

Listen up!

HOW TO BE AN ALLY TO GYPSY, TRAVELLER, ROMA, SHOWMEN AND BOATER COMMUNITIES

Recognise



Gypsies, Travellers, Roma, Showmen and Boaters are separate and diverse communities with varied heritage, culture, experiences and identities. Grouping everyone together in acronyms or umbrella terms can be problematic because it assumes similarity within and across communities



Some families maintain a nomadic life and / or live in mobile homes, but many live in housing and a move into housing does not lead to a loss of ethnic identity



Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showmen and Boater members of our communities CAN and DO experience racism. Romany Gypsies, Irish Travellers, Scottish Gypsy/Travellers and Roma are protected from discrimination by the Equality Act (2010)

Mind your language



Avoid using derogatory terms and racial slurs such as P*key, Gy*o and T*nker



Be mindful of language that 'others' and reinforces a sense of difference or separation



Ask people for their preferred terminology and respect their choices

Take action

Capitalise

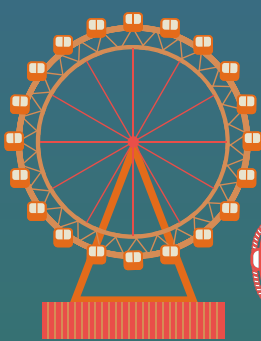
Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showmen and Boater as recognised ethnic and cultural groups



Question the representations you see on TV and in the headlines!



Don't just see people through the lens of their ethnicity. Gypsies, Travellers, Roma, Showmen and Boaters have many roles and make lots of different contributions to society



Believe people's experiences. Be open to challenge and correct any mistakes for future



Platform Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showmen and Boater voices and work



Be an active bystander who is willing to challenge prejudice

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