

Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange (GATE)



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The **mission of Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange** is to...

Improve the quality of life of Gypsies and Irish Travellers living in,
or resorting to Leeds.

To achieve this we will...

Promote the good health, decent homes and education of Gypsies
and Irish Travellers who are in conditions of need, hardship or
distress and also...

Promote equality of opportunity and good relations between
Gypsies and Travellers and the settled communities.

Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange is a *value based organisation*. We
want everyone's experience of GATE to reflect these values...

That GATE belongs to Gypsies and Travellers.

GATE is welcoming

GATE respects people's privacy

GATE believes that people should be safe

GATE helps people to help themselves

GATE is honest and open

GATE doesn't make promises we can't keep

GATE is brave and creative

And GATE believes everyone is equal and can be included.

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Governance

First constituted 2003

Charity registration number **1123374** (2008)

Company registration number **6386295** (2008)

Leeds GATE is managed by an Executive Board of Gypsy and Irish Traveller people.

Executive Board Chair (2009/2010) is Mrs Eileen Lowther.

Our 400+ members are 95% Leeds based Gypsies and Irish Travellers including young people.

We are working at PQASSO (Quality Assurance) Level 2

Previous funders

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

The Irish Embassy

Comic Relief

Esme Fairburn Charitable Trust

Nationwide Foundation

Commission for Racial Equality

Lloyds TSB Foundation

Social Enterprise Investment Fund

Current funders

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

The Irish Embassy

The Department of Health

Children in Need

Lloyds TSB Foundation

Equality and Human Rights

Commission

Current Contracts/SLA's

NHS Leeds (Strategic Health Advocacy)

Integrated Youth Support Services (Connexions)

Current Staffing

Chief Executive – Helen Jones

Administrator – Laura North

Advocacy/Development Manager – Claire Graham

Strategic Health Advocate – Cathy Griffiths

Connexions PA – Sara Blagbrough

Youth Inclusion – Kathleen Morrison

Student Placements (Social Work Students, Bradford University)

Sessional Creche and minibus drivers

Contact staff via their first name @leedsgate.co.uk

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Our business plan (2009-2012) outlines four objectives:

Improving physical accommodation provision

Improving health and well being

Improving access to education, training and economic inclusion

Improving citizenship and social inclusion

To achieve these objectives GATE offers front line service delivery, community development, strategic input and awareness raising activities. In line with our value of 'helping people to help themselves', advocacy provision at GATE is substantially linked with community development work including personal development and citizenship opportunities, liaison, networking and dialogue.

We work closely with funders and agencies to ensure that our service provision contains a strong element of mainstreaming and working with the mainstream to improve access and effectiveness of services provided.

Networks, Forum and Stakeholders

Founder member of Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Partnership Forum

Member of Leeds Gypsy Roma and Traveller Strategic Group (Healthy Leeds)

Facilitator for DH of the National Pacesetters Gypsy and Traveller Quality Assurance Group

Leeds BME Strategy Group

Leeds IYSS Voluntary Sector Forum

Communities and Local Government G/T Stakeholder Group

National Federation of Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Groups

Northern Network of Travelling People

West Yorkshire Housing Partnership G/T Stakeholder Group (dormant)

Yorkshire and Humber G/T Stakeholder Group (dormant)

Yorkshire and Humber Forum VCS Equality and Human Rights Network

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Resources produced by Leeds GATE

Leeds Baseline Census of Gypsies and Travellers
Maureen Baker (Leeds REC) 2004

Do Mang Mandy – Connexions development project report (with
DVD)
Violet Tucker 2005

Dying at Fifty (DVD)
Susan Radcliff 2005

Bradford Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment Pilot study
Helen Jones (Bradford Communities of Interest) 2006

One Punch Kills – domestic violence project report
Kathleen Morrison 2009

Other documents available on request

The Leeds GATE Business Plan 2009-2012
Anonomised demographic data
Annual Accounts
Case Studies

See also Companies House Register
Charities Commission Register

Leeds GATE does not currently host a website. Further useful
information is available at www.grtleeds.co.uk