children from different backgrounds. Supplemented by lunch-time sport activities in preparation for an inter-school sports programme where children will team up with, and compete against, children from other schools.

Mary Ward Settlement

Informal social events at a pop-up community café, addressing barriers to meaningful social mixing. Participants can volunteer to help run activities, and outreach events will be supported by a community engagement officer across Southwark and Lambeth.

National Literacy Trust

Project in the Integration Area of Bradford addressing community segregation through art. Works with a diverse mix of primary schools, local artists and

members of the public to create exhibitions to showcase different cultural backgrounds and shared values.

Red Zebra Community Solutions

Project in Kent targeting Roma and non-Roma people living in deprived and fractured communities. Activities will include capacity-building for local providers, family learning sessions and cultural-awareness workshops.

Super Being Labs

A free app that facilitates access to knowledge, services and events for new migrants in Haringey. Tackles integration challenges through information, advice and guidance on topics such as finding a new home, healthcare, banking, learning English, and life in the UK.

Youth Sport Trust

Project aiming to address school segregation and lack of social mixing in Birmingham, bringing together 22 highly segregated schools with different levels of disadvantage and diversity to integrate through sporting activity. Activities include inspirational assemblies, sport events and volunteer training, culminating in a large-scale sporting festival.

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

“Diversity and inclusion: it’s up to all of us”

https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/451302/Diversity-and-inclusion-its-up-to-all-of-us.htm?utm_source=Email%20marketing&utm_medium=Informz&utm_campaign=Email%20marketing

(Source: *CILIP Weekly News*, 15 May 2019)

Interview with CILIP conference keynote speaker Hong-Anh Nguyen (Information Service Manager at The King’s Fund) who is “[...] chairing a panel session and will also be giving a keynote speech looking at what can be done to improve diversity and why it is everyone’s responsibility.”

“Public libraries are not just about books. At their heart, they are about social equity”

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/may/10/public-libraries-are-not-just-about-books-at-their-heart-they-are-about-social-equity>

(Source: *CILIP Weekly News*, 15 May 2019)

Just in case you missed this terrific article about public libraries (drawn from the writer’s experience of working in an Australian library).

“MA to carry out research on bullying in museum sector”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/14052019-MA-carry-out-research-bullying-museum-sector?utm_campaign=1484703_16052019&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,VTLR,27LU0M,3B7LO,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 16 May 2019)

“The Museums Association (MA) is launching a sector-wide research project into bullying in museums.

The research will gather responses via an online survey, set to launch in the coming months. The results will be published in early 2020 alongside recommendations on creating a healthy organisational or team culture, where bullying is not tolerated and can be addressed effectively.”

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

Changing lives ...

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcmds/734/734.pdf>

(Source: Clinks *Light Lunch*, 584, 17 May 2019)

The HOC Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee has just published this important report, subtitled *the social impact of participation in culture and sport*.

As the report’s summary states:

“Cultural and sporting opportunities have intrinsic value, and can inspire personal success, but to view them only this narrowly would be to fail to understand their true value. Organisations working in these fields are doing so much more. Our inquiry showcases some of the evidence that we received, demonstrating the impact of culture and sport on positive outcomes in health, education, criminal justice and urban regeneration.

But much of the excellent, life-changing work we heard about is on a precarious footing. The Government must recognise and harness social impact. Sports and culture must be better integrated within the work and policy objectives of the Department for Education, the Department of Health and Social Care, and the Ministry of Justice, to ensure that everyone can benefit from these opportunities. In the same way that sporting and cultural organisations see social impact as their core business, the Government should see sports and culture as a mainstream way of delivering their social policy goals.” [p3]

Gypsies and Travellers

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8083#fullreport>

(Source: MEMO [*Minority Ethnic Matters Overview*], 611, 13 May 2019)

Important new HOC Library “Briefing Paper” which looks at “Who are Gypsies and Travellers?”, and then explores inequality and discrimination (including hate crime).

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Reasonable adjustments and what they mean for deaf people”

https://www.equalityni.org/Blog/Articles/May-2019/Reasonable-adjustments-and-what-they-mean-for-deaf?utm_source=NewZapp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ezone-May19

(Source: Equality Commission for Northern Ireland *Ezine*, May 2019)

Interesting blogpost (partly to mark Deaf Awareness Week) which looks at how services can make reasonable adjustments for deaf people.

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

“Learning about languages at Halifax Multilingual Language Fair”

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/more/dakai-maritimes/learning-about-languages-at-halifax-multilingual-language-fair-267298/>

(Source: *Cities of Migration Newsletter*, 79, May 2019)

Interesting article about the first annual Halifax (Nova Scotia) Multilingual Language Fair, which took place at the Halifax Central Library.

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Thousands of mixed-race British babies were born in World War II – and adoption by their black American fathers was blocked”

https://theconversation.com/thousands-of-mixed-race-british-babies-were-born-in-world-war-ii-and-adoption-by-their-black-american-fathers-was-blocked-116790?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2017%202019%20-%201311312240&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20May%2017%202019%20-%201311312240+CID_96bdd18d74c84cf4b2f5604aad1e0174&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Thousands%20of%20mixed-race%20British%20babies%20were%20born%20in%20World%20War%20II%20and%20adoption%20by%20their%20black%20American%20fathers%20was%20blocked

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

“Around 2.2% of the population of England and Wales is now mixed race and 3.3% are from black ethnic groups. During World War II, over 70 years ago, these figures were far lower. And so unsurprisingly, life was difficult for the 2,000 or so mixed race babies who were born in World War II to black American GIs and white British women.

They grew up in predominately white localities and experienced significant racism [...] Their story of institutional racism rivals the horrors of the appalling story of the Windrush generation.”

Fascinating introduction to another part of UK history that is often overlooked.

The article is also a trailer for a new book:

Lucy Bland. *Britain’s ‘brown babies’: the stories of children born to black GIs and white women in the Second World War*. Manchester University Press, 2019, £20.00

Further info at:

<http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526133267/>

Refugees and the UK labour market

<https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/ECONREF-Refugees-and-the-UK-Labour-Market-report.pdf>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 611, 13 May 2019)

New report from COMPAS (Centre on Migration, Policy and Society):

“Facilitating the integration of refugees is an important objective of civil society organisations and government departments at the local and national level. However, efforts to facilitate integration have been constrained by the lack of information on the short- and long-term outcomes of refugees.

This report uses the best available data to date to explore labour market and other related outcomes of those who migrated to the UK for asylum reasons. These outcomes are compared to those of UK-born individuals and to those of other migrants who moved to the UK for employment, family, and study reasons.” [p2]

Broader issues – Other Agencies

“Small Talk”

https://small-talk.org.uk/?mc_cid=a811e19887&mc_eid=a2d98ab814

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Monthly Newsletter*, May 2019)

The National Literacy Trust have:

“[...] just launched a brand-new website, Small Talk, which is designed to help parents develop the skills and confidence they need to boost their child’s language skills at home. It features simple activity suggestions, advice and videos to help parents chat, play and read with their child whenever and wherever they are.”

And, finally ...

“Photos: Top Hogs pig show at the library”

<https://www.summitdaily.com/news/photos-top-hogs-pig-show-at-the-library/>

No, it’s not me!!

“In celebration of National Library Week and Children’s Book Week, the Top Hogs, a comedy-filled trick pig show, visited the Summit County Library on Thursday in Frisco. A pair of pigs, a dog and a bird performed tricks and pranks with John Vincent in front of children at the library.”