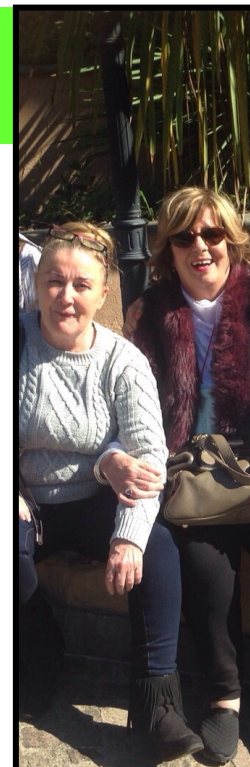
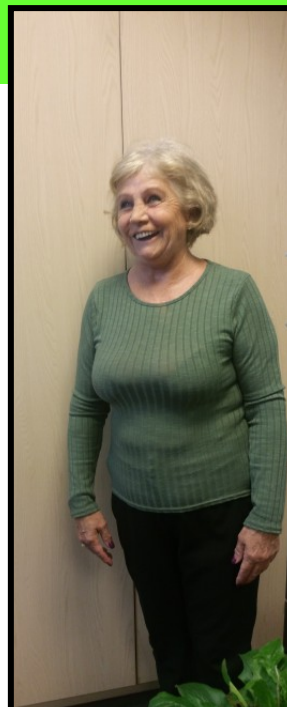


Campaigning against discrimination Promoting inclusion





**Traveller
Movement
Advisory
Group**

The TM community led Advisory Group have been very proactive over the past year, expertly advising and guiding TM's work. Members have participated in numerous workshops, visited Parliament and played a prominent role in TM's ground-breaking campaigns to deliver political inclusion across the country.

The Advisory Group played a particularly vital role in TM's Operation Traveller Vote and are directly responsible for the success and profile of the project.

Advisory Group members have been equally instrumental in the planning and delivery of the TM Annual National Conference with members playing key roles such as chairing, speaking, and facilitating at the Annual Conference.

It has been a year of varied challenges, and it has been great having the Advisory Group there throughout it all.

The TM would like to thank all Advisory Group members for their invaluable time, energy and commitment over the past year.

Traveller Movement Advisory Group



**Joseph Brown
Chair of Board of
Trustees**



**Yvonne
MacNamara
CEO**

The Traveller Movement provides support for some of the most marginalised and vulnerable people in society. We are delighted to share TM has continued to grow and expand its work over the past 12 months, developing three new projects with advocacy at the core of all.

Our dynamic policy, research, campaign and advocacy teams work went from strength to strength and achieved a number of excellent outputs which you can read about further on. Building on many of these successes we secured further funds to develop specific education and access to justice projects which will begin next year. We also developed our expertise on Domestic Violence and direct support work to help victims address the root causes.

A wonderful play has been written by our women's group members and an experienced play writer called Never Going to Beat You. We are very excited about this work and expect to develop the project further in 2016.

We are very proud of our achievements and our continuing commitment to serving the Traveller, Gypsy and Roma communities of Britain. All these areas will form part of our ongoing work for 2016.

The latter part of the year was tainted with great sadness as we lost our wonderful friend and Patron Lord Eric Averbury. He was a true champion of the people and his enormous contributions to our work and that of so many other charities and campaigning groups around the world is truly felt.

Finally we need to say a massive thank you to all our funders, supporters, stakeholder groups, Trustees, Traveller Advisory Group, staff and volunteers for all their support and hard work throughout the year.

Yvonne MacNamara *John G. Z.*

Policy, Campaigning and Advocacy (some key highlights)

Gypsies and Travellers to be recorded as ethnic group in the NHS

NHS England have stated their intention to include Gypsies and Travellers in national ethnic monitoring data systems in the NHS. This was a key policy change the Traveller Movement and others have been campaigning for since 2012. TM published a detailed report on the *Inclusion and ethnic monitoring of Gypsies and Travellers in the NHS*, which evidenced the case for a data change notice.

Championing Gypsy and Traveller issues in Parliament

In 2015 the TM Policy & Campaigning Team was very active in engaging members of Parliament and delivering policy events. In November, the then Labour Shadow Women and Equality Minister Kate Green MP addressed a TM community led meeting, kindly hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Party for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers. Over 2015 TM briefing papers and engagement have informed a number of Westminster Hall Debates, nearly 10 questions in both the Commons and the Lords and assisted the work of the Public Accounts Committee and the Women and Equality Committee.

