

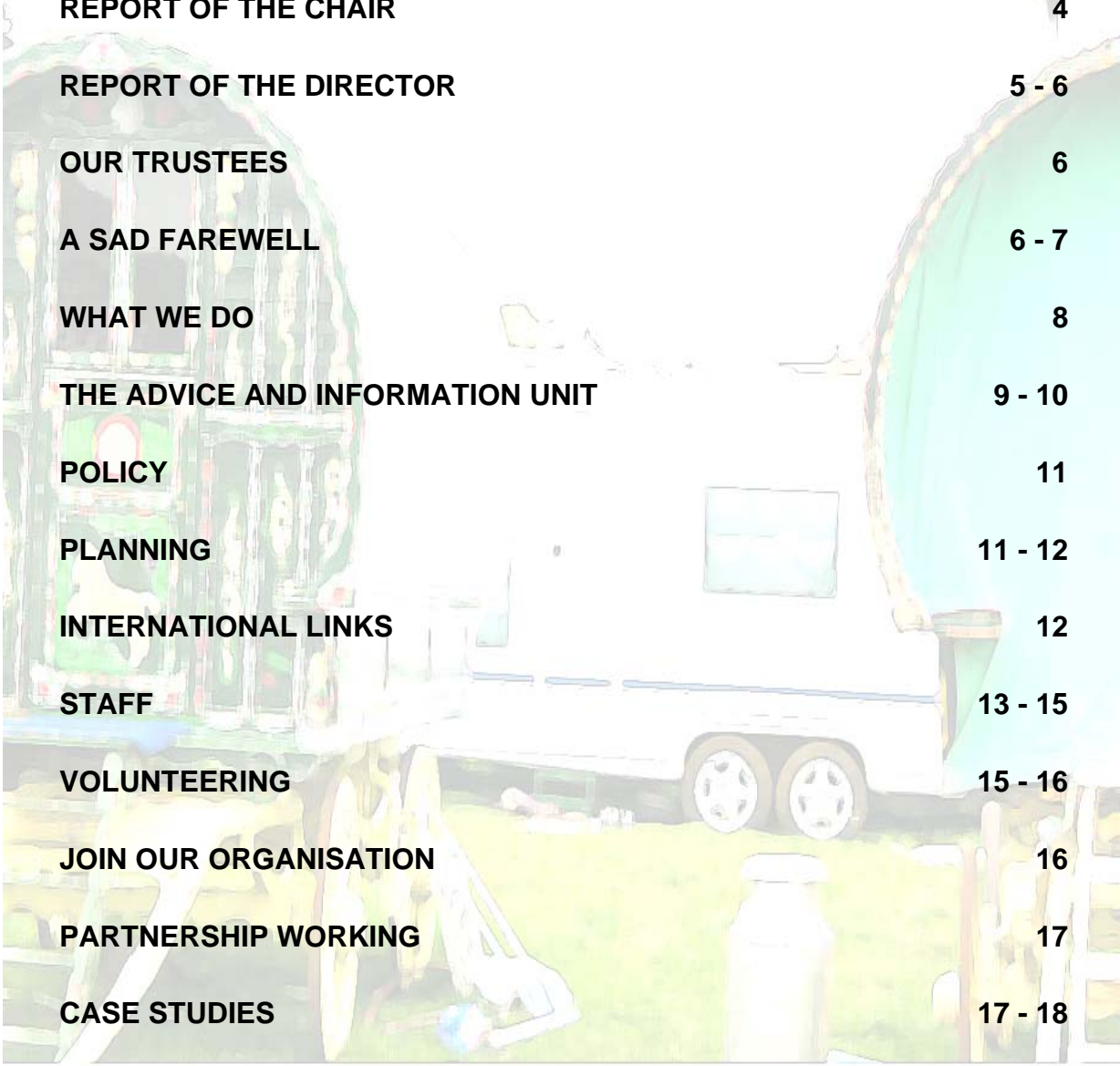


# Friends, Families and Travellers Annual Report 2006 - 2007

Charity Number 1112326

# Friends, Families & Travellers

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## Introduction to FFT

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Friends, Families & Travellers (FFT) was established during the passage through Parliament of the 1994 Criminal Justice & Public Order Bill and has emerged as a lead organisation seeking to address the problems facing the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Starting as an informal support group working primarily with new Travellers, FFT soon began working with Gypsies and Irish Travellers and within a few years had grown into to a formal organisation providing advice and information along with a wide range of other services to Gypsies and Travellers nationwide.

