

Wider Outlook

Welcome to August's Wider Outlook—the team have chosen the theme of Citizenship, Equalities and Social Exclusion for this month's edition. Starting with a report on 2013 as the European Year of Citizens; looking at developments in UK's approach to policy initiatives with the Government's *What Works*, evidence based social policy advice centres; and funding available to promote Equalities and Social Justice.

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Commission Report on EU Citizenship

2013 has been designated the "European Year of Citizens", marking the 20th anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty, which introduced the notion of EU citizenship.

While the citizenship status promises an important set of rights and opportunities for all EU citizens, there are still challenges and the report discusses the numerous remaining obstacles to reaching EU citizenship rights.

The report draws on the key research findings of fifteen EU funded Social Sciences and Humanities research projects with a bearing for understanding the genesis and evolution of EU citizenship. Some of the FP7 projects featured include:

- Enacting European Citizenship (ENACT), coordinated by the Open University
- Memory, Youth, Political Legacy and Civic Engagement (MYPLACE), coordinated by the University of Warwick
- Processes Influencing Democratic Ownership and Participation (PIDOP), coordinated by the University of Surrey

One of the key conclusions of the report is the importance of 'bringing the citizens in', that is, viewing citizens and their families as partners in the design of policies and solutions and as the key to strengthening EU citizenship's reality and potential

Summary presentation <http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/events-241/presentation-co-creation-budapest-ec.pdf>

Full document http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/co-creating_eu_citizenship.pdf



11th European week of cities and regions—October 7th – 11th 2013 BRUSSELS Marking the new timeline towards the Europe 2020 strategy, the OPEN DAYS 2013 will be held under the slogan 'Europe's regions and cities taking off for 2020'. Workshops will address one of the following themes: Managing Change, Synergies and cooperation, Challenges and solutions

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/

Upcoming Funding



EU funding for social justice

The Directorate-General for Justice invites applications for its action grants PROGRESS support to activities implemented by non-governmental organisations at the European level. Projects must address one of the following:

- non-discrimination and Roma integration, for which the budget is €4.3 million;
- equal rights for persons with disabilities, for which the budget is €2.1m;
- equality between women and men, for which the budget is €950,000.

Activities may include analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation and awareness-raising, information and dissemination. Applicants must be non-governmental, non-profit-making and independent as well as organised at European level and have national member organisations or bodies in at least 15 participating countries. Actions may include partner organisations, associate partners and contracts with third parties. Grants may cover up to 80 per cent of eligible costs for a maximum duration of 12 months. Closing date 01/10/2013 Full details: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just_2013_prog_ag_ngos_en.htm

Centre for Social Action

The Centre for Social Action sponsored by the Cabinet Office aims to:

1. provide financial support, and in some cases additional skills development, to programmes that motivate people to make a difference through social action -

2. helping programmes to expand
3. commission campaigns that encourage large numbers of people to get involved in social action
4. find and support new ideas and designs that have the potential to get many more people, businesses, and civil soci-

5. ety organisations involved in social action
6. support the development of a modern and effective infrastructure to support social action

Full details: <https://www.gov.uk/centre-for-social-action>

<p style="text-align: center;">Open Funding Calls</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you are interested in any of these funds please contact the External Projects Team</p>		
ESRC-Austrian collaborative projects	Proposals may be submitted in any area of the social sciences within the remit of both agencies. The scheme provides funding for small grants and standard research grants.	http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/international/AustriaBilaterals.aspx
Overseas travel grants	These enable individuals to visit recognised non-UK centres to study new techniques and to travel from the UK to start or develop international collaborations. In addition to travel and subsistence, the principal investigator can request funds to cover their salary and indirect costs	http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/int/Pages/otgs.aspx
National Lottery Reaching Communities	Helping communities in need. By: 1. Responding to a need. 2. Involving the people who will benefit from the project in the planning and running. 3. Cover one of these: access training, make the community stronger, improve the local environment, make people healthier. £10,000-£500,000.	http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?tab=1&regioncode=-uk
<p>Search open funding calls here http://blogs.staffs.ac.uk/research/category/resources/funding-calendar/</p>		

