



PARTICIPATION

TRAVELLER
FOCUS WEEK

2006

DECEMBER 4th-9th

Traveller Focus Week 2006 Programme of Events

Thursday 30th November

10am-12.30pm

Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Traveller Information and Cultural Session with Statutory Agencies Southside Traveller Action Group

Monday 4th December 11.15am

National Gallery

Official Launch of Traveller Focus Week with launch of Louis le Brocquy Calendar on the *Tinker Series* by Mary Harney, T.D., Minister for Health and Children and Louis le Brocquy

Monday 4th December 10.30am

Ardilaun Hotel Galway

Galway Traveller Movement launch of Baseline report analysing the reality for Travellers in Galway City with Mayor of Galway Niall O Brolcháin and Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Keynote Speaker Niall Crowley, Equality Authority

Tuesday 5th December 12pm

Finglas Library

Launch of Photo Exhibition *Dunsink*

Memories Pavee Point Culture and Heritage Programme by Bairbre Ní Fhloinn, Dept of Folklore UCD.

Tuesday 5th December 1-2pm

Equality Authority

A Symposium on Traveller Ethnicity The event will focus on the publication by the Equality Authority of a position paper on Traveller ethnicity and will allow for a briefing on and a discussion of this position paper. A light lunch will be served.

Wednesday 6th December 10am-12pm

Ballymun Health Centre

HSE Seminar: Traveller Participation in Primary Care Teams, A Model of Good Practice

Wednesday 6th December 1-2pm

Ballymun Library

St Margaret's Traveller Community Association Public launch of DVD *Traveller Accommodation in Ballymun*

Wednesday 6th December 2pm

Naas Traveller Action Project

Toughers

Launch of 4-year Strategic Plan and

Presentation of Community Development and Leadership Certificates.

Week long Exhibition

Ballymun Library

Voices: Traveller Women Audio Project by St Margaret's Traveller Community Association PHC Workers

Thursday 7th December, 12pm

Finglas Library

Lunchtime Talk on Travellers, Pavee Point and Finglas Traveller Movement

Thursday 7th December Lunchtime Project Arts Centre, E. Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin.

Excerpts from *Stuck* Play by Rosaleen McDonagh

Thursday 7th December 2.30pm

NCCRI, Jervis Street

Launch NCCRI Report Minority Ethnic Group Inclusion in Public Services with specific focus on Travellers

Friday 8th December 11am

Pavee Point Travellers Centre

Screening of *Pavee Lackeen* and discussion with Director Perry Ogden

Friday 8th December 8pm

Teachers Club Parnell Square

Traveller Concert and launch of *The Rainey's* CD

Date & Venue: TBC

National Traveller Money, Advise and Budgeting Service launch of Local Mapping Exercise with Seamus Brennan T.D., Minister for Social and Family Affairs

Wednesday 13th December 11am

Galway Traveller Movement,

Launch of a video on Traveller Women in the Twentieth Century email ntwf@iol.ie for details

For further information and confirmation of all events contact info@pavee.iol.ie

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Background

Traveller Focus Week is organised by the three National Traveller Organisations, Pavee Point Travellers Centre, the Irish Traveller Movement and the National Traveller Women's Forum. In 2006 Pavee Point Travellers Centre is the designated lead organisation.

The theme of the week this year is PARTICIPATION. This theme was chosen as it is one of the key objectives of the National Action Plan Against Racism and represents a real challenge in the work with Travellers. How do we ensure Travellers and Traveller organisations' participation and representation in a wide range of initiatives being undertaken at both local and national levels?

The week will specifically focus on Traveller participation in cultural and public life in Irish society. It will provide an opportunity to document and celebrate Travellers contribution to Irish art and music. It will also focus on implementation of Traveller policy and the engagement of Travellers and Traveller organisations in the work emanating from the High Level Officials Group and the roll out of inter-agency work at City / County Development Board level as well as other developments.

Objectives of Traveller Focus Week

- ◆ To develop Travellers pride in their Irish identity and cultural background
- ◆ To develop awareness and promote an understanding of Travellers position in Irish society
- ◆ To highlight Travellers contribution to Irish society
- ◆ To promote Traveller participation in public life and policy development



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National Travellers
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