Very early on in its history, FFT developed a working relationship with the Public Law Project and provided crucial ground work for two landmark legal challenges which resulted in local authorities being required to make basic welfare enquiries before being able to carry out evictions.

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*FFT's mission statement is to work towards a more equitable society where everyone has the right to travel and to stop without fear of persecution because of their lifestyle.*

FFT's ongoing work in this field gained recognition when the organisation was short-listed for the Human Rights Award in 1999. Taking this work forward, FFT was one of the three lead agencies in the Gypsy and Traveller Law Reform Coalition.

FFT is a membership organisation run by a Management Committee, which is currently made up of eight Trustees, four of whom are Travellers and three of whom are lawyers specialising in Traveller issues. FFT is a registered charity (no. 1112326) and a non-profit making company limited by guarantee (no. 3597515).



## Report of the Chair - Liz Watkins

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I am pleased to introduce our 2006/7 Annual Report which outlines the work that we have been doing at national, regional and local level to try to redress the serious inequalities and social exclusion that are still part and parcel of the life of Gypsies and Travellers.

Our organisation's aim is to work towards a more equitable society where everyone has the right to travel and to stop without fear of persecution because of their lifestyle. Even though there have been some encouraging signs that the serious national shortage of Gypsy and Traveller sites is finally being addressed, we are still concerned to ensure that the traditional nomadic culture of Gypsies and Travellers is not forced out of existence through the provision of a small number of additional 'authorised' sites onto which Gypsies and Travellers are confined, constrained and controlled. It is vital to ensure that site provision is not seen as a one-dimensional issue but that a range of options is offered to meet the diverse needs of Gypsies and Travellers. This will include the provision of well-equipped and affordable permanent sites, transit sites and a network of informal stopping places where travelling communities can park up for a few days without the fear of harassment and precipitate eviction.

At FFT our dedicated staff team work on behalf of all Gypsies and Travellers, regardless of ethnicity or background. This includes highly mobile travelling groups, Gypsies and Travellers on authorised sites and those in bricks and mortar housing. Please take a few minutes to read the reports from our staff and projects and learn about the wide range of work that we are undertaking to try to bring about real and positive change to people's lives. Better still, become a member of our organisation and join us in our struggle to end racism and discrimination against Gypsies and Travellers, who are undoubtedly the most marginalised and socially excluded of all minority ethnic groups in the UK today.



## Report of the Director - Chris Whitwell

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The past twelve months have been busy and eventful ones at FFT. I took up my appointment as Director in June and have felt very privileged to work with such a committed, enthusiastic and capable staff team. Although we are still a small organisation, we deliver a wide range of services and projects and, most of all, we believe that we are able to make a real and immediate difference to people's lives through the casework and outreach work that we do.

We work at national, regional and at local level and the main pillars of the work that we do can be described as the three 'C's' - Casework, Capacity building and Campaigning.

At the national level we run a helpline staffed by caseworkers who provide information, advice and casework services to Gypsy and Traveller clients who contact us. Although we work with all Gypsies and Travellers regardless of ethnicity or background most of our casework is with indigenous traditional Travellers - either Romany Gypsies or Irish Travellers. We also input into national policy development and campaigning work, both in our own right and as one of the partners to the Traveller Law Reform Project, details of which are set out elsewhere in this report. We also work nationally to help young Gypsies and Travellers to access into mainstream education services and to raise the awareness of education providers about Gypsy and Traveller culture. Finally we seek to participate in the consultation processes of statutory planning authorities - comprising the Regional Assemblies, County and Unitary authorities and Borough and District Councils.

At regional level we are currently still in the first year of a Big Lottery funded capacity building project aimed at building the capacity of mainstream agencies in both the voluntary and statutory sectors to provide appropriate and culturally sensitive services to Gypsies and Travellers. More details of this project are set out elsewhere in this report.



At local level we run a health and social care outreach project, working directly with Gypsy and Traveller communities, families and individuals in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Recently we have extended this work into West Sussex and we are hoping to roll out the good practices that we have developed locally to other areas and regions.

We would not be able to maintain this level of activity without the support of our members and our various funders, all of whom are acknowledged elsewhere in this report.

## Our Trustees

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Our Trustees during 2006/7 were -

Liz Watkins (Chair)  
Neil Ansell (Vice Chair)  
Justine Compton (Honorary Treasurer)  
Roberta Kellie  
Tony Thompson  
Rob Torkington  
Marc Willers  
Franqui Wolf

Our Director, Chris Whitwell, is also Company Secretary.

The Trustees would like to express their appreciation to Greg Yates who has attended Trustee Board meetings and who has provided invaluable advice and information.

