

# All About Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

## What Is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month?

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month takes place in June, and is all about:

- letting people know about the great histories of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers;
- helping people understand more about the cultures of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, so that everyone can get along.

## Facts about Gypsies and Travellers

Many years ago, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers were groups of people who might have moved from place to place, however, now that is not the case. Most Gypsies, Roma and Travellers live in houses or permanent sites, but some choose to live in caravans and travel around. They have own beliefs, histories, cultures and languages.

Travelling communities have often been treated unfairly because some people do not understand Gypsy, Roma and Traveller traditional ways of life. People often do not like where sites are built, and can call people from the Travelling communities nasty names.



## **Problems Gypsies and Travellers Face**

- People who travel have to have permission to park their caravans. This makes it hard for those who travel to find a place to stop.
- All children have to go to school, but for families that still choose to travel around it can be hard to find places in schools for their children.
- Some people can be really unkind to Gypsies, Roma and Travellers because they think they are different.

## **Skills and Talents**

The Romany Diamonds are a popular Gypsy music group from Poland, and Flamenco dancing is a Spanish dance that came from the Gypsy culture.

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# Questions

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