

TRAVELLERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- A Rights Approach In Work With Travellers

BOOKING FORM

Name _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Why do you wish to do this course?

Complete and return to: **Pavee Point Regional Office,
Church Lane, Westport, Co. Mayo.**



What process will be used?

The course will comprise five sessions. It is expected that participants will attend all sessions. They will consist of talks, group discussions and exercises. A key element will be the

opportunity for dialogue and exchange between Travellers and settled people. Review and evaluation will be built into each session.

How do I enrol?

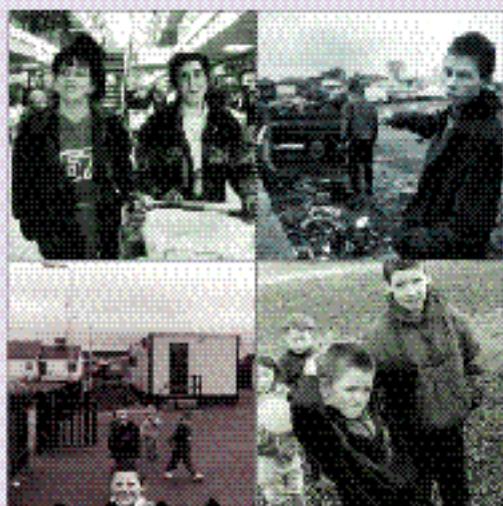
Places are limited, so if you wish to participate it is advisable to book as soon as possible. Complete the attached booking form and return it.

Where do I get more information?

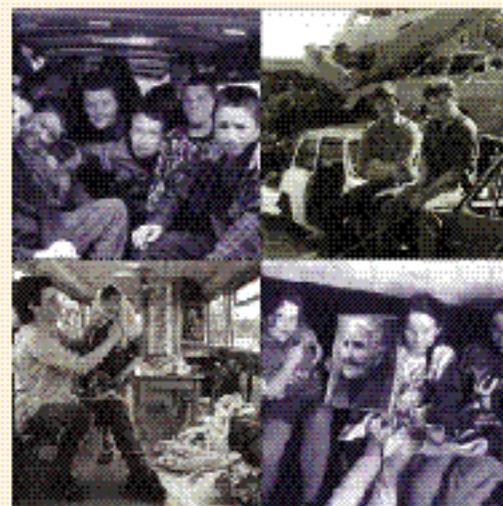
The course co-ordinator is Gearóid Ó Riain who can be contacted at Pavee Point Regional Office, Church Lane, Westport, Co. Mayo.

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Evening course on

Travellers and Human Rights *- A Rights Approach in Work with Travellers*

**Regency Room, Haydens Hotel, Ballinasloe,
Co. Galway**

26th January to 23rd February 2004



PAVEE POINT
TRAVELLERS CENTRE

in collaboration with Galway Travellers Support Group



Introduction

Pavee Point is a voluntary non-governmental organisation committed to the attainment of human rights for Irish Travellers. It is a partnership of Travellers and members of the majority population working together to address the racism and exclusion that Travellers experience in Irish society. It has been involved in direct work with Travellers since 1985.



Through this course Pavee Point wishes to provide an opportunity for those in the west who are working with Travellers or interested in the issues to take time out and reflect on the underlying analysis and approaches, and to critique the current situation in the light of that analysis. It is being organised as part of our national resourcing work through the Community Development Programme.

Is the course for me?

The course is for community workers in Traveller organisations; professionals working with Travellers in statutory and voluntary organisations; Travellers involved in work with other Travellers; others interested in finding out more about who the Travellers are and what their current situation is.

How will I benefit from the course?

The course will assist participants:

- Develop a better understanding of who the Travellers are and what issues they face.
- Examine ways of working with Travellers in order to develop more effective ways of supporting Travellers in their struggles for justice and human rights.

COURSE OUTLINE

Each evening session will run from 7.00p.m. to 10.00p.m.

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

January 26th

Traveller Culture

An exploration of Traveller culture, heritage, customs, traditions, values. What are the cultural implications of change?

Facilitators: Winnie Keenan and Breandá Ó Sé

February 2nd

Who are the Travellers?

The question of identity and ethnicity and its implications for service provision. The history of work with Travellers and state policy responses to Travellers.

Facilitators: Maria-Elena Costa-sa and Nellie Collins

February 9th

Travellers' Ireland

A critical examination of the present situation of Travellers, population, accommodation, health and welfare, education, Traveller children.

Facilitators: Martin Collins and Paddy McDonagh.

February 16th

Approaches to work with Travellers

Interventions adopted in work with Travellers over the past decade. Assessment of the impact of a community development approach in the work with Travellers.

Facilitators: Martin Collins and Ronnie Fay

February 23rd

Racism and Travellers

Travellers' experience of racism, discrimination and prejudice. Building an intercultural Ireland.

Facilitators: Gearó Ó Riain and Paddy McDonagh

