

# Traveller Pride Week 2017

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## MAIN EVENT

### Traveller Ethnicity and Heritage Celebration ( family friendly event )

**Saturday 17th June, 12 noon – 3pm**  
**Fitzgerald Park, Cork City**

This is a family friendly day where the people of Cork will have an opportunity to learn about Irish Travellers history, culture, traditions and crafts. Activities will include traditional horse husbandry, Traveller music, fortune telling, traditional paper flower making workshops, Cant language workshop for children, tin-smithing and cake bread from stove oven display. There will be a costumed re-inaction of daily life for Travellers in a traditional road side camp also. A hawthorn tree will also be planted in Fitzgerald Park to mark the Irish government's recognition of Traveller ethnicity on 1st March 2017. Come along and get your palm crossed with silver!  
– All welcome



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Traveller culture exhibit Toraig on the Tobar Launch

**Monday 12th June, 11.30am**  
**Traveller Culture Exhibit, Cork Public Museum,  
Fitzgerald's Park, Cork**

*Limited capacity – invited guests only*  
Cork Traveller Women's Network in partnership with the Cork Public Museum are delighted to launch the redesigned Traveller culture exhibit. The exhibit celebrates Traveller culture and heritage and features a full size barreltop wagon. The redesign of the exhibit incorporates a new layout and new interpretive material and was overseen by Traveller artist Leanne McDonagh and funded through Creative Ireland.

### Traveller Ethnicity Workshop

**Tuesday 13th June, 10.30am – 12.30pm**  
**Cork Arts Theatre, Carroll's Quay** *All welcome – Booking required. Contact Tom on 021 450 3786.* Come along and find out more about the status of Travellers in Ireland and what recognition as an ethnic minority group, by the state, will mean for the community. The Traveller Visibility Group and Cork Traveller Women's Network will also launch their 2016 annual reports and provide an insight into work with Travellers across Cork City.



### Travellers and Higher Education: Supporting Progression, seminar report launch

**Thursday 15th June, 11am – 1pm**  
**St John's Central College, Cork** *All welcome – booking required. Contact Caroline on 021 450 3786.* Launch of a report on the 2016 seminar "**Travellers and Higher Education: Supporting Progression**", organised by the Cork Interagency Traveller Education Committee. The committee includes Cork ETB, CIT, UCC, Cork City Partnership, Traveller Visibility Group, participating schools, Tusla and Cork City Council. One of the aims of the interagency is to work with second level schools in Cork city by supporting young students from the Traveller community to progress to further and higher education.

### Launch of Happy Talk puppets Nibbles and Twitch's Wagon home in TVG

**Friday 16th June, 11am – 1pm**  
**TVG Goras Community Childcare Centre, TVG** *Open to families using the TVG Crèche. Contact Deirdre on 0872534693.* This is a fun speech and language session where our puppets Nibbles and Twitch join their new wagon home, which was made by TVG Traveller men's woodwork group. Hosted by the TVG and Happy Talk. Happy Talk works with parents, families, teachers, crèche and preschool staff providing support and training on language development... and it's great fun too!!

## Other Traveller Pride Events

### Meelagh Community Centre in Mahon

Traveller Culture Awareness Training on Tuesday 6th June from 10am – 12 noon; Young Travellers Art Exhibition on Tuesday 13th June from 2 – 4pm; Traveller Youth Woodwork Exhibition on Wednesday 14th June 2 – 3.30pm.

Contact Mary on 0879538507 for information

### St. Anthony's Park Community Centre Traveller Heritage morning, Hollyhill

**Wednesday 14th June, 11am – 1pm** The residents of St. Anthony's Park will celebrate Traveller Pride with a workshop in traditional paper flower making and a miniature wagon made by the men will be on display. Event open to residents of St. Anthony's Park. Contact Louise on 0863850136

### TVG Traveller Horse Association's Sulky Trot

A group of Traveller horse owners across Cork City will take part in an organised sulky trot to promote traditional Traveller horse related activities.

Contact Caroline on 021 4503786

### Traveller teams run the Cork city Marathon

**Sunday 4th June, 9am start on Patrick St.** Two relay teams of Traveller men from the South Side and North side of Cork City will be taking part in this year's Cork City Marathon. They have been training hard since January and are certainly hot contenders for the top prize. Look out for their specially designed Traveller Pride running vests!

### Promotion of the Healthy Minds, Traveller Suicide and Mental Health Project, Map of Access to Mental Health Services

**Tuesday 13th June, 12noon – 12.30pm**

**Cork Arts Theatre, Carroll's Quay**

This leaflet aims to make mental health services less intimidating for Travellers. It outlines mental health supports and the different ways to access them for Travellers experiencing mental ill health. Contact Helen on 0877592464.

### LGBT and TVG soccer teams play off and match

Contact Tom on 021 4503786 for information.

## Exhibitions

### Traveller Culture Exhibit "Toraig on the Tobar"

**Opening hours Tuesday – Saturday 11am – 4pm,**

**Cork Public Museum, Fitzgerald's Park, Cork**

Celebrating Traveller culture and featuring a full size barrel top wagon. Admission free. All welcome.

### Traveller art Exhibition at Cork University Hospital

The Handbag project - an Art project on Violence against Women and Safety; at CUH Gallery, Staff Dining Room, Cork University Hospital; running from 13th to 25th June; open to the public Mon to Fri: 7.30am – 5.30pm and 5.30pm – 7pm; Sat to Sun: 9.30am – 2.30pm. This project was created through a collaboration between Togher Traveller Women's group and Leanne McDonagh (Traveller and artist).

## National Traveller Pride Awards

### Pillar Room, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin

**Thursday 1st June, 12.30pm – 2pm**

Traveller Pride Week begins with the national Traveller Pride Awards ceremony on 1st June in Dublin highlighting Traveller achievements in education, music, youth, community, sport, arts/culture and enterprise /employment

Other national events run from 5th to 9th June 2017. For more information on national and local events please contact Tom O'Sullivan on 021 450 3786 or 0871710293

