

How to include Gypsy/Traveller Culture Awareness within your setting

Primary/BGE Secondary

- Through working towards Rights and Respecting Schools Flags
- Whole school celebrations of diverse cultures
- Diversity and equalities topics
- Assembly
- Through RMPS and Social Studies topics
- Houses and homes/where we live topic in Early Years
- Through storytelling, Travellers have a rich history of storytelling. Two in particular are Stanley Robertson and Duncan Williamson

Secondary

- Through working towards Rights and Respecting Schools Flags
- Cultural days
- RMPS – equalities and diversity
- Modern Studies – social context
- World War 2 topic – Romany Gypsies were treated the same as Jews during the Holocaust
- RMPS – wider achievement award
- Scottish studies module
- Media studies

Relevant Curriculum

RME – Early level – Fourth level

Developing Beliefs and Values RME 0-07a / 1-07a / RME 2-07a / RME 3-07a / RME 4-07a.

RME 1-08a / RME 2-08a / RME 3-08a / RME 4-08a

RME 09a, 09b, 09c, 09d, 09e

(values of caring, respect and equality)

Social Studies – Early – Fourth level

People in Society, economy and business SOC 2-16b, SOC 2-16c, SOC 3-16a, SOC 4-16c

(discrimination, diversity of values and customs)

SQA modules

Identity and Cultural Diversity
Religions, Beliefs and Values Award
Scottish Studies Award
Celtic Studies NPA
Social Sciences NPA

Units

Modern Studies - Social issues in the United Kingdom
Modern Studies – Social issues in the United Kingdom (Scottish Context)
Media Studies – Analysing Media Content

Nat 4

People and Society

Nat 5/Higher/Advanced Higher

Modern Studies – Social inequality
RMPS – Morality and beliefs
Sociology – Social issues
Media – analysing media content/media contexts

Additional resources

TV Programmes and newspaper articles

The following may be suitable for analysing the Media Content, they present a reasonably balanced view. TV programmes such as 'My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding' and 'The Truth about Traveller Crime' are not recommended as they do not reflect the majority of the community and are particularly biased.

BBC 4 - A very British History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bty2w8> Currently unavailable on iplayer unfortunately but this episode gives a balanced view of the culture.

Channel 5 – Gypsy Kids

<https://www.channel5.com/show/gypsy-kids-our-secret-world/>

Channel 5 – Gypsy's Next door

<https://www.channel5.com/show/the-gypsies-next-door/>

The Guardian – The Big Fat Truth about Gypsy Life

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2011/feb/25/truth-about-gypsy-traveller-life-women>

Media studies articles

Press and Journal article about mess left at Aikey Brae. The photo in the newspaper has been taken out of context when you compare it against a photo of the full site.

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/north-east/1600758/rubbish-left-at-established-traveller-site-after-first-season-of-operation/>



Press and Journal Google search for Aikey Brae – Are there more negative than positive articles?

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/?s=Aikey+brae>

Press and Journal article about the cost of upgrading the site at Banff. Social media comments were very derogatory, but residents pay rent and council tax while they stay onsite.

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/north-east/1789387/major-revamp-of-north-east-traveller-site-long-overdue-say-residents/>

Additional links

- STEP Website - [Teachers - STEP \(ed.ac.uk\)](https://www.ed.ac.uk/step)

Particularly the 'Shifting' resource and teachers resources

- Article 12 website <https://www.article12.org/>

Particularly Till Domesday in the Afternoon – great myth busters and lesson planning for Third Level CfE https://www.article12.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/DitA-2017_F_Web.pdf

- BBC's The Social:

The Truth about Travellers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfG7uwm-HM0>

Robert Burns <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06z3vzn>

- BBC blog – The truth about Travellers https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/radio4/2010/11/the_truth_about_travellers.html

- Travellers Times <https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/>

- Damian La Bas, Gypsy, writer and film maker. His book 'The Stopping

Places has been shortlisted for the 2019 Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year award. Film, Oldest Show on the Road -

<https://www.ruralmedia.co.uk/productions/work/oldest-show-road>

- Gypsy/Traveller website - <https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/>

- National Improvement Hub -

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/search/?OriginSubsite=3&query=gypsy>

- Aberdeen University's resources around the work on Stanley Robertson

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone/resources/stanley-robertson-teaching-resources-491.php>