

GYPSIES TRAVELLERS

Wales



Across the Border: Supporting Gypsies and Travellers in Wales



What we do and why

- Gypsies and Travellers Wales (formerly Cardiff Gypsy & Traveller Project) was founded in 1981.
- Become a charitable company in 1993, with a small staff managed by voluntary trustees.
- We have work mainly in and around Cardiff and Gwent, but also more widely across Wales.
- Liaison
- Employment and Skills
- Advice, advocacy
- Training
- Collaborative Work



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Our Aims

- Ensure suitable, safe accommodation of good condition for all Gypsies and Travellers
- Challenge discriminatory behaviour and attitudes towards Gypsies and Travellers
- Improve access to and effectiveness of public services for Gypsies and Travellers
- Increase educational attainment, confidence to participate as active citizens and employability prospects of Gypsies and Travellers



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Our Values

- Honest – We are open and realistic and do not make promises we cannot keep. We maintain and build trust through dependability and consistency.
 - Flexible – We take a person centred approach, working at the client's pace and to their needs rather than expecting clients to fit into the services we provide.
 - Non Judgemental – We show compassion and believe that everyone should be treated with respect and dignity. We ensure that the voices of Gypsies and Travellers can be heard.
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- = Great relationship with the community!



Population

- 2021 caravan count in Wales 1095 Caravans were counted .
- 928 caravans on authorised pitches.
- In 2011 Census 58,000 identified as Gypsy or Traveller



Who we work with...

- <https://gtwales.org.uk/who-we-work-with/>
- The community! Through our Advice Line and community centre offices and on sites and in bricks and mortar
- Local hubs and schools
- Local Authorities and Housing
- Traveller Education Officers

- Welsh Government and the Senedd
- DAF and other grant schemes
- Support agencies such as CA, Mind, debt specialists etc
- Other 'GRT' orgs across Wales and beyond
- Welsh Coalition



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New Approaches

Partnership working and collaboration with others;

- Travelling Ahead
- GRTSW Association/BASW Cymru
- Romani Cultural and Arts Co.
- Shelter Cymru
- Tai Pawb
- Race Alliance Wales
- Community members who work with the Coalition

Welsh Coalition – working together to increased effectiveness of our individual experiences and networks. To have a louder voice and wider reach.



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Our current campaigns



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