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Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month



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Welcome to our Education Pack for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2025!

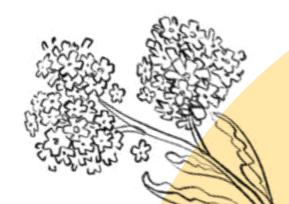
This pack is designed to help you mark and celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM) from wherever you are, online.

The rich and diverse histories, traditions and cultures of Irish Traveller, Romany Gypsy, Roma, New Traveller, Boater and Showmen communities deserve to be celebrated far and wide, and this pack offers guidance on how you can take part, and the tools you need to get started.

We can't wait to see what you do this June!

From all of us at Friends, Families and Travellers...

We hope you have a brilliant Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2025!

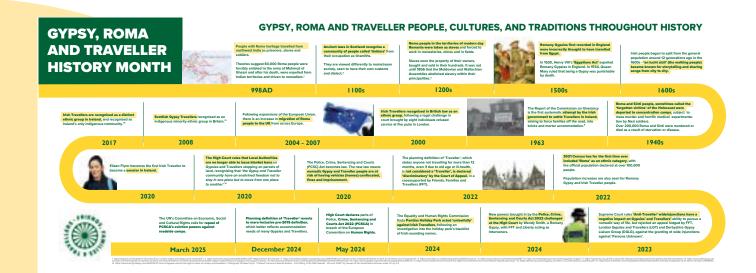




It's important when teaching or learning about Romany Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller, Showmen, Liveaboard Boater and New Traveller people, to emphasise the distinct histories, cultures and heritages of these communities. Just like all communities, there are things that are shared and things that are not—no one group is the same as another!

If you'd like to learn more, head over to <u>gypsy-traveller.org</u> or get in touch!

Click here for the full timeline











6 WAYS YOU CAN JOIN IN WITH GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH ONLINE

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ENGAGE WITH GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER ORGANISATIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

There are countless organisations up and down the country tackling the root causes of inequalities and working with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people directly to help secure a bright future, free of discrimination. Keep up to date and offer support by engaging with them on social media!

If you don't know where to start, take a look at our <u>Services Directory</u> which lists a wide range of organisations, from <u>One Call Away</u>, to <u>Romany & Traveller Family History Society</u>.

CELEBRATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Show your support to Romany Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller, and travelling communities this June by sharing the significance of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month with your followers, and how you plan to celebrate.

By taking part, you will help raise awareness and forge solidarity with people and organisations you might not have come across otherwise.

You can come up with your own social media posts or use the text and image templates we've provided on page 8 – don't forget to tag us and use the **#GRTHeroesMonth** and **#GRTHM25** hashtags!

ENCOURAGE LEARNING ABOUT THE BARRIERS GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER PEOPLE FACE

Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma and nomadic communities face <u>some of the highest</u> <u>levels of racially motivated abuse, social and economic deprivation, and poor access to</u> <u>health and employment</u>.

But, there are many organisations and individuals working to increase understanding, raise awareness, and make the world a better place.

Whether it's taking a stand against discrimination, or working to ensure services are more inclusive and accessible, here are some resources you can <u>watch</u> and <u>share</u>.

SHARE THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES TO YOUR FOLLOWERS

There is widespread prejudice and discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people, but by sharing news, information and new developments, you help normalise the daily realities of people from these communities. It's a slow process, but a necessary one.

If you're unsure of what the latest news is, check out our <u>website</u>, <u>Travellers' Times</u> or <u>subscribe to our newsletter</u>.

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GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH DOESN'T HAVE TO END IN JUNE

There are lots of events, workshops, commemorations and remembrance days throughout the year, which you can be a part of.

Whether it's sharing details of <u>Kushti Bok's annual commemoration Roma Holocaust Day on</u> <u>2 August</u>, or taking up our <u>training</u>, there is always plenty to shout about!

HELP US BREAK DOWN BARRIERS

At Friends, Families and Travellers, we campaign for change at a local and national level. Sometimes, it's about standing against <u>draconian legislation</u>, and sometimes it's about working with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people to create a <u>clear pathway to possible long</u> <u>term change</u>.

But we always need more people to stand for what's right, so do your part and encourage your online community to <u>become campaigners</u> for the rights of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people.

You can always post your support of current campaigns as a school, class, or organisation on social media too – don't forget to tag us!



CELEBRATING GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

This June, get talking about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month on social media. We've made it as easy as possible by including template images and text (below) you can use!

Let us know what you get up to by using these hashtags:

#GRTHeroesMonth #GRTHM25

We'll be sharing lots about GRTHM across June on our social channels. Follow us to keep updated!

EXAMPLE POST:



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

This #GRTHM25, 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/

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Feel free to come up with your own – don't forget to use the hashtags and tag us!



FRIENDS, FAMILIES & TRAVELLERS

#GRTHeroesMonth

Friends, Families and Travellers works to end racism and discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people and to protect the right to pursue a nomadic way of life.

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