SEE THE PROBLEM

A MAJOR NEW REPORT launched at the University this week has indicated a disturbing lack of support for young visually-impaired people and their families living in the counties of East and West Sussex which could well be a mirror for other parts of the UK. The report, See, the Problem. A survey into the educational and employment needs of young visually-impaired people of East and West Sussex was undertaken by the Trafford Centre on behalf of the Blatchington Court Trust, a major south-coast charity.

Led by Dr Gill MacDonagh, a team of researchers spent 15 months interviewing young blind and partially-sighted people and their families. They also interviewed teachers, employers, social workers, clubs and voluntary organisations.

See, the Problem is very much a qualitative report which directly reflects the personal experiences of young people and their families; it conveys a disturbing story of abandonment in the pre-school years, hard struggles even to glimpse equality with their sighted peers in school and despair in the post-school years.

Registrar and Secretary Geoff Lockwood has recently been appointed Chairman of the Blatchington Court Trust. He says of the report’s findings: “The lack of support is particularly acute for children and young adults outside of the school age range. The family guidance and the meeting of the development needs of the 0-4 year olds appears to be virtually non-existent. At the other end of the age range of concern to the Trust, the training for employment and the obtaining of employment by the 16-25 year olds reflects a neglect which amounts to society turning a ‘blind eye’ to the citizenship of the visually-impaired.”

According to Geoff, the Trust will now use the report’s findings to focus attention on the situation revealed by the survey. It also intends, working in conjunction with other agencies, to improve that situation significantly.

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in higher education

Ideas, Innovation, Initiative – EHE Funding

Enterprise in Higher Education recently hosted an exhibition celebrating the enterprising qualities of students whose projects they have funded. Ten projects were represented and visitors voted for the project they felt was the most enterprising. Larissa Bull and Esther Bertram (above) accept a £200 cheque on behalf of all those involved with the Rwenzori Project, who will be carrying out hands-on development work in Uganda this summer.

Calling all enterprising students

For the second year running, the Southern Region Student Enterprise Network will be giving away three prizes of £200 each to ‘enterprising’ student projects. To qualify the project must show initiative, develop transferable skills, be innovative and be an ongoing activity. You need not have received funding from Enterprise to take part in this competition, it is open to all students. Projects will be judged by an independent panel from a one-page description about the project and its enterprising attributes. Two representatives from the winning projects will be asked to make a presentation about the project at a later date. Applications must be received by 17 March 1995. More information and application forms are available from the Enterprise Unit in Arts D421, tel: (67)8543.
LIFE – don’t keep it to yourself

Organ donation can be a difficult subject to think or talk about. Most people do not want to contemplate their own death. Nor do bereaved relatives find it easy to decide on the donation of the organs of a loved one whose wishes were not made clear before they died. A national computerised register of donors has now been created to boost donations. This will enable the hospital to check whether the deceased’s name is on the register and provide reassurance to the next-of-kin. Free phone: 0800 555777 for an explanatory leaflet and registration form.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Now that word-processors are used to generate the letterhead as well as the text of correspondence, the Administration has adopted a version of the University arms in which the dexter points of the two Saxons crowns cast deep sable shadows south-eastwards. This is unheraldic and unbeautiful; it is clearly what we in the trade call a bug. Can we hope that it will soon be cured?

Geoffrey Sampson, COGS

Dear Editor,

The University’s latest statement on car parking is deeply disappointing. With too many cars chasing too few places, we should either build more parking spaces or ration those that we have by charging for permits. Urging people to come to campus by public transport may win PC brownie points, but it is not going to solve the problem.

Last Monday I drove to the University from Cambridge, arriving at 11.30 am. Predictably, there were no parking spaces, so following time-honoured Sussex practice, I parked in the road on a double yellow line. Less predictably, I found a £20 parking ticket on my windscreen when I returned.

My experience prompts four questions:

First, what good is served by occasional lightning raids by traffic wardens from the town? On Tuesday, it was business as usual and cars were once again parked ‘illegally’ on campus roads. I would rather pay a parking fee to the University than a parking fine to the Sussex Police.

Second, where should I have parked?

Third, is it not the case that I face a £20 fine because my employer has woefully failed in its responsibility to provide adequate parking facilities for its members? In which case . . .

Fourth, to whom should I send my parking ticket?

Peter Saunders, SOC
The German-Jewish Dilemma
From the Enlightenment to the Holocaust

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the defeat of National Socialism and the liberation of the concentration camps, the University is to host an international conference linked with an exhibition illustrating the careers of writers forced into exile by the Hitler regime.

The conference will explore a wide range of themes under the general title *The German-Jewish Dilemma from the Enlightenment to the Holocaust*. The aim is not simply to focus on the horrors of racial persecution and the concentration camps, but to explore the wider spectrum of German-Jewish cultural history, showing how the project of emancipation led initially to a high degree of social integration and cultural achievement, from Marx, Freud and Herzl through to Kafka, Schnitzler and Rattenau.

