



Leicestershire G.A.T.E

Challenging pre-conceptions and supporting progress

Annual Conference – 20th June 2019



Leicestershire GATE strive to facilitate at least one conference per year to invite representatives from across the voluntary and statutory sectors to look at challenging pre-conceptions and supporting progress and a little about the traditions and cultures of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Date; Thursday 20th June 2019

Cost; £60.00

Time; 9.30 – 3.30

Fosse Neighbourhood Centre

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What does the future hold for them?

9.30am	Arrive and registration
10.00am	Welcome and house keeping
10.15am	Who are Travellers and Gypsies & The role of Leicestershire GATE
11 am	Workshops - The main issues (Education/Domestic Abuse). Barriers and solutions
11.30am	Tea break
11.50am	Feedback from workshops
12.15	Key note speaker – Education
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Workshops - The main issues (Hate crime/access to services) barriers and solutions
1.45pm	Feedback from workshops
2 pm	Keynote speaker – Hate Crime
2.30pm	What we need from you – the professionals – being GRT ready
3.00pm	Questions/comments
3.30pm	Closing remarks and networking

Overview of Conference

Travellers and Gypsies are modern people who are often well integrated into our communities. However, the media and public perceptions often view them as a 'problem' within our society. This can lead to misunderstandings, prejudice, conflict, and engender myths.



If we work with this community then we should know a little something about their ways, history, cultural and traditions and barriers that exist for them. There will be opportunity to chat with members of the Traveller & Gypsy community and those that work with them.

Examples of service providers who would benefit and want factual knowledge of the real issues: -

*M. P's .and Councillors
Social inclusion officers
Housing officers
Health providers
Training providers
Social Services
Safer Neighbourhood's teams
Criminal justice Sector*

*Parish Councillors
Faith Groups
Police
Education & schools
Crown prosecution Service
PAGRE
Supporting people
Colleges & University*

*Planners
Probation
Prison staff
Job Centre
TREC
DWP
EHRC
LGBT Centre*

Aims

- To increase awareness of cultural diversity of Gypsy / Traveller community
- To inspire and improve the services and provision delivered to Gypsy / Travellers communities generate trust and understanding between GRT communities and local authority service providers.
- To challenge preconceptions and reduce barriers to conflicts that can arise
- To Understand differences in accommodation needs.

Objectives

- Apply knowledge to your own practice.
- Strengthen rapport with the community in developing good practice, equality and inclusion.
- Acknowledge the history and culture when determining sentence planning activities.
- Create an inclusive environment free from discrimination.

This conference is organized and delivered by GATE (Gypsy and Traveller Equality)

Outcomes; by the end the session participants will have:

- Increased the understanding of the barriers that stand in the way of the Gypsy and Traveller community achieving their full potential.
- Identified obstacles and barriers in accessing education, health, employment, accommodation, safeguarding and other public services,
- Strengthen the engagement with all agencies
- Find out the history of the various groups of Travellers
- Improve the outcomes for offenders from the Travelling community
- Networking opportunities
- Challenge the myths and preconceptions on the way the Gypsy community are portrayed
- A chance to meet Gypsy, and Travellers, listen to them speak about a variety of issues that affect their everyday life,
- Ask questions directly to the Gypsy and Traveller community.
- Improve relationships and understanding between the service user and the provider
- Improve more meaningful engagement

