



CCN+ Newsletter, August 2013

Upcoming Events

CCN+ Annual Event, 5th-6th Sept, University of Leeds

Closing date for registration: 16th August

This event asks about the wider political, social and cultural impacts of juxtaposing digital mediations and practices with something we call community, asking what is heralded, what is lost, and what the future holds. *Digital Practices: [In]Visible Communities* brings together the funded work of the Communities and Culture Network+ around the themes of digital mediation and visibility. The schedule is now available to download from the [event website](#).

IEEE Big Data 2013, 6th-9th Oct 2013, Santa Clara, CA, USA

CCN+ members planning to attend the 2013 IEEE International Conference on Big Data in California (October 2013) may be interested in this [call for papers](#).

Digital Research 2013, 9th-11th Sept, Oxford

This years event has two major themes: the Data Scientist Symposium which will consider the role, training and career of Data Scientists, and the Digital Research Showcase which is an opportunity for researchers and research technologists to present their latest work, as in previous years. [Read more](#)

Who we are

The Digital Economy 'Communities and Culture' Network+ engages with digital transformations, bringing them together with a wider public through direct engagements, innovative methods and digital resources.

FUNDING

[Open call for seed funding](#)

Funding for seed projects of £1-4k per project (to fund small discrete projects within the remit of the Communities and Culture Network+.

Next deadline: 30th Sept

[Exploring value in the digital economy](#)

Call for contributions, DE2013: Lightning talks

Deadline: 20th Sept

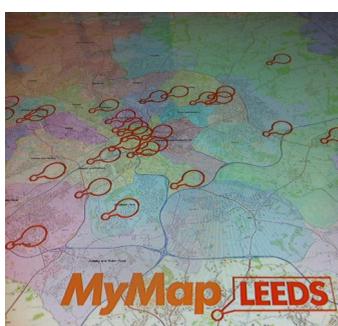
CCN+ Research



Everyday Growing Cultures

Yana Manyukhina's post on the CCN+ blog relates the development of the *Everyday Growing Cultures* pilot project: read the full post [here](#).

This six-month pilot project may be drawing to a close but the research continues to evolve and engage new audiences. Having recently been awarded ESRC Festival of Social Science funding, the team, led by Farida Vis, is organizing an evening event for policy makers, the business community and third sector on 'the ethics and politics of open data use' and is planning to present at other events. [Read more](#)



MyMap Leeds

MyMap Leeds is a new project that uses new touch screen technology to give young people around Leeds the chance to get their story on the map. The collaboration between Leeds City Council, [Studio12](#) and the Communities and Culture Network+ is giving children and young people around Leeds the chance to take part in workshops that teach them to write, film and edit their own short films, using spoken word to talk about their lives in Leeds. [Read more](#)

SusNet

Aristea Fotopoulou's article 'Brand(ed) New Sexualities and Real Bodies Online' has just been published in the Journal of Lesbian Studies (Vo. 17, Issue 3-4, 2013); read the abstract [here](#). Aristeia is Co-Investigator for the CCN+ *SusNet* network, which explores how non-institutionalized communities become enabled to engage in digital media and sustain networked knowledge production.

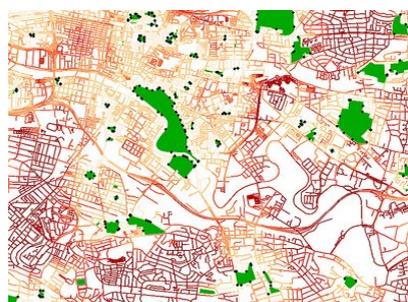
Reaching Out Online

The CCN+ funded project *Reaching Out Online*, led by Dr Sharif Mowlabocus (University of Sussex) in collaboration with Terrence Higgins Trust, has secured additional funding from the Big Lottery Fund to run a parallel user-centred study. *Reaching Out Online* examines the use of online social media tools and platforms by outreach workers during sexual health interventions targeted at gay male and MSM communities, whilst the parallel project will explore user's experiences of online health promotion work. [Read more](#)

From the Network...

Digital Mapping

CCN+ members Dylan Yamada-Rice and Lisa Procter (School of Education, University of Sheffield) have received funding for a small-scale pilot research project which will examine the extent and ways in which digital technologies allow three generations of people (early childhood, teenagers and the retired) to engage with, navigate and document cities. [Read more](#)



Research Associate Opportunity

The University of Sheffield's Information School is seeking a Research Associate to work on 'The Cultural Values of Digging' project. This part-time (0.6) post is available on a fixed term basis until 28 February 2014. Closing date: 14th August 2013. Full details available [here](#).

Situ8

The Situ8 web portal was launched recently, as part of the Open University's OpenScience Laboratory. Situ8 is a tool designed to enable the delivery and creation of geolocated user-generated content, referred to as Media Objects or MOs. It can be used for both formal and informal learning, citizen science and collection of fieldwork data. [Read more](#)