



# PAVEE POINT TRAVELLER AND ROMA CENTRE Manifesto Considerations ELECTION 2024/2025

**Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre are calling on election candidates to make Traveller and Roma human rights and equality a Government priority in 2024/2025**

**Pavee Point is seeking commitments from General Election candidates, that if elected they commit to:**

**1. Implementing and resourcing existing policy commitments to improve access and outcomes in employment, health, and education for Travellers and Roma. Deliver on the commitment to develop:**

- A Traveller and Roma training, employment and enterprise strategy
- Roma Health Action Plan

**2. Addressing Traveller and Roma homelessness now**

- Implement recommendations of the Independent Expert Group on Traveller Accommodation recommendations
- Commit to targeted measures to end Traveller homelessness
- Address Traveller accommodation provision at a senior department level
- Remove the Habitual Residence Condition (HRC) as a condition to access homelessness supports

**3. Addressing Traveller and Roma Child Poverty**

- Remove Habitual Residence Condition for Child Benefit, making it truly universal
- Ring Fence resources for Traveller and Roma children homelessness prevention
- Invest in Traveller youth mental health
- Promote Traveller and Roma arts and culture in the school curriculum
- Invest in the upcoming Traveller Heritage Strategy

**4. Ensuring robust Hate Speech legislation is developed and passed, effectively implementing the Hate Crime Bill and the National Action Plan Against Racism, and implementing the National Action Plan Against Racism.**

**5. Supporting Independent National and Local Traveller Organisations and Traveller Representation**

- Provide funding to support existing Traveller organisations
- Provide funding to create new, autonomous Traveller and Roma organisations
- Introduce quotas and/or reserved seats for Travellers in representative and participatory democracy structures

**6. Urgently addressing high levels of substance misuse and addiction among Travellers and Roma**

- Introduce targeted and mainstreaming measures, and wrap around supports, to support Travellers and Roma to get adequate treatment for addiction. Resource Traveller organisations to undertake this work.

**Let's ensure an Ireland free from racism and discrimination, where all Travellers and Roma can fully realise their potential and participate as fully respected members of minority ethnic groups.**