



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 283, 6 August 2019

Events

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

Climate emergency – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

Culture Declares Emergency

<http://culturedeclares.org/>

(Source: email from Bridget McKenzie, Climate Declares Emergency, 1 Aug 2019)

Just in case you haven't seen the website – and, as an update, the movement currently has over 500 declarers: 330 individuals and 183 organisations (of which The Network is one).

How can your museum support children and young people to understand and respond to the Climate and Ecological Emergency?

https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/KIM_ClimateResource.pdf

(Source: email from Kids in Museums, 25 Jul 2019)

“This resource has been produced in response to the growth of the youth climate strikes in the UK. The organisations that came together to produce this (Climate Museum UK, Happy Museum Project, Julie’s Bicycle, and Kids in Museums) felt that museums could play a role in supporting children and young people’s activism in response to the climate emergency.” [p4]

It includes suggestions of ideas to get started, plus top tips.

Climate emergency – Other Agencies

“£100million National Lottery Climate Action Fund launched for communities across the UK”

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2019-07-18/100million-national-lottery-climate-action-fund-launched-for-communities-across-the-uk>

(Source: *Heritage Update*, 399, 2 Aug 2019)

Press release (18 Jul):

“The National Lottery Community Fund has today launched a new £100 million Climate Action Fund that will enable people and communities to take the lead in tackling the climate emergency.

The new fund, from the largest funder of community activity in the UK, will build a network of people and communities, well-placed to drive change within, between and beyond their community.

The funder has said that types of activities will differ from place to place, but will have one thing in common: the ability to deliver high impact community-led climate action. This includes in areas such as sustainable energy, sustainable transport, consumption, food and protecting and regenerating spaces and habitats.”

Funding & Opportunities

Comic Relief fund: "A Safe Place to Be "

<https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/opportunities/across-borders-routes-safety-refugees>

(Source: *Funding Central Newsletter*, 31 Jul 2019)

Comic Relief has just launched a new funding programme for not-for-profit organisations:

“As part of our A Safe Place to Be pillar of work, we are launching a funding programme for organisations supporting refugees on the move along the key migration routes, from Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to Europe, including the UK.

Our overall aim is to support refugees and people seeking asylum to safe, legal and dignified routes to fulfilling and happy settlement, whether that be in the country of destination, transition country or country of origin

Whilst all the work we fund should be rooted in and informed by service delivery with effective participation of people with lived experience at the heart, we are looking for a mixed portfolio which aims to achieve holistic social change through a combination of:

- Direct service delivery at grassroots level
- Shifting public attitudes and countering negative narrative through campaigns, the arts, media, popular culture both in the UK, Europe and further afield
- Changes to policy, practice and legislation”

Closing date: **16 Sept 2019**.

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

“Hackney Community Library Service celebrates 70th birthday”

<https://news.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-community-library-service-celebrates-70th-birthday/>

Press release from Hackney celebrating 70 years of their home delivery service.

“The service was granted approval by the Council in June 1949, and ever since then has been serving the community via a home outreach service

to those who are disabled or elderly, and providing a library service to local residential homes, housing schemes, lunch clubs, nurseries, Homerton Hospital and St Joseph's Hospice.

Over the past month the Community Library Service has been celebrating its birthday by delivering bespoke dementia jigsaw puzzles that depict 'old' Hackney, and talking through the history of the service with residents for a new short film that celebrates the community library's work. Later this year, in October, the service will be hosting a conference to share their seven decades of learning with other authorities from across the UK to talk about this important service, the need to support an ageing population, and to combat isolation and loneliness."

Details of and registration for the one-day conference at:

[https://www.cilip.org.uk/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1239137&group=.](https://www.cilip.org.uk/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1239137&group=)

"Closing libraries means abandoning society's most isolated and vulnerable"

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/aug/02/closing-libraries-vulnerable-mental-health>

(Source: Weekly update from the CILIP CEO, w/c 5 Aug 2019)

Just in case you didn't see this powerful "Opinion" article by Dawn Finch, which looks at libraries' role in supporting people's mental health.

Incidentally, *The Guardian* also published an editorial, "The Guardian view on librarians: guides to life, not just to books", on 31 Jul:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/jul/31/the-guardian-view-on-librarians-guides-to-life-not-just-to-books>.

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

"The journey of the child"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-journey-of-the-child>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Early Years and Education Bulletin*, 6 Aug 2019)

The YJB has produced a set of new materials that help explore racial disparity in the youth justice system.

The infographic summarises the position very starkly:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/822188/JOTC_infographic_2019.pdf.

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

What do you need to make the best use of your time in prison?

http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/PPN/What_do_you_need_to_make_best_use_of_your_time_in_prisonlo.pdf

(Source: National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance Newsletter, Jul 2019)

New report from the Prisoner Policy Network*, which:

“[...] discusses prisoner experiences of life behind the wall and their thoughts on exactly what is needed to make best use of time served [...]

