

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:

- telling people about the 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 their own beliefs, histories, cultures and languages.

Skills and Talents

There are many talented musicians, dancers and actors from the Gypsy and Traveller communities.



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 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.

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Questions

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Where Gypsies live

The history of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers

2. What do most Gypsies, Roma and Travellers often live in? **Tick one.**

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hotels

3. To be able to park their caravans, what must Gypsies and Travellers have? **Tick one.**

Permission to park

A good caravan

A family

4. Why might it be difficult for Gypsy and Traveller children who travel to go to school?

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They don't know where it is

They don't have to go

It can be hard to find places in schools

5. What sort of jobs are Gypsies and Travellers well-known for being good at? **Tick two.**

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