## A Sad Farewell

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Sadly, Franqui Wolf passed away in July 2007. Franqui had been a Director of FFT for many years and contributed to the decision making process of the organisation in a practical, compassionate and thoughtful way. Her contribution will be missed. The development of FFT as an organisation has been a roller-coaster at times particularly for the staff, as they depend on our funding successes and disappointments for their job security.



## A Sad Farewell

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Franqui was enormously proud of the FFT staff and their expertise and dedication and often personally requested that thanks to the staff be formally minuted at meetings (as well as administering big bear hugs all round at every meeting!). She was also proud of the achievements that the organisation has made over the years both in terms of helping individuals access information, advice and services and in relation to lobbying and policy work.

Franqui went through some very difficult trials and tribulations which made up the tapestry of her life but was always active in trying to alleviate the difficulties of others. As well as her work with FFT she was also involved in helping those affected by domestic violence.

She shared her joy and we were all very touched when Franqui made contact with her son after so many years. We send our condolences to him, Malcolm and all her family. To me, Franqui embodied the warmth and community spirit which has made life on the road such an important a part of my life.

**Liz Watkins**  
Chair

Franqui was the first person to welcome me at my first ever FFT meeting, over 10 years ago. I was struck by her openness and compassion, which seemed to embody the spirit of the fledgling organisation.

Never one to be idle, she also took an active roll in the Rainbow Circle, both in the meeting room and on the ground. Whilst cooking round the fire with Franqui at a Rainbow Circle camp, many years ago, she became frustrated by my efforts to chop a red pepper on my knee, gently took the knife from me and showed me the "right" way to do it. It is a technique that I use to this day, and every time I do, it reminds me of her. I shall miss her very much.

**Rob Torkington**  
Trustee



## What We Do

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We provide advice and information to Gypsies and Travellers directly, either by phone, personal visit to our office or by outreach work to sites. We also provide advice on issues affecting Gypsies and Travellers to third party organisations.

We offer advice and advocacy for individual Travellers, groups and families.

We supply expert witness statements on site provision and other Gypsy and Traveller needs at planning inquiries, to assist Gypsies and Travellers to secure their own sites or to influence decisions to evict from unauthorised sites.

We disseminate information on Gypsy and Traveller issues to a wide range of inquirers, including students, local authorities and other statutory bodies, other non-government organisations and the media.

We liaise with lawyers, legal organisations, local authorities, voluntary organisations and the police in relation to casework or policy development.

We publish educational and research material to inform Gypsy and Traveller communities and to provide information about Gypsy and Traveller communities and their environment to others.

We develop and deliver projects to benefit Gypsy and Traveller communities.

We carry out research into issues that affect Gypsies and Travellers and their families.

We work with other Gypsy and Traveller organisations to lobby for change.





# The Advice and Information Unit

*A high quality front line service for Gypsies and Travellers throughout the UK*

There are no accurate figures for Gypsies and Travellers in the UK, but various sources, e.g. the Council of Europe, have estimated the number at around 300,000 comprising 200,000 housed and 100,000 in caravans.

The only other official estimate available is the bi-annual count of Gypsy caravans carried out by local authorities in England and published twice a year by Communities and Local Government. These counts are thought to be notoriously unreliable and to consistently under-represent the true statistics. Nationally there is considered to be a need for between 3,000 and 4,000 additional pitches - a small figure in comparison with the 3 million new bricks and mortar houses required but hugely significant in terms of the human misery that results from lack of sites.

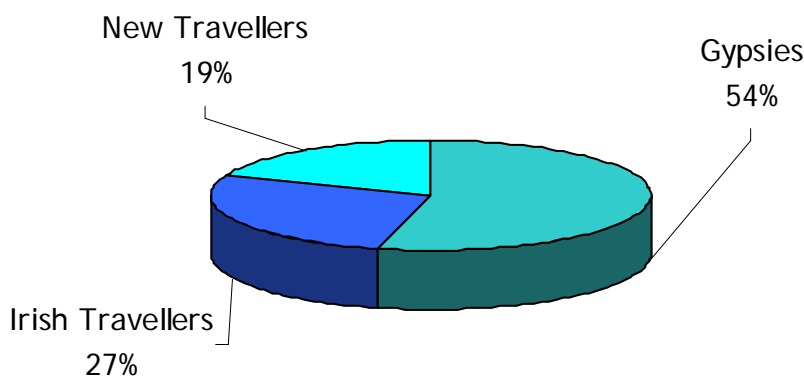
FFT offers advice, information and casework to all Gypsies and Travellers who seek our help and we monitor the profile of our client base to ensure that the service is reaching all sections of the travelling communities and all regions of the country. During 2006/7 our caseworkers dealt with a wide variety of cases from all across

mainland UK, including Wales and Scotland.

