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10th Annual Broadcast Conference Delivering Services for Gypsies and Travellers

Thursday 22nd March 2012, Westminster Studio, London SW1

Keynote Speakers include:

Andrew Stunell OBE MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
**Department for Communities and
Local Government**

Andrew George MP
Chair, **All Party Parliamentary Group
for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers**

Other Speakers include:

Bill Forrester
Head of Gypsy and Traveller Unit,
Kent County Council; Chair,
**National Association of Gypsy and
Traveller Officers (NAGTO)**

Caroline Cormack
Head of Affordable Housing Delivery,
Homes and Communities Agency

ACC Janette McCormick
National Lead for Gypsies and Travellers,
ACPO

Dr Nicola Higgins
Gypsy and Traveller Unit, **Department for
Communities and Local Government**

Why you must attend this event:

- Hear from **Andrew Stunell OBE MP** on the Government's Gypsy and Traveller policy and guidance and establish 'what's next' for the delivery of services to this community
- Understand, with the help of **Dr Nicola Higgins** and **Caroline Cormack**, recent policy developments including **The New Tenancy Agreement**, **The National Planning Policy Framework** and an update of **HCA's traveller pitch funding**
- Explore how recent media coverage may have harmed the image of the Gypsy and Traveller community and how to readdress the negative image locally
- Hear from the Gypsy community on how services can be improved, including access to services, engagement and conflict resolution
- Hear from a panel of experts what lessons can be learned from recent events at Dale Farm

The planned introduction of the **National Planning Policy Framework**, the loosening and localising of planning controls and heightened media interest has provided the sector with the opportunity to look to new and better ways to deliver services for the Gypsy and Traveller community.

Important issues such as health, education, access to employment and race equality remain key to realising the unlocked potential within Gypsy and Traveller communities. Figures by the Equality and Human Rights Commission indicate a life expectancy 10 years lower than the national average, with similar inequality found amongst health and education outcomes. Understanding the barriers faced by Gypsy and Traveller communities is key to improving life outcomes and tackling ongoing inequality.

As well as looking at the impact of the Localism Act, other legislation and new policies, delegates will have the opportunity to hear best practice examples on tackling stereotypes, dealing with conflict and engaging with Gypsy and Traveller communities to deliver vital services. Now in its 10th year, this is the national conference for all those working in Gypsy and Traveller services to explore emerging trends, hear the latest policy and share best practice.

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Agenda (subject to change)

09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

Session One:

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Setting the scene

- 09:45 Welcome and introduction from conference Chair **Bill Forrester**, Head of Gypsy and Traveller Unit, Kent County Council; Chair, National Association of Gypsy and Traveller Officers (NAGTO)
- 10:00 Keynote address: Promoting equality for Traveller communities
Andrew Stunell OBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government
- 10:15 Understanding and implementing recent policy developments: the new "light touch" planning guidance, and The National Planning Policy Framework
Dr Nicola Higgins, Gypsy and Traveller Unit, Department for Communities and Local Government
- 10:30 An update on traveller pitch funding
Caroline Cormack, Head of Affordable Housing Delivery, Homes and Communities Agency
- 10:45 Panel question: Should we link together the various planning and localism issues?
Session speakers to be joined by:
Siân Sankey, Policy Manager, Chartered Institute of Housing

11:00 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Two:

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Overcoming the barriers to delivering services

- 11:30 Readdressing the recent media image of Gypsies and Travellers locally
Penny Dane, Community Development Worker (Gypsies & Travellers), Plymouth & Devon Racial Equality Council
- 11:50 Tackling the various barriers to work amongst the Gypsy and Traveller community and understanding recent changes in the benefit system
Check website for speaker updates
- 12:10 Ensuring a fair and consistent approach in the criminal justice system: feedback from the officer education programme
ACC Janette McCormick, National Lead for Gypsies and Travellers, ACPO
- 12:30 Panel discussion: How can agencies develop a methodology for Traveller needs assessments in light of the Governmental removal of guidance on pitch targets? How can we manage the increased demand on the system?
Siobhan Spencer MBE, Coordinator, Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group; Co-Director, The National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

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Session Three:

