GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH 2024

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Welcome to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM). During this month, we celebrate Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma and nomadic communities, histories and cultures.

GRTHM offers an opportunity not only to celebrate, but also to educate and raise awareness of the barriers and issues affecting traditionally nomadic communities.

Ultimately, GRTHM can help make society more welcoming for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people. While GRTHM is officially marked in June, promoting inclusivity and acceptance can and should be done all year round. To aid this, we’ve made our GRTHM packs available all year round!

Head over to our GRTHM resource page, to find past resources we’ve put together over the years.

As always, happy Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!
What does family mean to you?

It's no secret of the importance of family for many Romany, Irish Traveller, Roma and nomadic communities and people – whether by choice or otherwise, family holds a sacred place.

This year, we're exploring the theme of “What does family mean to you?”, looking at the different shapes and forms ‘family’ can take, the relationships we have with each other, and the importance of family as a support network.

By the end, we hope you’ll have gained a deeper understanding of the richness of Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma and nomadic people, histories, cultures and traditions. We also hope this theme will resonate with your own exploration of what family means to you, related or otherwise.

Out of a series of questions, we worked with community members to identify the direction of this year’s GRTHM theme. From the selection, the question of what family means to all of us resonated the most with our participants. We want to thank everyone who shared their perspectives and ideas.

We would love to see anything you create, so make sure to tag us! You can find our socials at the back of this pack, and please use #GRTHM24 and #GRTHMFamilies when sharing.
Chief Executive’s Welcome

Dear friends and colleagues,

I’m pleased for you to join Friends, Families and Travellers on yet another exciting Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM), for June 2024!

You may have noticed that our approach to these packs has undergone a bit of a change. We believe that no matter the month, you should be able to recognise and celebrate Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma, Boater, Showmen, and New Traveller cultures, histories and traditions throughout the year.

Therefore, to make it as easy as possible, we’ve created a go-to page on our website where you can find all you need to celebrate and mark the contributions of Romany, Roma and Traveller people, all year round – just head to gypsy-traveller.org/GRTHM.

As always, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and dedication of individuals, communities and organisations across the country, past and present.

We look forward to seeing what you get up to (especially for our competition!), and we’d love to hear how you plan to spend GRTHM – just reach out to us and let us know, or tag us.

Happy Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!

Sarah Mann
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
If you have tried to learn more about the diversity and histories of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, you wouldn’t be alone in finding that there’s just not much out there.

Follow our timeline through the decades to find out what we do know.

Click here for the full timeline
How else can I take part?

Below, you will find draft social media content you can use – you’re welcome (and highly encouraged!) to create your own!

Example posts:

I’m celebrating Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!

If you’re from a Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or nomadic background, we want you to know that you’re always welcome here.

This #GRTHM24, we’re taking the time to learn about the colourful histories of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities – come along!

https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/grthm/

We’re celebrating #GRTHM24 this June by taking the time to explore what family means to us – why not take part?

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