Approximately 54% of all our casework was with Gypsies, 27% was with Irish Travellers and 19% was with New Travellers. This represents a slight increase over the previous year in terms of the amount

of work done on behalf of 'traditional' Travellers (Gypsies and Irish Travellers) compared with the percentage done on behalf of New Travellers.

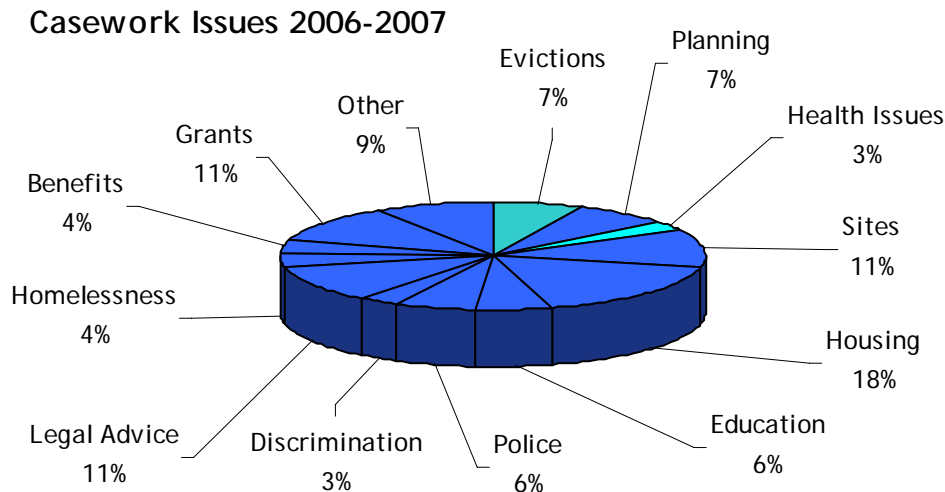
Casework Clients 2006-2007



## The Advice and Information Unit

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The categories of casework that we provided covered a wide range of issues and problems although, unsurprisingly, many revolved around eviction, housing and planning issues. The full breakdown is as follows -



- 7% were about evictions
- 7% were about planning
- 3% were about health issues
- 11% were about sites
- 17% were about housing
- 6% were about education
- 6% were about the police
- 3% were about discrimination
- 11% were seeking legal advice
- 4% were about homelessness
- 4% were about benefits
- 11% were about grants
- 9% other

Often clients present with multiple issues and sometimes these can overlap, making categorisation difficult. However FFT will continue to seek to improve and refine its processes for data collection whilst ensuring that strict client confidentiality remains at the forefront of the work that we do.



**Emma Nuttall**  
Advice Work Manager

## Policy

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A key element of our work during the past year has been to contribute to national policy development and to lobby for change. For example, we have campaigned vigorously to gain security of tenure for Gypsies and Travellers on Council owned sites following a landmark ruling in the European Courts. This issue is finally to be addressed in the new Housing Bill to be introduced in the next session of Parliament, but there are many other social policy injustices that we are fighting to redress. We will continue to work with partner organisations and in our own right to try to achieve fairness and equality for all Gypsies and Travellers.



Consultation with the Building and Social Housing Foundation at St. George's House, Windsor Castle

## Planning

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Recent changes in the planning system generally and the introduction of a new planning Circular aimed at making planning provision for Gypsies and Travellers have provided an opportunity to input into developing planning policy at national, regional and local level. The bulk of the work involves making responses to local planning authority consultations about developing local plans as well as informing developing Regional Spatial Strategies. The new Circular requires all local planning authorities to make provision in their plans for new sites, based upon evidence derived from Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation



Needs Assessments that have been carried out or are being carried out across England. The Circular is a great step forward in national policy and is the result of many years careful work and lobbying by voluntary organisations, including FFT, working with Gypsies and Travellers. As a result of grants from the Allen Lane Foundation and the Garden Court Chambers FFT is now one of the very few organisations with the capacity to make submissions on planning policy to aid the development of much needed sites. In addition to inputs at local level, opportunities have been taken to make submissions at national and regional level. The revisions of Regional Spatial Strategies should set out how many pitches each local authority has to make provision for in planning documents and FFT has responded to consultations on these issues.

