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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>.

Black Lives Matter

Haringey Vanguard

<https://www.hqbh.co.uk/>

Apologies for being slow to include this.

“Haringey Vanguard is a BME LGBTQ+ History project focused on the history and contributions of Haringey-based community activists in the 1970s – 1990s, work whose influence was felt well beyond the borough.

Launched in July 2018 and culminating in February 2021, the project was funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and led by Haringey Archive and Museum Service (HAMS), (Bruce Castle) supported by London Metropolitan Archives (LMA). Together, they worked to improve access to existing collections and to encourage the donation of new material. This brought together formal records with personal and community collections, enriching the wider Haringey LGBTQ+ history and ensuring the preservation of this important history by placing older BME LGBTQ+ residents’ experiences at the heart of the project.”

The project website includes:

- A timeline
- Oral histories
- Learning resources
- An archives of images – flyers, posters, leaflets, etc.

New Book

Evelyn Foster *Land of hope and story*

(Source: email from Evelyn Foster, 7 Jun 2021)

Long-term contact, Evelyn, has sent me some details of her latest book:

Land of Hope and Story: by Evelyn Foster, published by Country Books, is a celebration of British landscape, history and adult fairytale. Proceeds from the book will raise money for rural charities and for food banks.

The oldest fairytales were, of course, written for adults not children. Goldilocks was originally a mature grey-haired woman, called Silver Hair, not a cute young blonde, and in the Yorkshire version, a fox! The book is a collection of short fun facts and short fun fiction, so even people who have little time, or little concentration, can access them. The book aims to raise spirits in these very challenging times.

Fairytales have always sought to comfort and to cheer: to encourage each generation to appreciate their past and give them hope for a better future. As those top folklore fans, the Opies, said: 'A child or adult who does not feel wonder is but an inlet for apple pie!' So it's great if we can enjoy these great legends as part of our great national heritage. If we do, we may finally make a world in which we can all live more happily ever after ... !

About the author

Evelyn Foster has an inter-disciplinary MA in drama, history and literature from York. She has worked as author, storyteller and actress, has spoken on fairytales at the Royal Festival Hall and appeared in fantasy art as a dryad. She has read to blind people, done drama with disabled children, judged writing competitions in care homes ... and played a surprising number of Fairy Godmothers!

Available to order from Foyles, Country Books or Waterstones. Price: £7.99.

Congratulations!

The Proud Trust

<https://www.theproudsttrust.org/news-category/about-us/>

(Source: email from The Proud Trust, 7 Jun 2021)

Great news – we've worked with The Proud Trust in the past:

"We are thrilled to announce that The Proud Trust has been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local community. The Proud Trust is one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year."

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

Rap under the Rubens: how after-hours events can help break down barriers to museum participation

Full report: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc/8262204/rap-under-the-rubens-full-report-pdf-9-0-meg?da=y>

Summary: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc/8262205/rap-under-the-rubens-report-executive-summary-pdf-754k?da=y>

(Source: email from Culture24, 17 Jun 2021)

“Using Emerge Festival, other sector-leading after-hours activations, and examining the latest reports and available data, this report considers why this area of programming is successful in attracting a range of underserved audiences and identifies challenges that may be limiting further progress. By doing so, we can better understand the next steps necessary in developing this area of programming to best support the continual reinvention of museum spaces in line with the needs of their communities. We provide recommendations for museums, funders and policymakers on practical steps that can be taken to realise this vision.”
[Summary report, p4]

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

Punishing abuse ...

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Punishing-Abuse.pdf?x86491>

(Source: Children & Young People Now *Update*, 29 Mar 2021)

This report, published in Mar 2021 and commissioned by the West Midlands Combined Authority and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, investigates children in the criminal justice system.

“The report highlights the abuse and adversity that these children suffered is horrifying. Of the 80 children in the criminal justice system studied:

- nine in ten children are known or suspected to have been abused;
- eight in ten children are known or suspected to have a health issue;
- eight in ten were subject to school exclusion or attendance at multiple secondary schools;
- seven in ten are known or suspected to have lived with domestic violence whilst growing up;
- seven in ten children are known or suspected to be a victim of violence;
- seven in ten children lived in poverty;
- there was only one child with no recorded abuse or childhood adversity.” [Taken from: <https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/ground-breaking-report-evidence-shows-too-many-young-people-in-the-criminal-justice-system-suffer-from-violence-poverty-and-abuse-growing-up/>]

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies

Should we ‘level up’ social needs?

