



## The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 337, 1 September 2021

### Events

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

### Black Lives Matter

#### ***The Macpherson Report: twenty-two years on***

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/7012/documents/72927/default/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 715, 16 Aug 2021)

Report of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee which assessed progress on the recommendations of the Macpherson Report:

“We have found that policing today is very different from twenty-two years ago. Since the Macpherson report was published there have been important improvements in policing including significant improvements in the policing of racist crimes, in the commitments made to promoting equality and diversity and in good examples of local community policing. But our inquiry has also identified persistent, deep rooted and unjustified racial disparities in key areas including a confidence gap for BME communities, lack of progress on BME recruitment, problems in misconduct proceedings and unjustified racial disparities in stop and search. In those areas, we propose urgent action.” [p5]

#### **The Transatlantic Slavery and Legacies in Museums Forum**

<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/tslforum>

(Source: Museums Association email updates, 27 Aug 2021)

“Led by National Museums Liverpool in partnership with Museum of London, Black Cultural Archives, Bristol Culture, Hull Museums and Glasgow Museums, the Transatlantic Slavery and Legacies in Museums Forum will be the first national network of its kind to share current discourse and create a narrative thread to fully represent slavery and its legacies in the UK.

The Forum will create a space for sharing best practice, offer support through regular activities and amplify the work being done across the UK.”

### Coronavirus/COVID-19

#### **“COVID-19 Research and Policy Observatory”**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/covid-19-and-literacy/>

(Source: National Literacy Trust *Literacy News*, 20 Aug 2021)

The National Literacy Trust has just launched this important web resource:

“This overview, intended to act as a national observatory of literacy and recovery research, gathers research, insights and policy developments relating to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children's learning, literacy and wellbeing, with a particular focus on less advantaged children and young people.”

### **Climate emergency – Other Agencies**

**“Climate change: why government failure to act isn’t the problem”**

[https://theconversation.com/climate-change-why-government-failure-to-act-isnt-the-problem-165899?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20August%2020%202021%20-%202037320038&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20August%2020%202021%20-%202037320038+CID\\_fea442ce62ee0c68b439061eefcc4361&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_uk&utm\\_term=Climate%20change%20why%20government%20failure%20to%20act%20isnt%20the%20problem](https://theconversation.com/climate-change-why-government-failure-to-act-isnt-the-problem-165899?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20August%2020%202021%20-%202037320038&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20August%2020%202021%20-%202037320038+CID_fea442ce62ee0c68b439061eefcc4361&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Climate%20change%20why%20government%20failure%20to%20act%20isnt%20the%20problem)

(Source: *The Conversation*, 20 Aug 2021)

Interesting article which places attempts to grapple with climate change in the context of power and wealth:

“We live in a world marked by severe disparities of wealth and power within and between countries, many of which are rooted in longer histories of colonialism and exploitation. These disparities have often allowed powerful companies in sectors like finance and energy to dictate the course of climate action. This has made it very difficult to pursue measures that might threaten their interests, but which would dramatically reduce emissions – like banning fossil fuel exploration.”

### **Tackling social and digital exclusion – Other Agencies**

***Everyone In: where are they now? The need for a roadmap out of street homelessness in England***

[https://assets.ctfassets.net/6sxvmndnnpn0s/7BtKmhvyB8Xygax9A2hhHP/2fde1c08424fe9f482792d22ed5469a0/Shelter\\_Everyone\\_In\\_Where\\_Are\\_They\\_Now.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/6sxvmndnnpn0s/7BtKmhvyB8Xygax9A2hhHP/2fde1c08424fe9f482792d22ed5469a0/Shelter_Everyone_In_Where_Are_They_Now.pdf)

(Source: email from Shelter, 27 Aug 2021)

New report from Shelter, which reassesses the “Everyone In” initiative.

According to their research:

“7. [...] fewer than 1 in 4 (23%) people had moved into settled accommodation of at least six months – that’s an estimated 8,600 people.

8. This means that more than three-quarters (77%) of those initially accommodated under ‘Everyone In’ had not moved into settled accommodation. This equates to an estimated 29,000 people.” [p4]

The report sets out a ‘roadmap’ to end rough sleeping: Protect (emergency accommodation); Prevent (financial assistance); Build (permanent new homes); Support (people to move into and sustain their homes); Involve (people with lived experience in co-producing solutions).

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

#### **“Bedside poems and stories for Hull patients in UK hospital first”**

<https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/health/bedside-poems-stories-hull-patients-5784560>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 22 Aug 2021)

Positive news coverage in local media:

“A Hull hospital has become the first in the country to support patient care by bringing poetry, stories and chat to the bedside.

In a partnership which has its roots in the UK City of Culture programme, Library Link has completed a pilot scheme with volunteers from Hull and East Yorkshire reading poems and short stories to patients in wards and waiting rooms at Hull Royal Infirmary and is now gearing up to return post-Covid.

Research by Hull Libraries indicates the project has proved a hit with patients, staff and visitors after reaching more than 3,000 people. It has also made a difference with the readers – one man admitting his involvement had enabled him to overcome his dislike of hospitals – and organisers are now looking for more volunteers.”

### **Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies**

#### ***Ageing in coastal and rural communities***

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/reports-and-briefings/health--wellbeing/ageing-in-coastal-and-rural-communities/final-ageing-in-coastal-and-rural-communities.pdf>

(Source: *Equally Ours Newsletter*, 1 Jul 2021)

“This report explores the causes of health inequalities for older men, older people from ethnic minorities, and older lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer+ (LGBTQ+) people in coastal and rural communities.”

[p4]

As well as making specific recommendations for each group, the report also makes some broad recommendations:

The five issues which need action across all groups are:

1. Loneliness and social isolation: particularly for some groups of older men, including older carers and men who are insecurely housed; and for both older LGBTQ+ people and older people from ethnic minorities, who often struggle to identify peers in their local areas

2. The digital divide: the rapid digitalisation of services is a potential driver of inequalities
3. A lack of support networks among people who move to rural and coastal communities: people may need additional support to identify appropriate services and to build social networks in new communities
4. Gaps in public transport provision: public transport provision can be patchy, and does not always take people to the places they want to go, as a result people rely heavily on their cars in rural (and to a lesser extent coastal) communities
5. Gaps in support for carers and people with dementia: there are gaps in the provision of appropriate and accessible support to meet people's specific needs" [p6]

### **Migration issues – News**

#### **“Helping New Scots settle”**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/helping-new-scots-settle/>

(Source: MEMO [Minority Ethnic Matters Overview], 715, 16 Aug 2021)

News release from the Scottish Government:

“Organisations and community groups working to support refugees in Scotland will share £2.8 million through a new grant scheme.

In total, 56 projects will receive funding to deliver initiatives designed to help New Scots settle in their adopted communities by promoting employability, education, health and social and cultural connections.”

#### **Press release: “‘Operation Warm Welcome’ underway to support Afghan arrivals in the UK”**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/operation-warm-welcome-underway-to-support-afghan-arrivals-in-the-uk?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=1c8bede5-d8a3-4c68-9804-88dcc8e1e155&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/operation-warm-welcome-underway-to-support-afghan-arrivals-in-the-uk?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=1c8bede5-d8a3-4c68-9804-88dcc8e1e155&utm_content=daily)

“As part of the New Plan for Immigration, the government announced that those coming to the UK through resettlement routes would receive immediate indefinite leave to remain, and today (September 1) the Home Secretary has announced that this will apply to Afghans who worked closely with the British military and UK Government in Afghanistan, and risked their lives in doing so, meaning they can now stay in the UK without any time restrictions.”