As well as dealing with the multiplicity of routine consultations, often in cooperation, with other voluntary groups, research has been carried out and a paper prepared on the progress that local authorities are making and likely to make in the future. The results of the research have given rise to concerns about the potential for delay in the system and slowness of delivery of much needed sites. However there are some exemplar local authorities who are doing their best, often in difficult circumstances to make timely and appropriate provision. FFT will continue to do all that it can, in cooperation with other voluntary groups, to help ensure that this best practice is encouraged and to identify further opportunities for change in impending legislation.

**Steve Staines**  
Planning Officer

## International Links

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We have recently begun working with Roma families in East Sussex, from Slovakia and the Czech Republic and we wish to develop links with sister organisations from overseas who are already working with Roma communities.

Seeking to develop international links will be one of the priorities that we will be pursuing during the coming year.



## Staff

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**Chris Whitwell, BSc, MA.**  
**Director of Friends, Families and Travellers**

Chris was appointed Director in March 2006. He was previously working with FFT on a consultancy basis having held senior positions in the public and voluntary sectors.

**Emma Nuttall, BA.**  
**Advice Work Manager**

Emma initially started working for FFT as a volunteer. She is now the Advice Work Manager and has been working for FFT for over 7 years. Emma has a key role in policy work and represents the organisation in a number of national fora.



**Clare Bingham, MA.**  
**Caseworker**

MA in Applied Anthropology, Youth and Community Work at Goldsmith University. Clare's background is working with young homeless people including street homeless and sexual health outreach worker and later as a youth worker.

**Suzanna King.**  
**Administrator/book keeper**  
Suzanna joined FFT in November 2005. Her background is in arts administration, working in Young People's and Children's Theatre.



## Staff

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**Tammy Furey, BA, MSc.**  
**Community Education and Capacity Building Project Manager**  
Tammy joined FFT in 2001 as Project Manager of the CyberPilots. She also designs FFT's website ([www.Gypsy-Traveller.org](http://www.Gypsy-Traveller.org)), the CyberPilot website ([www.Gypsy-Traveller.org/cyberpilots](http://www.Gypsy-Traveller.org/cyberpilots)), and FFT's newsletter.

**Zoe Matthews RMN, BA (Hons) MA.**  
**Health Project Manager**  
Zoe is a trained Psychiatric Nurse with a degree in Anthropology and Sociology and has an MA in Health Promotion, where she specialised in the Health of Gypsies and Travellers. Initially joining as a volunteer, Zoe has now been working with FFT for seven years.



**Avril Fuller.**  
**Community Outreach Worker**  
Avril is of Gypsy heritage and started as a volunteer with FFT before becoming a paid member of staff in 2003. Her background is with Traveller Education Services. Avril specialises in working with vulnerable people/learning difficulties/disabilities.

**Sally Burnett.**  
**Health Advisor**  
Sally has been working for FFT for about 2 years and prior to that was working as a full time health visitor. Sally is also a qualified midwife.



## Staff

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Steve Staines, Bsc, Msc, Dip Ed.  
Planning Officer

Steve worked with others to create FFT Support Group in the run up to the 1994 Criminal Justice Bill and was National Coordinator for some years.

## Volunteering

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We have recently begun to encourage volunteering within our organisation. In the past FFT was an organisation run mainly by volunteers, but with the advent of funding for specific projects to be delivered by paid staff and needing to achieve specific targets, milestones and outputs, the opportunities for volunteer input were diminished. For a while FFT did not have the infrastructure to offer volunteer staff the training, mentoring and support that is necessary to ensure both that they contributed effectively to the aims and objectives of the organisation and that they gained sufficient reward from the volunteering experience to make it worthwhile to them. We do not want, as an organisation, to exploit volunteers or use them as unpaid labour, nor do we want volunteers who will not work within our culture and values to meet our organisational objectives.

We are now in a position to accept applications from people living in the Sussex area who would like to offer their services to us as volunteers. If you are interested in this opportunity please write to -

Chris Whitwell, Director  
Friends, Families and Travellers  
Community Base  
113, Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG



## Volunteering

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Alternatively email him at  
[chris@gypsy-traveller.org](mailto:chris@gypsy-traveller.org)

We will invite you to our office to meet the staff and for a brief interview and, if you are accepted as a volunteer, we will ensure that the work that you do is enjoyable, satisfying and fully supported.

## Join Our Organisation

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We are a membership organisation and we welcome new members. Membership runs from 1 April - 31 March each year and individual subscription rates are £10 per annum or £5 unwaged. Organisations may also join for an annual subscription of £25.