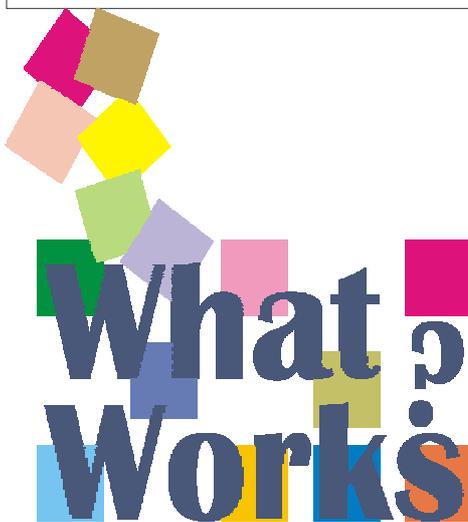
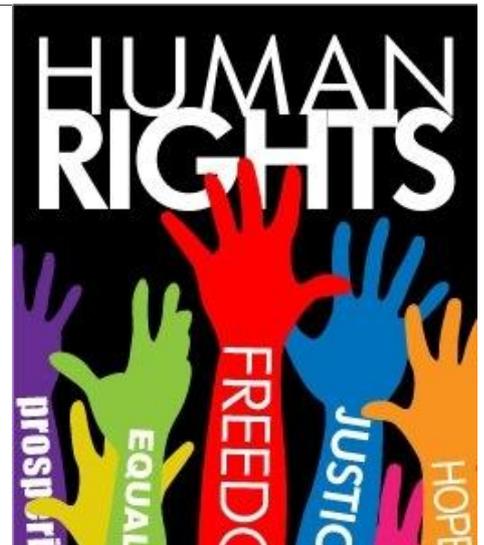
Policy and Funding Update

Northern Ireland grants 2011-2016

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust invites applications for its grants. These may be used to fund work contributing to the on going transformation of the Northern Ireland conflict. Projects should strengthen new politics, foster a culture of human rights, equality and civil liberties, promote understanding of root causes of past violence and strengthen citizen engagement on social justice

issues. The trust will not fund academic research, with the exception of research that forms an integral part of policy and campaigning work central to the above themes. A range of organisations and individuals from the UK and Ireland may apply, however, the proposed work must be charitable in nature. The grants have a nominal average value of £30,000, but grants may range from a few hundred pounds to £100,000 and last up to three years, closing date August 27th 2013.

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/text.asp?>



The UK government's What Works network, a set of six evidence-based social policy advice centres, will provide evidence to improve and develop government policies in health, education, crime reduction, early interventions to give children a good start, ageing and local economic growth. They will identify gaps in

research, as well as conducting their own investigations.

Two of the centres—the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, and the Education Endowment Foundation—are established. The remaining four centres are at various stages of development. The institution hosting the Centre for Local Economic Growth shortly be announced, and the College of Policing is considering bids from academic partners to work in the Centre for Crime Reduction.

A seventh centre, looking at a “more holistic notion of wellbeing”, is also under discussion.

The Department for Education will contribute £125 million in the next 15 years for the Education Endowment Foundation. The Centre for Local Economic Growth will be funded by £3m in the next three years from a consortium comprising the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Economic and Social Research Council

Main web site

<https://www.gov.uk/what-works-network>

Research Funding Opportunities

The Society for Research into Higher Education invites applications for its scoping awards.

These are awarded for the exploration of any new or emerging area of higher education research leading to the development of a plan for further research. Applications are welcome from members and non-members of the society.

Two awards, worth £5,000 each, are available. Full details:

http://www.srhe.ac.uk/research/annual_research_awards.asp

Find Funding

Check out how to do your own search for funding

<http://blogs.staffs.ac.uk/research/category/resources/funding->

Research News and EU Funding

EU funding for Gender Equality

The EU Directorate-General for Justice invites proposals for its action grants on PROGRESS gender equality. The overall objective is to support actions from the civil society and other relevant stakeholders to promote equality between women and men and to achieve the objectives defined in the Commission's strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015 and in the European pact for gender equality 2011-2020.

Actions may address: •gender pay gap; •gender balance in economic decision-making positions. The applicants institution must be a non-profit making body such as non-governmental organisations, social partners, higher education institutions and research centres and institutes. National, regional and local authorities and national equality bodies may participate as partners. EU bodies and institutions may be

associated to applications. The estimated budget is €3.62 million and each project may apply to a minimum of €250,000 covering up to a maximum of 80 per cent of eligible costs. Projects may have a duration of up to 24 months, starting in 2014; 10 to 15 projects are expected to receive funding. Closing date 8/08/2013. full details: <http://ec.europa.eu/justice/>



UK Social Policy and the Distribution of Economic Outcomes in 2010

Opinions are very divided over the social policy agenda pursued by the Labour government between 1997 and 2010, and the kind of legacy Labour left for the Coalition. The London School of Economics Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion recently published the following reports:

- An analysis of Labour's social policy record in health, education, the early years, neighbourhood renewal, poverty, inequality and cash transfers, covering what the policies were, how much was spent, what we got for the money and what the real impact on people's lives was as a consequence.

- An analysis of the distributive effects of the financial crash and recession, showing which groups gained and lost in terms of education, employment, earnings, incomes and wealth in the period from 2007/8 to 2009/10.

- This updates the work of the National Equality Council.

A new data exploration tool to enable anyone to interrogate the underlying evidence is available at

www.casedata.org.uk

Policy in Brief

The blog of the Equality and Diversity Forum, <http://www.edf.org.uk/blog/> offers a national network of equality and human rights organisations. This website brings together a wide range of equality and human rights information and resources provided by EDF and other organisations.

In 2012, EDF was shortlisted in the European Diversity Awards for 'Google - Outstanding use of Technology in the Field of Diversity'.

