



One-2-One Support for Gypsy & Traveller Groups

Application Guidelines

Expression of Interest:

If you are interested in applying for a grant under this programme, please complete the application form and return to the Trust by the **10th of November 2010**. Please make sure that you read the outline given below before filling in the form. Please do not send in any additional supporting documentation with your application. If we require anything more, we will contact you directly. If you have any questions or difficulties with the application form or process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Project Outline:

The Travellers Aid Trust (in partnership with the Tudor Trust) is working with IVAR (The Institute of Voluntary Action Research) to deliver a project aimed at providing practical and developmental support to Gypsy and Traveller groups in the UK in the form of *strategic reviews*. A *strategic review* is a way of identifying any big problems a group might face and finding ways to deal with them by using the experience and skills of the people within your own organisation. This is a small targeted project, which is offered free to anyone taking part.

The main aim of this project is to help make Gypsy and Traveller groups stronger and better at what they do. The hope is that by doing this, groups will find it easier to apply for and attract funding.

Project delivery - December 2010 to January 2012

Project delivery will comprise three elements:

- i. Tailored, one to one reviews and support for up to 8 groups with a maximum of 7 days input per group (see below for more details)
- ii. Up to three half days input from a book-keeper over the course of the review
- iii. Up to £2,000 to cover other costs associated with the review, e.g. additional training; travel and accommodation; child care.

Details of strategic reviews

The review process will begin with a face to face meeting with IVAR at your premises to explore a number of key issues, including:

- your organisation's history and roots
- your organisation's values and mission
- your organisation's main challenges
- the main concerns of the key people involved
- the scope and process of the review
- the issues to be covered
- the expectations on both sides.



Following this meeting, IVAR will produce a short document outlining what the review will cover and what it hopes to achieve. This will be agreed with you and then sent to The Travellers Aid Trust. The review is likely to involve a number of meetings between IVAR and the key people involved in your group. The Travellers Aid Trust will not be involved in any of this and the discussions will remain confidential between IVAR and your group.

Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR)

IVAR is an independent charity with a small team of researchers. The research team has a background of working in, with and for voluntary and community organisations. IVAR believes in the important role that organisations like yours play in delivering services and supporting communities.

IVAR works to support and strengthen voluntary and community organisations. We aim to do this by working *with* you to help find practical and lasting responses to the problems and challenges that you face. For more information visit www.ivar.org.uk