Further papers will focus on problems of assimilation, showing how the crisis of liberalism in Germany led finally to the Nazi seizure of power and to systematic policies of persecution and genocide.

A photographic exhibition at the Gardner Arts Centre *Time Creates the Images: Writers whose Home was Austria* will accompany the conference and is open to the public free of charge. Through a combination of biographical texts and photographic images, the exhibition charts the careers of seventy-five writers of Austrian origin, mostly from Jewish backgrounds, who chose to emigrate in order to escape persecution.

Among the writers featured are George Clare, author of *Last Waltz in Vienna* and Simon Wiesenthal, the concentration camp survivor who founded the Jewish Documentation Centre after the war and has been responsible for bringing many Nazi war criminals to justice. During the exhibition Jakob Lind, the Anglo-Austrian author, will give a reading from his reminiscences.

The conference will take place from Tuesday 21 March to Friday 24 March and is open to anyone who is interested, on payment of a fee to cover registration, meals and refreshments. Further details are available from Renate Brahim, Centre for German-Jewish Studies, EURO, ext: 2010.

What the papers say...

A government-funded scheme to introduce relationship education into schools is being piloted in Brighton by Relate and evaluated by the University's Dr Adrian Hemmings (Guardian 14 February). Relationship education focusses on teaching children to make secure, lasting, happy relationships with a future partner and Dr Hemmings is optimistic about the Brighton project. "We've done an initial evaluation which is very promising," he said. "We found the course was very effective in some schools but not others and we're trying to get a clear idea of why." He hopes his work will help refine courses so that the content can be adapted to suit the school.

Nuclear material for making bombs is regularly flown over British cities and towns on route to the US, claims the Daily Mirror (14 February). What would happen if one of these planes came down doesn't bear thinking about, warned Greenpeace who added, "We are not talking about a nuclear explosion but if you breathe in just a speck of plutonium it causes cancer." The article quotes William Walker (SPRU) who said that the transport of nuclear material was allowed under a defence agreement between Britain and the US.

In Brief

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

For more information, call Mylene Powell in the Research Office, ext 3812 (mornings only), email: M.G.Powell@sussex.ac.uk.


**NERC** information on the new structure of the Natural Environment Research Council is available.

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** Centrally Commissioned Research Programme: list of themes is available.

**LAND TRANSPORT (ROAD VEHICLES):** IMI programme focussing on: Supply chain re-enginering for the extended enterprise; In-vehicle telematic systems; Materials, design and manufacturing of advanced vehicle structures. The future of mobility. Closing date for outline proposals in April 95.

**HISTORY OF SCIENCE:** ROYAL SOCIETY & BRITISH ACADEMY post-doc. fellowship from 1 Oct. 95.

**ROYAL SOCIETY RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS** in physical sciences, biological sciences and cancer research. Closing date: 7 April.

**VIRUCIDAL AGENTS** against the sexual transmission of HIV: MRC call for research proposals. No closing date.

**JAPAN & KOREA: FELLOWSHIPS** in natural sciences, engineering, economics and management (in particular of innovation), funded by EC. First closing dates 31 March (production technologies), 1 June 1995 (all other areas).

**FRANCO-BRITISH COLLABORATION 1996**. British Council grants in pure and applied sciences, life sciences, technology and applied social sciences: travel and subsistence for up to three months in each direction in any year, for one or two years. Closing date 31 May 95.

Remember the Robin Lee Poetry Competition open to all students and staff of the University. Entrants may submit up to four poems. Further details from Pat Hemsworth in Arts B239, ext: 2154. Closing date: 26 April.
What's on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

■ Monday 6 March
1pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: Title to be announced. S. Vickers, Biology Lecture Room.
3pm Maths & Statistics Analysis Seminar: Global Averaging Theorems For Dissipative Partial Differential Equations. A. Ilyin (Cardiff) PB2A2, MAPSI.
4.15pm Chemistry Colloquium: Conformational Control: From Tetrapropylammonium Ions to ROMP Polymers. R. W. Alder (Bristol), MSLT, MOLS.
4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Neural Control of Social Recognition in Sheep. J. Lewis (Babraham Institute), Biology Lecture Room.
5pm European Studies Lecture: Is Socialism Dead? I. Veyvoda, Arts A2.
5.30pm Sociology and Social Psychology Seminar: Land Reform in South Africa. E. Francis (Essex), Arts D310.