Membership entitles you to receive our quarterly Newsletter and to attend and vote at our Annual General Meetings. We are always pleased to hear from our members and to talk to them about the work that we are doing and, importantly, membership of our organisation means that you are helping us in our struggle to bring an end to the racism, marginalisation and social exclusion suffered by the travelling communities.

If you would like to join us simply contact Suzanna on 01273 234777 or email her at:  
[admin@gypsy-traveller.org](mailto:admin@gypsy-traveller.org).





## Partnership Working

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We believe that, if we are to bring about positive and lasting change, we need to develop and strengthen our partnerships with all those other organisations that are working on behalf of Gypsies and Travellers. Although there are some positive signs, progress remains slow and we all have to work together if we are to push for real change.

We are committed to working in partnership, and will continue to participate fully in the Traveller Law Reform Project in partnership with the Gypsy Council, the Irish Traveller Movement, the London Gypsy and Traveller Unit and the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group. We will continue to link closely with the Travellers Advice Team to whom we refer cases that require a specialist legal input. We will also work collaboratively with the many other groups that are doing vital work all around the country such as the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange and the South West Alliance of Nomads, to name but three. There are links to these and to around 50 other such organisations on our website at [www.gypsy-traveller.org](http://www.gypsy-traveller.org).

## Case Studies

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Here is a selection of some of the cases we dealt with in 2006/7.

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This case relates to an Irish Traveller woman in the East Midlands, who was facing violence and intimidation from another Irish Traveller who was managing the site upon which she lived, and who harassed her off the site. The woman had to live in temporary accommodation, as it was not safe for her to live on the site, and the manager had also given her pitch to someone else. FFT lobbied the council to return her to her home, and remove the site manager. The outcome was that



## Case Studies

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the site manager lost the lease of the council site, and the woman was given his old pitch, and his mobile home!

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This case relates to a Gypsy family in the South East, who had applied for planning permission for a three-pitch transit site, on their land, next to their residential family Gypsy site. The local authority had refused them planning permission. FFT attended the Planning Inquiry and gave evidence on the local need for Gypsy sites, as a result of which permanent planning permission was granted for the site.

*C*

This case relates to a Gypsy woman in the South East. The woman had been highly mobile for most of her life and due to traumatic changes within her family wished to become settled in bricks and mortar accommodation. FFT assisted this woman to put in a housing application, supported her to gain funds for essential items of furniture, training and work opportunities. The woman is now in full time employment and in permanent accommodation.

*D*

This case relates to an Irish Traveller family who had been living in bricks and mortar accommodation for several years, which was severely affecting the entire family's emotional well being. FFT assisted them to put in an application for a local authority site. Once a pitch became available the family were supported to gain a static trailer for the site via a hire company, and welfare grants were submitted to enable them to be able to pay the substantial delivery and deposit fees.



## Traveller Advice Project

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Planning Aid Workshop

During the year we were awarded funding by the Big Lottery for a capacity building project to help mainstream agencies in the voluntary and statutory sectors to provide appropriate and culturally sensitive services to Gypsies and Travellers. The project is overseen by a Steering Group with representation from Citizens Advice, the Commission for Racial Equality, Help the Aged, Shelter, Advice UK, Youth Access and the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group. We are very grateful for the helpful input of the

representatives of those agencies who have contributed enormously to the planning and delivery of this work.

We are currently in the first year of the project during which our prime focus was to develop a national database of contacts and organisations that provide targeted services to Gypsies and Travellers as well as beginning a series of training seminars for professionals in the mainstream agencies. The first of these was held in Guildford in January on Housing issues and was aimed at Registered Social Landlords and Housing Departments of local authorities. This event was very successfully and we received excellent feedback from the participants. We will be organising further themed Regional Seminars within the South East as well as more general County-wide Seminars.



The Advice and Information work continues, although the intention of the project is to build the capacity of mainstream organisations to provide appropriate and culturally sensitive services, reducing the demands on our own caseload.



## Health and Social Care Project

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Traveller health and social project, Hastings Festival

The original Sussex Traveller Women's health project, working with Traveller women to help them meet their own health needs came to an end last year and was recognised as a model of good practice by the Department of Health. We have built on the experience of this project to develop a new approach towards helping travelling families to overcome the barriers they face in accessing health and social care services that most of us take for granted. The extent of marginalisation, social exclusion and deprivation that we have uncovered in the course of this work is frankly shocking and it is shameful that we can allow such Third World conditions to exist in our midst. The seminal 'Health Status of Travellers' report published in 2004 sets out the appalling statistics, which speak for themselves - life expectancy within Gypsy and Traveller communities 10 - 12 years shorter than the rest of the population, Gypsy and Traveller mothers twenty times more likely to experience the death of a child, an alarmingly high incidence of still births and miscarriages, and so on.

