

GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND THE SETTLED COMMUNITY

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2005, FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD, LONDON

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

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GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND THE SETTLED COMMUNITY



TACKLING COMMUNITY TENSIONS AND CREATING
DIALOGUE UNDERSTANDING AND PARTNERSHIP

**THE 3RD GYPSY & TRAVELLER LAW REFORM
COALITION WINTER CONFERENCE**

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SPEAKERS

JULIE MORGAN MP

*Chair All Party Parliamentary
Group Traveller Law Reform*

CLLR RICHARD BENNETT

Local Government Association

JOHN COXHEAD

Derbyshire Police

SARAH SPENCER

Commission for Racial Equality

TOM SWEENEY

Irish Traveller Movement

REV MICHAEL HORE

Vicar of Cottenham Parish

FATHER JOE BROWNE

*Irish Travellers' Catholic
Chaplaincy*

CHARLES SMITH

CRE Commissioner - chair

JANIE CODONA

*Ormiston children and Families
Trust - Cambridgeshire
Travellers' Initiative*

*PLUS MANY MORE
SPEAKERS COVERING
WORKSHOPS ON*

**Guidance on unauthorised
encampments**

The Media

Consulting Travellers

**The Social Exclusion Unit
Study on Gypsies and
Travellers**

Moving Forward

**Education and Involving
Gypsies and Travellers**

**Gaining Community Support
for Building A New Site**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

POLICE & LOCAL AUTHORITY GYPSY/TRAVELLER OFFICERS
POLICE & LOCAL AUTHORITY LEGAL OFFICERS
TRAVELLER EDUCATION SERVICE TEACHERS AND WORKERS
COMMUNITY COHESION OFFICERS
LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING OFFICERS
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING OFFICERS
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS
COUNCILLORS WITH AN INTEREST IN GYPSY AND TRAVELLER MATTERS
GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The past year has seen, at times, acute tensions emerge in community relations between Gypsies and Travellers and the settled community. The shortage of sites has led to Gypsies and Travellers having to live on the side of the road or seek retrospective planning applications on land they own. This is now being played out as a national media issue such as the Sun campaign 'Stamp on the Camps'. This has also led to an, often, polarised political debate in which enforcement is being championed above and beyond site provision. The legacy is a damaging one as negative stereotypes against Gypsies and Travellers have become more engrained, leading to an increase in community tension and cases of harassment against Gypsies and Travellers. How can these tensions be tackled? How can misunderstandings and false stereotypes be erased?

New policies and recommendations are coming from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Social Exclusion Unit and Local Government Association. The Government has placed a duty on councils to assess Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs and are under an obligation to identify land suitable for Traveller sites whilst Housing Corporation money is to be made available for Registered Social Landlords to develop and manage sites. Do these policies meet the needs and aspirations of Gypsies and Travellers? Are some of these policies playing up to discrimination against Gypsies and Travellers by paying undue attention to enforcement measures?

Numerous reports demonstrate that Gypsies and Travellers are one of the most excluded minorities in our society, suffering from poor access to health, education and other services. How can this exclusion be tackled? How can we see Gypsies and Travellers given a greater say in shaping the services that affect them? The Gypsy and Traveller community is becoming increasingly politicised and is forming campaign groups led by Gypsies and Travellers. The Gypsy and Traveller Law Reform

Coalition is one such example. How can Gypsies and Travellers take greater control of their own destiny? How can we see more Gypsies and Travellers take lead roles in wider society as MPs, councillors and media personalities or other such positions of responsibility. Will the new ODPM Gypsy and Traveller unit adequately consult Gypsies and Travellers? Does the Government need to form a Taskforce of Gypsies and Travellers to advise it?

All these questions will be addressed in what is an essential multi-agency, multi-cultural conference for all those from or working with Gypsy and Traveller communities.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

TO SHARE GOOD PRACTICE ON CONSULTING GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS SUCH AS THE NEW ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

TO SHARE GOOD PRACTICE ON BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS LOOKING AT PIONEER WORK BEING DONE BY POLICE FORCES, SCHOOLS AND TRAVELLER EDUCATION SERVICES, HEALTH PROVIDERS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

TO SHARE GOOD PRACTICE AT DEVELOPING DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS AND WORK BEING DONE IN PLACES LIKE COTTENHAM TO TACKLE COMMUNITY TENSIONS

TO LOOK AT THE EMERGING POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, SOCIAL EXCLUSION UNIT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND COMPARE THEM TO THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITY

TO BE MADE AWARE OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY FOR THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITY

FACILITATORS **RICHARD O'NEIL AND VIOLET TUCKER**

09.00 – 09.45 REGISTRATION

09.45 – 11.00

MORNING PANEL

CHAIR - RODNEY BICKERSTAFFE

President of War on Want

JULIE MORGAN MP

Chair All Party Parliamentary Group Traveller Law Reform

SARAH SPENCER *Commission for Racial Equality*

TOM SWEENEY *Irish Traveller Movement*

REV MICHAEL HORE *Vicar of Cottenham Parish*

FATHER JOE BROWNE *Irish Travellers' Catholic Chaplaincy*

11.30 - 12.45

WORKSHOPS

1: GUIDANCE ON UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS

SHERRY PECK AND JACQUELINE BOLTON

Ormiston Children and Families Trust

CHRIS JOHNSON *Community Law Partnership*

INSPECTOR MARK WATSON *Cheshire Constabulary*

2: THE MEDIA

TIM EZZARD *President National Union of journalists*

ROB TORKINGTON *Friends Families and Travellers*

NETTIE EDWARDS *Neil Ansell BBC Reporter*

3: CONSULTING TRAVELLERS

DR MARGARET GREENFIELDS

CLIFF CODONA *National Travellers' Action Group*

DAVID BAILEY *Fenland District Council*

NEIL ANSELL *BBC reporter*

4: THE SOCIAL EXCLUSION UNIT STUDY ON GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

JILL SPENCER *Social Exclusion Unit*

PATRICE VAN KLEEMPUT *Sheffield University*

DAVE CANNON *Southwark Traveller Education Service*

12.45 – 14.00

LUNCH INCLUDING ROMA BAND

14.00 – 14.45

AFTERNOON PANEL

CHAIR - CHARLES SMITH

CRE Commissioner

JANIE CODONA *Ormiston children and Families Trust - Cambridgeshire Travellers' Initiative*

CLLR RICHARD BENNETT *Local Government Association*

INSPECTOR JOHN COXHEAD *Derbyshire Police*

14.45 – 16.15

WORKSHOPS

A: MOVING FORWARD

SIOBHAN SPENCER *Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group*

KAY BEARD *UK Association of Gypsy Women*

TOMMY COLLINS *Leeds Justice for Travellers*

B: EDUCATION AND INVOLVING GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

BRIAN FOSTER *Inner London Traveller Education Consortia*

BRIDIE AND JOE JONES *Canterbury Gypsy and Traveller Support Group*

KATHLEEN MCCARTHY *Irish Traveller and school Governor*

JANET GONFORS *Waltham Forest Traveller*

Education Service

C: GAINING COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUILDING A NEW SITE: CASE STUDY ABBEY CLOSE

FRIEDA SCHIECKER *London Gypsy Traveller Unit*

JESSICA CROWE *Deputy Mayor of Hackney Cllr*

D: CONSULTING TRAVELLERS

JOHN MERCER *Hull Gypsy and Traveller Exchange*

DR MARGARET GREENFIELDS

Buckinghamshire Chilterns University

BENNY WILSON *Lochaber Routes*

16.15 CLOSE