Press Regulator to publish guidance on accurate reporting of Gypsies and Travellers

Following TMs submissions to the Leveson Inquiry and sustained policy work, the Independent Press Standards Organisation has agreed to publish guidance for accurate reporting on Gypsies and Travellers.

Increasing accountability and understanding in the Police

Throughout 2015 TM has worked closely with the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Police Association on increasing the accountability and understanding of GRT issues in the Police. In October we met with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the National Police Chiefs' Council lead on Gypsy and Traveller issues and the GRTPA, which resulted in commitments from the NPCC to promote good practice in Police forces, move toward greater inclusion of GRT in ethnic monitoring systems and to work to address hate crime, racism and discriminatory behaviour against GRT both within the Police and in wider society. To support this work TM undertook research into ethnic monitoring of Gypsies and Travellers across all forty-eight police forces.

DWP includes Gypsies and Travellers as ethnic groups

In response to a Freedom of Information request by TM, the DWP have confirmed that Gypsies and Travellers are now included as ethnic categories in their IT systems and within Universal Credit. This follows detailed research and extensive engagement by TM with the DWP, through which we have consistently called for Gypsies and Travellers to be included in line with other recognised ethnic minority groups.

Policy, Campaigning and Advocacy (some key highlights)

Challenging Top Gears' use of the word p*key

Summer 2015 saw TM take a prominent complaint to Ofcom regarding the BBC's use of the highly offensive word p*key by the Top Gear programme. Unfortunately, Ofcom found in favour of Top Gear, however, it did concede that the word could be highly offensive towards Gypsies and Travellers and the issue received wide coverage in the national media promoting greater awareness of the racism and discrimination GRT continue experience.

We are Community We are Society campaign launched

As part of TM's Operation Traveller Vote project, TM produced an online resource and poster showcasing the key roles Gypsies, Travellers and Roma play in our local communities and society. Too often we hear politicians say that Gypsies, Travellers and Roma don't contribute to society and that they are not part of local communities. The We are Community We are Society campaign aimed to challenge these prejudices through real images and accounts of community member's everyday lives and livelihoods.

Through Operation Traveller Vote, TM wanted to ensure that politicians understood, listened to and respected the communities in the run up to the May 2015 General Election and beyond.

Protecting Gypsies and Travellers a priority' says Equalities Watchdog

The Equalities and Human Rights Commission, the national government watchdog for human and civil rights, have said that they will be making the protection of Gypsy and Traveller people a "particular priority" in 2015-16.

Testimonies and Quotes

"It is not an exaggeration to say that without the support and guidance the Traveller Movement has provided us over the last two years the GRTPA could not have developed and reached its current position." - Jim Davies, Romany Gypsy, Oxfordshire, Executive Director, Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association (GRTPA)



Capacity Building (some key highlights)

TM coordinate Traveller Pilgrimage to Rome

In October 2015 TM organised and led a highly successful delegation of Irish Travellers on a pilgrimage to Rome to meet Pope Francis. The pilgrimage, organised by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples, was for a special audience with Pope Francis for Gypsy, Traveller and Roma people from across the world.

Working towards equality with the Catholic Association for Racial Justice

TM's National Traveller Advisory Group were proud to host the Catholic Association for Racial Justice for a meeting on Gypsy, Traveller, Roma issues. The successful meeting discussed the Traveller Pilgrimage to Rome taking place from 23 to 27 October 2015, the inclusion of Gypsies, Travellers and Roma in the political process, campaigning for equality and racial justice and the relationship between the Catholic Church and the communities.



Youth Project: 'Coz I'm Worth It' – Healthy relationship training for young women

The Traveller Movement has been working on their latest project and has decided to team up with another charity called Tender. The project is aimed at Traveller girls aged 16-25 and focuses on healthy relationship training, to help young Traveller girls understand what to do should they ever be in a troublesome or a unhealthy relationship. The sessions will all be at Holloway Road where the Traveller Movement is based.

