

2019

FFT ANNUAL REPORT



A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, NEIL ANSELL

As we mark twenty-five years since we were first founded, it is a good time to celebrate the achievements of the Traveller activists and allies who have inspired us over the past quarter century. A huge amount has been achieved, but the challenges that remain for Gypsies and Travellers are still enormous, and the work we do remains vital.

This year we intend to expand our contribution further with some exciting new projects, reinforcing the already impressive work being done by our dynamic team of staff and volunteers.

OUR TEAM



TRUSTEES DURING 2018/19

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Against the backdrop of the government's ongoing review of unauthorised encampments and new evidence published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission showing that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities face greater prejudice than any other protected characteristic group, our work has never felt so needed.

This year, we have supported over 1,300 families with issues ranging from health to homelessness, education to financial inclusion and discrimination to employment. Whilst our advocacy and legal support service remains our core work, we are heartened to see breakthroughs in our national campaigns and policy work.

We welcome the government's announcement of the development of a national strategy to tackle the inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and news that for the first time 'Roma' will be an ethnicity category on the census.

As I reflect back on the year, I cannot thank our funders, staff members, volunteer team and supporters enough for making our work possible. A special thank you goes to Zoe Matthews for her invaluable contribution as Co-Director over these past two years. I'm pleased to say that Zoe who has been a key member of the team for around 20 years will remain at FFT as Strategic Advisor.



Sarah Mann, Director



THIS YEAR

OUR CASEWORK AND
OUTREACH TEAM
HELPED PEOPLE WITH
OVER **2,300** ISSUES

OUR TOURING
THEATRE PRODUCTION
CRYSTAL'S VARD0
WAS SHOWN TO OVER
2000 PEOPLE

OVER **2,500** PEOPLE
ACCESSED OUR
ONLINE LEARNING ON
INCLUSIVE SERVICE
PROVISION FOR GYPSY
AND TRAVELLER
COMMUNITIES



OUR IMPACT

ACHIEVING QUALIFICATIONS

We held a graduation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of over 80 people who have graduated from our training centre with accreditations from the Royal Society of Public Health. For many of those who took part, this was their first formal qualification!



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AVRIL COMES TO SUPPORT ME WITH MY COURSES AT COLLEGE. SHE'S HELPED ME FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN SUPPORT ME WITH SPELLING AND WRITING! I'M A YOUNG CARER AND IF I NEED A BREAK SHE HELPS ME AND MY MUM WITH DAYS OUT, TO DO SOMETHING NICE TOGETHER - Angel



“

SAMSON'S BEEN HELPING ME OUT WITH ALL MY LETTERS AND HE'S HELPED ME TO FILL IN SOME FORMS TO GET BENEFITS. I HAVEN'T GOT PIP YET, BUT HE'S HELPED ME TO FEEL CONFIDENT GOING TO AN APPEAL WITH HIM - Reuben

MEETING NEEDS

Our outreach and casework team helped people with over 2,300 issues ranging from health to homelessness, education to financial inclusion and discrimination to employment.

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

BETTER HEALTH

We helped Brighton and Hove Impetus to expand their social prescribing scheme to include targeted community navigation support for Gypsy and Traveller communities locally. We make sure people can find and access the services they're entitled to and get help with issues that impact their health.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

We launched our 'Advice for advisors' portal for organisations and advocates who support Gypsy and Traveller communities. The portal provides guidance for advocates on supporting people with cases which require a specialist knowledge on issues faced by Gypsy and Traveller communities.



“

FFT HAVE HELPED ME WITH EVERYTHING, THEY'VE HELPED ME GET HOUSING AND HELPED ME OUT AT COLLEGE. FFT GOT ME OFF THE STREETS AND THEY'VE JUST HELPED ME OUT IN LIFE - Oliver

TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS

FAIR GP ACCESS

We carried out a mystery shopping exercise at 50 doctors' surgeries to show the challenges many Gypsies and Travellers face when trying to access healthcare. We are using this research to drive forward change at NHS England, the Care Quality Commission and in general practice.

VOICES HEARD

We supported a group of young Gypsies and Travellers to have their voices heard by the Women and Equalities Committee on challenges they face in education and FFT's Michelle Gavin gave evidence to MPs on the health inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

We hosted a roundtable for members of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and civil society to raise their concerns with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racism. The Rapporteur made specific recommendations to the UK government based on our discussions.

UNFAIR FEES STOPPED

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER GROUPS, WE CAMPAIGNED AGAINST THE UNFAIR POST-BREXIT SETTLED STATUS FEE FOR EU NATIONALS WHICH WAS THEN OVERTURNED.

GOVERNMENT PRESSURED TO ACT

With others, we have successfully campaigned for the government to create a national strategy to tackle inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. We will be working with policy makers to ensure real change is delivered.

ROMA RECOGNISED

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS, WE SUCCESSFULLY CAMPAIGNED FOR INCLUSION OF 'ROMA' AS A CATEGORY IN THE 2021 CENSUS. THIS MEANS THAT MORE EVIDENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE INEQUALITIES FACED BY ROMA COMMUNITIES AND ACTION TAKEN TO ADDRESS THEM.