Best practice in working with the Gypsy and Traveller community

- 13:50 Afternoon keynote:
Andrew George MP, Chair; All Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers
- 14:05 Working in partnership with local councils, the health service and the voluntary sector to address inequalities and ensure effective delivery of services for the Gypsy and Traveller community
Shaynie Larwood Lead Nurse, Gypsy and Traveller Health, NHS Cambridgeshire
Rose Wilson, Team for Traveller Education, Cambridgeshire County Council
- 14:25 Alternatives to costly evictions
Micheal Hargraves, Head of Planning and Accommodation Policy, Irish Traveller Movement in Britain
- 14:45 The community perspective
Tom McCready, Traveller, Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group
- 15:00 Panel Debate: What lessons can be learnt from events at Dale Farm in terms of the effectiveness of enforcement, the allocation of sites in local planning and minimising the risk of legal action?

15:25 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Four:

Key issues seminars

- 15:55 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

1 Introducing G.A.T.E : accessing and utilising Government funding to implement a successful equality and conflict resolution project

Pauline Burton, Gypsy and Travellers' Liaison Office, Leicestershire County Council

2 Breaking down the barriers between practitioners and site residents

Gary Fagg, Manager, Futures at Knightstone

3 Site management enforcement under the Mobile Homes Act

Gary Brewer, Manager, Gypsy and Traveller Service, Oxfordshire County Council

16:40 Close of conference

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Purpose of the Conference

Specifically, attending this conference will enable you to:

- Hear from the Government on their Gypsy and Traveller policy and guidance and establish 'what's next' for the delivery of services to this community
- Understand recent policy developments including "The New Tenancy Agreement", "The National Planning Policy Framework" and an update of HCA's "traveller pitch funding"
- Discuss the role of localism in planning
- Examine how to tackle worklessness amongst the Gypsy and Traveller community and gain a better understanding of recent changes in the benefit system
- Hear how the police are ensuring a fair and consistent approach in the criminal justice system through an officer education programme
- Discuss how agencies can develop a methodology for Traveller needs assessments in light of the Governmental removal of guidance on pitch targets and how to manage the increased demand on the system
- Explore best practice in multi-agency working to address inequalities and ensure the effective delivery of services for the Gypsy and Traveller community
- Make sense of housing funding and hear innovative solutions to setting up new sites
- Hear best practice in the design of accommodation for the Gypsy and Traveller community
- Understand how to avoid costly evictions
- Benefit from leading best practice on regional successes, hear good news stories and gain practical information to help you:
 - > Access Government funding to implement a conflict resolution programme
 - > Break down the barriers between practitioners and site residents
 - > Implement site management enforcement under the Mobile Homes Act

Who should attend:

Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers
Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Groups
Gypsy and Traveller Representative Bodies

Housing:

- Planning Directors and Officers
- Planning Enforcement Officers
- Planning Advisory Service
- Heads of Affordable Housing
- Heads of Housing and Performance
- Housing Managers and Officers
- Housing Associations
- Regional Housing Boards and Regional Planning Bodies
- Supported Housing Managers
- Homeless Support and Resettlement Officers
- Neighbourhood Managers
- Estates Officers and Managers
- Resources and Commissioning
- Sustainability Officers
- Tenant Services
- Registered Social Landlords
- SNU Managers
- Accommodation Site Providers
- Project Managers
- Operational Service Managers

Policy:

- Gypsy and Traveller Service Development Leads
- Heads of Strategy Planning
- Government Offices and Regional Assemblies
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Regional Development Officers
- Equality Managers
- Policy Officers
- Councillors and Mayors
- Local Authority Leaders

Community:

- Police Officers
- Diversity Leads
- Social Inclusion Managers
- Adult, Children and Family Service Managers and Workers
- Community Involvement Workers
- Community Development and Cohesion Officers
- Community Safety and Legal Officers
- Community Services
- Race Relations and Equality Officers
- Solicitors
- Outreach Workers
- Care Services
- Caseworkers
- Inclusion Consultants
- Corporate Traveller Units

Health:

- Commissioning Managers - Vulnerable Groups
- Lead Nurses - Gypsy and Traveller Health
- Health Visitors - Homeless Families
- Public Health Officials
- NHS, PCTs
- Health Service Providers
- Principal Public Health Practitioners

Education:

- Traveller Education Services

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- Voluntary Organisations
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