

NERUPI Romany and Gypsy Travellers Event

This event is part of our NERUPI series on Student Characteristics in the OfS Equal Opportunities Risk Register. The first part of the session will provide a brief history of Romany and Gypsy Travellers in the UK along with an overview of the current situation in relation to schooling and participation in higher education. Then three practice examples from NERUPI member universities will provide examples of how higher education can engage constructively with local communities.

- 14.00** **Welcome & Introduction**
Annette Hayton, NERUPI
- 14.15** **Gypsy & Romany Travellers – an introduction**
Marie Bowers, University of Aberdeen
A grounded introduction to these often-overlooked communities and a prompt to reflect on what meaningful inclusion can look like within the higher education sector.
- 14.40** **Discussion & Questions**
- 15.00** **Break**
- 15.15** **Practice Examples**
Robb Thatcher & Thamasin Young, University of Surrey
Rob and Tham will share an insight and overview into GRT activity and initiatives taking place at the University of Surrey, ranging from primary school to extra-curricular activity to community engagement.
- Sarah Finnegan & Louise Crabtree**, University of Leeds
This presentation will cover Leeds University's progress since signing the GTRSB into HE pledge, and their partnership with local organisation Leeds GATE.
- Chris Derbyshire**, University of Sussex
This presentation will be an overview of generating practice in a field where there is no external agenda; creating a road map and measuring the distance travelled.
- 16.00** **Round up, Evaluation & NERUPI Framework**
- 16.30** **Close**