Beyond the basics of cleanliness, order, well-trained staff, and a consistent regime, prisoners want education that stretches the mind and delves deep, training that bestows industry recognised qualifications, the opportunity to use the skills they came in to prison with, and work experience that makes them attractive to future employers. Prisoners want the breadth of the education, employment and training offer to be increased, and to make better use of technology so that prisoners can access educational materials, maintain family contact, and find information about outside agencies on which they will rely in future. Connection with wider society, a desire to be reintegrated and not forgotten about came through as a priority.” [p v]

*“The Prisoner Policy Network is a network of prisoners, ex-prisoners and supporting organisations. It is hosted by the Prison Reform Trust and will make sure prisoners’ experiences are part of prison policy development nationally.” [inside front cover]

“Walking the Talk”

https://www.thinknpc.org/resource-hub/walking-the-talk-putting-workplace-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-into-practice/?utm_source=New%20Philanthropy%20Capital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10737150_NPC%20newsletter%20-%20July%202019

(Source: New Philanthropy Capital *Newsletter*, 24 Jul 2019)

Subtitled “Putting workplace equality, diversity and inclusion into practice”, this new project is based on a partnership led by New Philanthropy Capital. It is a collection of 4 podcasts and 10 essays looking at the diversity of the charity sector from a range of perspectives.

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

“Reframing Race”

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/projects-and-publications/reframing-race.html>

(Source: email from The Runnymede Trust, 1 Aug 2019)

New from Runnymede:

“Reframing Race is an initiative from Runnymede and Voice4Change England[*] with the ambitious aim of 'reframing' the public conversation around race, racism and racial equality.

Together with activists, we will develop new approaches to persuade mainstream audiences that:

- a) racism has significant impacts;
- b) action for race equality is important;
- c) we can solve racism.”

Further info about this 2-year programme – and how to sign up to be kept informed – at above weblink.

*See: <http://www.voice4change-england.co.uk/>.

Migration issues – News

“Migration in the Mediterranean: why it’s time to put European leaders on trial”

https://theconversation.com/migration-in-the-mediterranean-why-its-time-to-put-european-leaders-on-trial-120851?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20July%2030%202019%20-%201372112902&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20July%2030%202019%20-%201372112902+CID_fa65e4f07637b3e7191bade51f62c4a4&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Migration%20in%20the%20Mediterranean%20why%20its%20time%20to%20put%20European%20leaders%20on%20trial

(Source: *The Conversation*, 30 Jul 2019)

“In June this year two lawyers filed a complaint at the International Criminal Court (ICC) naming European Union member states’ migration policies in the Mediterranean as crimes against humanity.

The court’s Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, must decide whether she wants to open a preliminary investigation into the criminality of Europe’s treatment of migrants.”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Brand new videos about the UK asylum system”

<https://righttoremain.org.uk/brand-new-videos-about-the-uk-asylum-system/>

(Source: West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership *e-Bulletin*, 7, Jul 2019)

“We are very excited to announce the launch of brand new videos about the UK asylum system, a joint project between Refugee Info Bus, Right to Remain and Sara Khayat Art Work.

Based on the Right to Remain Toolkit, with translations by Refugee Info Bus and with stunning animation by Sara, these videos will help people understand their rights at crucial stages of the asylum process.

The UK asylum process is complicated and confusing, and it is very important that people understand what they will experience, what they need to do, and what could come next.

The Right to Remain Toolkit already helps tens of thousands of people with this each month – but these animations make the information even more accessible to people who don’t read English! With beautiful clear images and a voiceover on each video, you do not need literacy skills to get the vital information you need about this important legal process.

The videos cover four key stages:

- an introduction to claiming asylum,
- the asylum screening interview,
- the asylum substantive (big) interview;
- and after a refusal of your asylum claim.

Thanks to Refugee Info Bus, the videos are available in:

- English
- Arabic
- Amharic
- Oromo
- Tigrinya
- Kurdish Sorani
- Farsi
- French
- Pashto”

“The health of migrants in the UK”

<https://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/resources/briefings/the-health-of-migrants-in-the-uk/>

(Source: West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership *e-Bulletin*, 7, Jul 2019)

New briefing from The Migration Observatory which “[...] examines the health outcomes of migrants as well as the extent to which health problems impact their day-to-day activities or their jobs.”

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

“Museums must do more to care for LGBTQ+ histories all year round”

https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/q-a/24072019-my-journey-to-pride-museums-lgbtq-history?utm_campaign=1537665_25072019&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Museums%20Association&dm_i=2VBX,WYGX,27LU0M,3FYV1,1

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 25 Jul 2019)

Q&A post from the MA:

“In July London Transport Museum launched [#MyJourneytoPride](#) – a contemporary collecting project asking people travelling to Pride and UK Black Pride events in London to share their journeys.”