The current focus of our work is to help Gypsy and Traveller communities, families and individuals to overcome the barriers to accessing mainstream services. This does not mean trying to become a volunteer sector substitute for the service providers but rather acting as a conduit between the statutory agencies and the travelling communities. Our Community Outreach worker, Avril Fuller, herself from a Gypsy family, works with individuals and families to identify social care needs and ensuring appropriate referrals to the correct agency. Our Health Adviser, Sally Burnett, a qualified health visitor, acts as the link between travelling communities and statutory sector health professionals.

We believe that prevention is better than cure and a key thrust of our work is around health awareness and health promotion. There is a whole raft of reasons why the general health of travelling communities is so poor. Many problems stem from the lack of sites and the fact that



## Health and Social Care Project

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Project's Xmas party

Gypsies and Travellers are frequently moved on from one place to another. There is a world of difference between the situation where the decision to move on is in the control of the Traveller and where the Traveller is moved as a result of enforced eviction and in the latter instance it can often mean an inability to access much needed healthcare services. But there are many other factors in play, including difficulties in accessing appropriate health information about basic health issues and a lack of appropriate support to help individuals make healthier choices.

The traditional techniques used by the health profession to promote healthy living - poster campaigns, healthy living centres, talks by specialist professionals etc. - seldom works with travelling communities as they start from such a low level of engagement. Thus we need to outreach the community and work with them to support them, build their trust and confidence and introduce them to ideas and processes that can make a difference to their lifestyle and their wellbeing on a softly softly basis.

Currently we are supporting self-help groups in both East and West Sussex and we will continue to operate on a basis that tries to equip individuals, families and communities to become empowered to meet their own health needs.



Brighton and Hove City   
Teaching Primary Care Trust

We are greatly indebted to the Brighton & Hove City Primary Care Trust in having the foresight and wisdom to support us in this approach and to East Sussex County Council with whom we are working in partnership in respect of the Social Care work.

We believe that we have developed a model in East Sussex that should be rolled out to other areas and to other regions and we will continue to seek ways of enabling this innovative approach to be adopted in other places.

**Zoe Matthews**  
Project Manager



# Community Education and Capacity Building Project

## Teach the Teachers



**COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY**

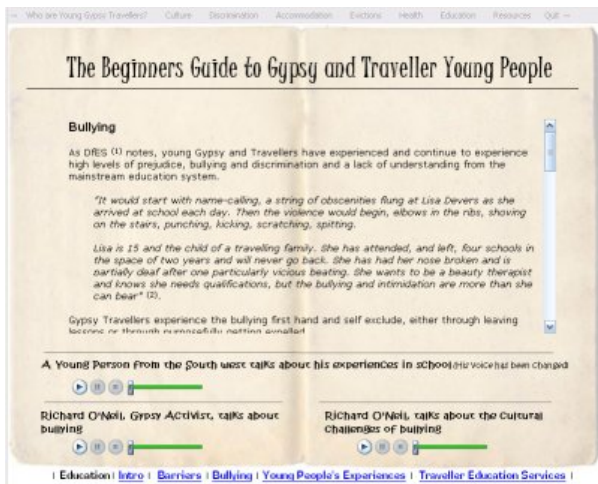
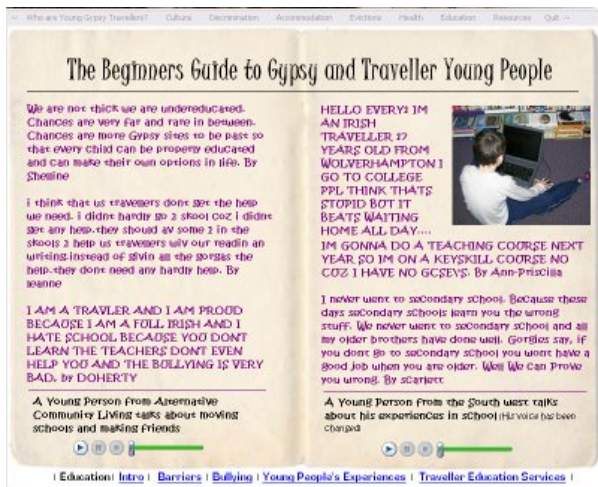
The project aimed to help connect young Gypsy Travellers to "new professionals". This term is used to describe new teachers, youth workers and all those who are becoming involved in Young Gypsy Traveller work under the Every Child Matters agenda.



Many 'New Professionals' have had little or no experience of the Gypsy Traveller culture.

