

# **Reaching Out**



# Pathways to Employment

### **Background**

In 2021 the Traveller Movement (TM) undertook research into how Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people were engaging with sector specific and mainstream youth organisations. This report was made public in February 2022 – you can find the report here.

#### Introduction

TM have secured a further two-year funding from <u>Youth Futures Foundation</u> to specifically reach out to, *and encourage* partnership work across UK, to firm up the infrastructure that helps support and develop pathways into employment for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people.

# Where this programme is focussed

This programme is focussed on five key areas in the UK – Liverpool, Manchester, Essex, Kent, and London. Our aim is to work across these regional areas separately, though with a view towards the end of the programme to bring all stakeholders together to create a truly England wide network.

# What the Traveller Movement will provide

We provide over two-decades of expertise, experience and connections with the UKs Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

We are guided by a group of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people, and they will bring their lived experience to help ensure that pathways that are developed are meaningful and respond to the communities needs.

We will help bring people together from Local Authorities, The Third Sector and Business to what we are calling 'Connected Community' events. At these events we will look to share good practice, help cement the partnerships working across stakeholders, and provide a toolkit for professionals working with Gypsy Roma and Traveller young people. The Toolkit will be released later in 2022.

Over the course of the project the TM policy team will expand on the key themes and findings of the Roads to Success report with number of thematic briefing and policy insight papers setting out the case for legislative and regulatory change at the national level. These outputs will be heavily informed by the good practice and information sharing developed through the Connected Communities events and wider networking initiatives of the project.

# Interested in knowing more

If you would like to be involved or want to know more please contact Phil Regan on **07411 493 101** or <u>partnerships@travellermovement.org.uk</u>