Testimonies and Quotes

'The Community Internship has given me the opportunity to have my voice heard' - Rosie Toohey, Irish Traveller, London



Capacity Building (some key highlights)

Operation Traveller Vote (OTV) Campaign engages and inspires community members and policy makers across the country

In partnership with the Electoral Commission and supported by the Open Society Foundation the TM Team delivered the hugely successful OTV campaign in the run up to the 2015 UK General Election. This included supporting over 2,000 community members becoming more politically aware and engaged in over 30 locations across the country. We also produced a Gypsy and Traveller Manifesto which was circulated to nearly 4,000 politicians/2015 election candidates with over 150 responses and all the major political parties pledging support.

Drama Project 'Finding my Voice'

The Traveller Movement's exciting new play about the lives of Traveller women is beginning to take form after two sessions with Giants Theatre Company. This project involves a group of around ten GTR women working alongside playwright Jennie Buckman to write an original theatre production that explores what it is like to be a Gypsy and Traveller woman today. There have been two sessions so far, focussed on shaping the play, filled with exciting ideas, lively discussion and amazing honesty from those participating.

Access to Justice – Equality and Social Justice Unit.


Building on our Racial Justice work TM are delighted to report that we have secured seed funding from the Open Society Foundation to establish an Equality and Social Justice Unit, which is an Access to Justice project within TM. This will launch in 2016 and will offer free advice, advocacy and support on specifically targeted areas such as hate crime, discrimination and service provision.

Access to Education

TM successfully secured funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to develop a 3 year national project to help upskill community members with rights based training and support to access education. The project is still in the very early stages but builds on a very successful pilot project we developed during 2014 with support from the Community Empowerment Network Education charity. Through partnership with, the project is also developing a number of satellite services.


TM produced two research reports during the last period, highlighting the chronic levels of exclusion for Travellers within the education system. We meet with the Children's Commissioner as a result of our latest research which identified shocking rates of exclusion in some parts of the country while clearly identifying good practice and very high attendance rates in other areas. This clearly indicated the system is broken and identified that some areas have a lack of good will and engagement. As a way forward we are planning a joint roundtable event with the Children's Commissioner in June 2016.

Case study from the Education Project



Kathleen contacted The Traveller Movement to get advice about her son's education. Patrick is 16 and was excluded from his school over a year ago when the school found it hard to deal with his behaviour.

Patrick has ADHD and finds it difficult to concentrate on tasks, sometimes he is disruptive and he often distracts other people from their work. After being excluded, a place was found for him in a school designed for young people who find mainstream schools difficult but after going for a few weeks Patrick decided he didn't want to go.



As he is under 18, Patrick needs to be in some kind of full time education or training or his mum could get in trouble with the local authority. Parents can be fined or even sometimes jailed for keeping their children out of education. Kathleen was also worried about how difficult it would be for her son to find a job if he had no GCSEs- most employers look for staff with qualifications. I met with Patrick and Kathleen and we chatted about what they both wanted to happen and what had happened previously with the school. We then went to the school together for a meeting with the deputy head teacher. The teacher listened while Patrick explained how difficult he found lessons and made suggestions of other ways of learning that he might find easier. Together we came up with a plan- Patrick would be given work to complete at home and would come in once a week to chat through the finished work with a teacher and collect work for the next week.

After doing this for a while, the school will add more hours with a teacher so that Patrick slowly gets used to learning in school and not at home. This will make it easier for him to join in lessons with other pupils and study towards getting qualifications."

TM Education Project Service User



Testimonies, Quotes and Finances

The Traveller Movement would like to say "a big thank you" to our funders for their financial support during 2015/16

Finance report for Annual Review 2016

Income	
Income from Charitable Activities	221,771
Investment Income	453
Total Income:	222,224
Expenditure	
Staff Costs	131,627
Other Charitable Activities	45,270
Support Costs	35,356
Governance Costs	14,121
Total Expenditure	226,374
Tangible Assets	
Debtors	28,004
Cash at bank and in hand	288,295
Creditors	101,956
Funds	220,805

"The project opened me to different pressures the Travelling community may be under".

Drama Group Participant



"Increased understanding of the additional issues this community face."

Conference delegate



"Has increased my awareness of my own community"

TM Service



"Awareness of all the issues is helpful when supporting witnesses at court and being aware of organisations that can help."

TM Member



The Traveller Movement

Resource for London

356 Holloway Road

London N7 6PA

www.travellermovement.org.uk

Tel: 020 7607 2002

Email: info@travellermovement.org.uk



www.travellermovement.org.uk

@TTMovement

The Traveller Movement

Registered Charity: 110713

Registered Company in England and Wales: 4038939