The project drew upon the experience gained from the Cyberpilot project, to create a multi media CD ROM that will enable Gypsy and Traveller Young People to tell 'New Professionals' about Gypsy Traveller culture and lifestyle, how young people want to be seen and treated. The project had no agenda, and was shaped by the needs and feedback of Gypsy and Traveller Young People.

Here is some of the feedback from Young People about their experiences of education:



- We are not thick we are undereducated. Chances are very far and rare in between. Chances are more Gypsy sites to be past so that every child can be properly educated and can

make their own options in life. By Shelline

- i think that us travellers dont get the help we need. i didnt hardly go 2 skool coz i didnt get any help.they should av some 1 in the skools 2 help us travellers wiv our readin an writing.instead of givin all the gorgas the help.they dont need any hardly help. By leanne



- I AM A TRAVLER AND I AM PROUD BECAUSE I AM A FULL IRISH AND I HATE SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU DONT LEARN THE TEACHERS DONT EVEN HELP YOU AND THE BULLYING IS VERY BAD, by DOHERTY

- HELLO EVERY1 IM AN IRISH TRAVELLER 17 YEARS OLD FROM WOLVERHAMPTON I GO TO COLLEGE PPL THINK THATS STUPID BUT IT BEATS WAITING HOME ALL DAY....IM GONNA DO A TEACHING COURSE NEXT YEAR SO IM ON A KEYSKILL COURSE NO CUZ I HAVE NO GCSE\'S. By Ann-Priscilla

- I never went to secondary school. Because these days secondary schools learn you the wrong stuff. We never went to secondary school and all my older brothers have done well. Gorgies say, if you dont go to secondary school you wont have a good job when you are older. Well We can Prove you wrong. By scarlett

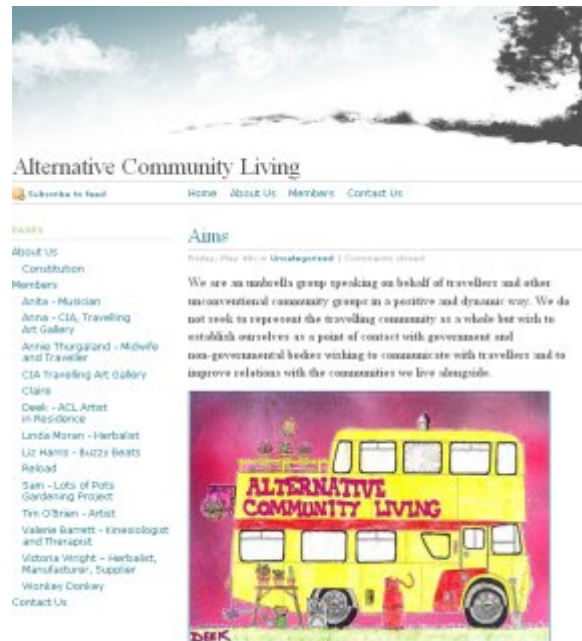
## I.T Capacity Building



The project aimed to build the capacity of grassroots Gypsy and Traveller organisations through I.T training and basic web design.

The project offered basic IT training such as setting up email, how to use email, how to surf and use the Internet for advice and information work. Training was tailored to the individual organisation's

needs and given in their offices to ensure that it was as relevant and useful as possible. We also offered a free, four page website for all organisations, hosted by FFT.



**Tammy Furey**  
Project Manager



## Income and Expenditure Account:

*For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.*

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
		£	£		
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants	4	52,450	141,830	194,280	122,581
Donations		133	250	383	83
Bank Interest		1,437	-	1,437	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Fees, subscriptions and publication sales		<u>2,492</u>	<u>3,263</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>1,278</u>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b><u>56,512</u></b>	<b><u>145,343</u></b>	<b><u>201,855</u></b>	<b><u>123,942</u></b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities		46,328	126,563	172,891	93,407
Governance costs		<u>2,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,620</u>	<u>1,642</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	5	<b><u>48,948</u></b>	<b><u>126,563</u></b>	<b><u>175,511</u></b>	<b><u>95,049</u></b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources before transfers</b>	2	<b>7,564</b>	<b>18,780</b>	<b>26,344</b>	28,893
<b>Fund Balances brought forward</b>		<b><u>31,826</u></b>	<b><u>4,171</u></b>	<b><u>35,997</u></b>	<b><u>7,104</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>39,390</u></b>	<b><u>22,951</u></b>	<b><u>62,341</u></b>	<b><u>35,977</u></b>

The full report and financial statements are available on request from:

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