

## Gypsy and Traveller Communities in Scotland: Including, Supporting, Planning

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**09.15 Registration and Refreshments**

**09.55 Session 1: Gypsy and Traveller Communities in Scotland**

- Gypsies and Travellers have a rich, diverse and proud culture and heritage. In this opening session we will celebrate their unique way of life and consider the challenges faced by the communities.

**Chair: Kate Connor**, Kate Connor Consultancy

**Jess Smith**, Storyteller and Author

**Lynne Tammi**, CEO, Article 12 in Scotland

**David Donaldson**, Volunteer, Article 12 in Scotland

**Michael Molden**, YGTL Co-ordinator, Article 12 in Scotland

**Nic Millington**, Traveller Times

**Prof Colin Clark**, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy, University of the West of Scotland

**11.10 Refreshments and Networking**

**11.25 Session 2: Planning**

- Good planning is essential for ensuring the accessibility of housing, health, employment, education and other public services however Gypsy and Traveller communities find that the planning system does not always reflect their needs. This session will explore how the local authorities can work with Gypsy and Traveller communities and meet their planning requirements.

**Jennifer Macrae**, Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer, Aberdeenshire Council

**Alan Seath**, Volunteer and Associate, PAS

**Douglas Scott**, Senior Policy Adviser, Scottish Borders Council

**12.45 Lunch and Networking**

**13.30 Session 3: Inclusion**

- This final session will consider how we can address some of the barriers faced by Gypsies and Travellers accessing services and ensure they can get the support they are entitled to.

**Maureen Finn**, Director, STEP: Centre for Mobile Cultures and Education

**Kelly Muir**, Senior Health Improvement Officer, NHS Health Scotland

**Dianne Williamson**, Lead for Equality and Human Rights, NHS Fife

**Angela McLachlan**, National Services Manager, Shelter Scotland

**15.00 Event Close**