■ Tuesday 7 March
2pm Condensed State Physics Seminar: Title and speaker to be announced. PB1A1, MAPSI.
3pm SEI Research in Progress Seminar: Regulating Competitiveness: The Bureaucratic Politics of Biotechnology Policy in the EU. L. Paterson (Pittsburgh), Arts A71.
4pm COGS Seminar: Do Arts Live on the Edge of Chaos? Prof B. Goodwin (OU), PBSC11, MAPSI.
4pm Maths & Statistics Algebra Seminar: Maximal Sets in Finite Spaces. J. W. Hirschfeld, PB2A2, MAPSI.
4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar: Regulation of Chromosome Replication By Replication Licensing Factor. J. Blow (ICRF, Clare Hall), Biology Lecture Theatre.
5pm Social Anthropology Seminar: Title to be confirmed. T. Blanchet (Dakka), Arts E419.
5pm American Studies Open Seminar: I Wish He Would Explain His Explanation: Authorial Explication in Wallace Stevens and Ezra Pound. M. Baeagalupu (Genoa), Arts A106.
5.15pm International Relations Seminar: The Politics of Integrating Gender to State Development Process: Trends, Opportunities and Constraints in Bangladesh, Chile, Jamaica, Morocco, Mali & Uganda. A. Goetz, Arts D340.
5.30pm Graduate Research Seminar in Media Studies: Sexuality and Nationality in French Canadian Cinema. J. Arroyo (Warwick), A71 SEI.
6pm Annual Barlow Lecture: Painting and Picture in Ming Culture. C. Clunas, Arts A2.
Admission by ticket only, obtainable, free of charge from M. Suppel on (67)8213.

■ Wednesday 8 March
12.30pm Environmental Science Research Seminar: The Innovation of Agrochemicals: Regulation, Competition and Patent Protection. G. Hartnell, MS3 MOLS.
1pm IDS Aid and Poverty Reduction Seminar: Donors, Poverty and Populism. S. Smith, IDS 221.
2pm Social Sciences Colloquium: Theme Inequalities: Children and Adolescents Perceptions of Economic Inequalities. H. Ditmar; Class Ability and Social Mobility. P. Saunders; Ageing and Inequalities. P. Thane, Arts D520.
4pm Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis Seminar: The Numerical Approximation of Mean Curvature Flow. G. Dziuk (Freiburg), PB1A1, MAPSI.
4.30pm History of Art Work-in-Progress Seminar: Gauguin and the Dialectics of Primitivism. S. Eisenman (California), Arts B151.

■ Thursday 9 March
12.30pm History and Gender Group: Party: Please Bring Food, Drink & Ideas. Arts D520.
1pm RUPAG Seminar: Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and Developing Country Agriculture. J. Pyke, IDS 221.
4.30pm Experimental Psychology Colloquium: Autism: Therapy of Mind and Beyond. F. Happe (MRC CDU), Biology Lecture Room.
5pm Geography Research Seminar: Fear, Conflict and Sex in the Sussex Landscape. J. Terry, EDB 302.
Arts A155.
5pm Social and Political Thought Seminar: Relativism as an Explanation. S. Turner (Florida), Arts D630.
6pm Royal Statistical Society Seminar: Finite Mixture Distributions and Some of Their Applications. B. Everitt (Institute of Psychiatry), PB1A7, MAPSI.

■ Friday 10 March
2.15pm SPRU Seminar: Will Sustainability Mean Lower Living Standards? P. Harper (Centre for Alternative Technology, Powys), EDB 121.

New Database for Social Scientists

The latest database on BIDS is IBBS: the International Bibliography of the Social Sciences. Features include: 'seamless' searching from 1980 onwards on a large database of 2,600 journal titles & 6,000 books annually; current awareness of journal items; ability to e-mail results; 24/7 access from networked PCs. For more details contact the library on ext. 8440.

Career Development Unit

PLANET 24: An amazing opportunity to meet Britain's leading independent TV production company (creators of Big Breakfast & The Word) who are seeking to recruit graduate production trainees. They are coming to Sussex on Mon 6 Mar to tell you more. 5.30pm, Terrace Room, Refectory. For further details on this and all other CDU events contact CDU ext. 8429 or call in at Falmer house.

Miscellaneous

Mature Students Group: Events throughout March inc. quiz nights, walk on Downs and more. Further details see Mature Student Noticeboard in Falmer Hse or contact Steve on 843317 or Sam on 81035.
American Day: Unmissable American style lunch Thu 7 March. 12am-2pm, Refectory, Level 2.
National No Smoking Day: Start your smoke-free life with meeting in Health Centre on Fri Mar 10th. 12.30-1.30pm.

Small Ads

For Sale: Fridge/Freezer 46" by 20", top fridge. V. Good condition. £60 ono. Contact Caroline on ext. 3741 or 727275 (eves).
For Sale: Spacious 2 bed flat. Seven Dials area. Very good decorative order, 5 mins B'ton BR. Shared freehold. Seaview. £53,000. Contact ext. 2440 or 725730.
Flat to Let: In Manchester. 10 mins walk from city centre. Fully furnished. Contact ext. 2905.
Rooms Available: Choice of rooms over Summer Term in spacious seafront flat in Hove. All facilities. £75.50 or £43.50. Contact Steve or Matt on 430148.
Corfu Let: March to mid-July inclusive. Cottage in quiet village between Nissaki and Kaminaki. 15 mins walk from beach. Sleeps 6-8. Contact Lewes on 474724.
Nanny Available: Experienced, well-referenced nanny. Emergencies or regular care. £4 per hour. Ref or pt. negotiable. Contact 476776 (eves).

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