REPORTS

We carry out evidence-based policy research and develop reports to target injustice at all levels. Here are the key research projects and reports we have developed or contributed to this past year:



CLICK REPORTS
TO READ ONLINE

**Fairer for all?
The negative and disproportionate impact of Universal Credit on Gypsy and Traveller communities.**

Friends Families and Travellers *May 2018*

**MOTHERS' VOICES:
EXPLORING EXPERIENCES OF MATERNITY AND HEALTH IN LOW INCOME WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS**

Maternity Action with Friends Families and Travellers contribution, *July 2018*



A Joint Submission Report to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

Friends, Families and Travellers and the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, *September 2018*

DIGITAL EXCLUSION IN GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Joe Scadding and Sarah Sweeney *September 2018*



Gypsy and Traveller Healthcare

Sam Worrall, October 2018

CIVIL SOCIETY MONITORING REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ROMA INTEGRATION STRATEGY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM: ASSESSING PROGRESS IN KEY POLICY AREAS OF THE STRATEGY

National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, Friends Families and Travellers, Roma Community Care, Roma Support Group, *November 2018*

Care Committed to me: Delivering high quality, personalised palliative and end of life care for Gypsies and Travellers, LGBT people and people experiencing homelessness, Hospice UK

Friends, Families and Travellers contribution, *December 2018*

FRIENDS FAMILIES AND TRAVELLERS SUBMISSION TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN EIGHTH PERIODIC REPORT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, FRIENDS

Families and Travellers, *January 2019*



Written submission on mental health of men and boys to the Women and Equalities Committee

Friends Families and Travellers, *March 2019*

NO ROOM AT THE INN: HOW EASY IS IT FOR NOMADIC GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS TO ACCESS PRIMARY CARE?

Sarah Sweeney and Sam Worrall, *March 2019*

Overlap between mental health problems and employment issues for young people aged 16-24

A scoping review
Young Peoples' Health Partnership with Friends Families and Travellers contribution, *March 2019*

FRIENDS FAMILIES AND TRAVELLERS AND GATEHERTS WRITTEN INFORMATION FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE UK STATE PARTY'S REPORT TO THE 66TH CYCLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Victoria Stallwood, submitted to the UN in *March 2019*, published in *May 2019*

Whole prison, whole person: How a holistic approach can support good mental health in prison

Clinks with Friends Families and Travellers contribution, *April 2019*

FINANCE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2019	Total funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	175,396	271,774	447,170	587,824
Charitable activities				
Fees, subscriptions and publication sales	79,499	11,039	90,538	69,112
Investment income	504	-	504	116
TOTAL INCOME	255,399	282,813	538,212	657,052
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Office Costs	20,787	2,142	22,929	19,934
Projects Costs	36,755	8,051	44,806	82,958
Staff Costs	236,219	246,403	482,622	437,510
Professional fees	2,520	75	2,595	10,655
Property Costs	23,699	1,713	25,412	20,724
Management charges	(43,576)	43,576	-	-
TOTAL	276,404	301,960	578,364	571,781
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(21,005)	(19,147)	(40,152)	85,271
Transfers between funds	(1,155)	1,155	-	-
Net movement in funds	(22,160)	(17,992)	(40,152)	85,271
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	181,549	25,707	207,256	121,985
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	159,389	7,715	167,104	207,256

IN THE NEWS

We raise awareness of the inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities so that the public are equipped with information that enables them to hold the government to account.



CLICK ARTICLES ON
THE RIGHT TO READ
ONLINE



THE GUARDIAN

Address the injustice of racial inequalities in school exclusions

INDEPENDENT

Gypsy and traveller families 'hounded out' of areas in act of 'social cleansing' as councils impose sweeping bans

DAILY MAIL

Travellers are being refused GP appointments after surgeries insist patients have a fixed address - despite NHS guidance stating everyone has the right to care

DAILY EXPRESS

Travellers barred from whole towns: Draconian laws used in new crackdown

BBC NEWS

Council leader apologises over traveller comments

BIG ISSUE

Travellers and homeless people are wrongfully denied GP appointments

NEWS SHOPPER

Friends Families and Travellers slams Bromley council for injunction

MORNING ADVERTISER

Gypsies and Travellers regularly face discrimination in pubs

GET SURREY

Traveller charity criticises three year injunction banning unauthorised encampments in Elmbridge

We work to end racism and discrimination against all Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, and to protect the right to pursue a nomadic way of life.

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 Who made our health outreach, engagement, training, promotion and research possible

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 Who made our involvement in the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Health and Wellbeing Alliance possible

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 Who made our secretariat support for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsies, Roma and Travellers possible

OUR FAVOURITE MOMENT

This Christmas, Travellers all over the country took part in a foodbank challenge. Started by Watson Harrop, people filled up a shopping trolley, donated it to their local foodbank and challenged their friends to do the same. Some foodbanks received so many donations they were completely full!

