

# GYPSY, ROMA AND TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH 2024

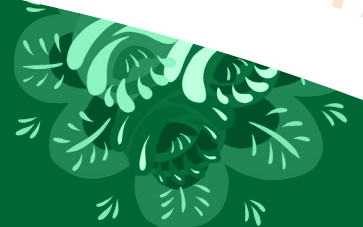
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# Welcome to our Digital Engagement Pack for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!

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

The rich and diverse histories, traditions and cultures of Irish Traveller, Romany Gypsy, Roma, New Traveller, Boater and Showman 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!

*We hope you have a brilliant Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2024!*





# Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people through history

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](#)

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# Celebrating Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month on social media

Simply use the template text and images we've provided below, or create your own and inspire others to celebrate, reflect and take part.

We'd love to know how you mark GRTHM – let us know by using these hashtags:

**#GRTHMFamilies**  
**#GRTHM24**

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

## Example posts:

Click on each image to download:



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?

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



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## 6 ways your organisation or sector can celebrate GRTHM

This Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month, help create a fairer and just future for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities by taking the steps below or coming up with some of your own!

# 1

### 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 [Services Directory](#) which lists a wide range of organisations, from [Connecting Roma](#) to [One Voice 4 Travellers](#).

# 2

### Celebrate on social media

Show your support to Romany Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller, Boater, Showman and New Traveller people this June by sharing the significance of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month with your followers.

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 5 – don't forget to tag us and use the [#GRTHMFamilies](#) and [#GRTHM24](#) hashtags!

# 3

### Encourage learning about the barriers Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people face

Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma and nomadic communities face [some of the highest levels of racially motivated abuse, social and economic deprivation, and poor access to health and employment](#).

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 undo the stigma around mental health, here are some resources you can [watch](#) and [share](#).

# 4

## 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 bring to light the experiences and 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 website](#), [Travellers' Times](#) or [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

# 5

## 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 [Kushti Bok's annual commemoration Roma Holocaust Day on 2 August](#), or taking up our [training](#), there is always plenty to shout about!

# 6

## 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 [draconian legislation](#), and sometimes it's about effecting [long term change through education](#).

But we always need more people to stand for what's right, so do your part and encourage your online community to [become campaigners](#) for the rights of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people.

# FRIENDS, FAMILIES & TRAVELLERS

**#GRTHM24**  
**#GRTHMFamilies**

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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