<https://www.thinknpc.org/resource-hub/should-we-level-up-social-needs/>

(Source: New Philanthropy Capital *Weekly Update*, 16 Jun 2021)

New report from New Philanthropy Capital:

“In this report we examine whether the government’s current levelling up agenda and funding should address social needs alongside economic measures, and how it can go about doing so.” [p3]

Following a survey (and also an analysis of Government data), NPC have found that:

- People want social issues addressed through levelling up
- Current government levelling up funding does not focus on social issues
- Levelling up funding isn’t being consistently prioritised to areas that have high social needs
- There is variation in social needs across the country.

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

Heritage, health and wellbeing: a Heritage Alliance report

https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Heritage-Alliance-AnnualReport_2020_Online.pdf

(Source: email from Nicky Boyd to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 7 Jun 2021)

Important report – and thanks to Nicky for her email:

“This report aims to demonstrate the immense potential of our sector to make a positive impact on mental health and the pleasure of being together in places that encourage thought and reflection and activity and friendship.” [p1]

It includes case studies and lots of mentions of the work of museums and libraries.

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

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

The impact of climate change on mental health and emotional wellbeing: current evidence and implications for policy and practice

<https://spiral.imperial.ac.uk/bitstream/10044/1/88568/7/The%20impact%20of%20climate%20change%20on%20mental%20health%20and%20emotional%20wellbeing%20-%20current%20evidence%20and%20implications%20for%20policy%20and%20practice%20%281%29.pdf>

(Source: email from Ian Fraser to gem@jiscmail.ac.uk, 26 May 2021)

“This briefing, and accompanying animation, shows how climate change is negatively affecting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of people around the world. It proposes a detailed set of recommendations to stimulate greater knowledge, awareness and action for all sectors including policy makers, research institutions and mental health practitioners.” [Taken from:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/grantham/publications/all-publications/the-impact-of-climate-change-on-mental-health-and-emotional-wellbeing-current-evidence-and-implications-for-policy-and-practice.php>]

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Why managers are vital to supporting disabled people back into the workforce”

https://www.managers.org.uk/knowledge-and-insights/article/why-managers-are-vital-to-supporting-disabled-people-back-into-the-workforce/?utm_source=BM09JUN&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=BetterManagers&utm_content=SUPPORTDISABLEDCOLLEAGUES&dm_i=SYT,7EJDW,4H1XSR,U2CI2,1

(Source: Chartered Management Institute *Better Managers*, 9 Jun 2021)

Useful brief article which looks at creating a positive culture around disability.

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

“Support and resources for autistic visitors”

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/autismresources>

(Source: *Autism in Museums Newsletter*, May/June 2021)

Very useful round-up of resources:

“National Museums Scotland is committed to encouraging autistic people to visit and enjoy our museums. We now have a range of resources to support and welcome autistic people to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.”

Autism in Museums event calendar

(Source: *Autism in Museums Newsletter*, May/June 2021)

“Please send through your Autism in Museums events to be added to our Events Calendar: email info@autisminmuseums.com or fill out the form online <https://www.autisminmuseums.co>.”

Autism issues – Other Agencies

“Football Clubs and Sensory Rooms – a visit to Arsenal and Chelsea, Apr 2021”

<https://www.autisminmuseums.com/football-clubs-and-sensory-rooms-a-visit-to-arsenal-and-chelsea-apr-2021/>

(Source: *Autism in Museums Newsletter*, May/June 2021)

Blogpost outlining provision at two major London clubs.

There’s also a link to The Shippey Campaign: founders Kate Shippey and Peter Shippey established the first football sensory room in Sunderland in 2015 – see: <https://theshippeycampaign.com/>.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Global report 2020

Full report:

https://reporting.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/gr2020/pdf/GR2020_English_Full_1owres.pdf

Links to individual chapters: https://reporting.unhcr.org/publications#tab-global_report

(Source: email from Sally Copley, Asylum Reform Initiative, 18 Jun 2021)

Latest UNHCR report which highlights that:

“[...] by the end of 2020 there were 20.7 million refugees under UNHCR mandate, 5.7 million Palestine refugees and 3.9 million Venezuelans displaced abroad. Another 48 million people were internally displaced (IDPs) within their own countries. A further 4.1 million were asylum-seekers. These numbers indicate that despite the pandemic and calls for a global ceasefire, conflict continued to chase people from their homes.”
[Taken from Press Release]

Migration issues – Other Agencies

The Reading Agency’s Booklist for Children, Young People and Adults Refugee Week (14-20 June 2021)

https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/5104/Refugee_Week_booklist.pdf

(Source: email from The Reading Agency Chatterbooks, 15 Jun 2021)

“[TRA] have worked with our publisher partners to create a booklist to help children, young people and adults understand the realities refugees around the world face, and sympathise with their experiences. The list contains a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles, many of which are written by people who themselves were forced to flee their countries.” [Taken from email]