



One-2-One Support for Gypsy & Traveller Groups

The Travellers Aid Trust (in partnership with the Tudor Trust) is working with IVAR 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.

This leaflet outlines the project, explains the main stages of a strategic review and provides some background information on IVAR.

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Stage One – September 8th 2010

An event at the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund offices in London for invited groups to:

- Find out more about the project from The Travellers Aid Trust and IVAR (e.g. the way in which IVAR works; what the review will involve; possible benefits)
- Talk about challenges that you are facing in your organisation that might be covered by a strategic review.

Stage Two – Expressions of interest, October 2010

Interested groups will be invited to submit an 'expression of interest' (a very basic application form) setting out on one side of A4 their reasons for wanting a review and identifying the people who run your organisation and people from your organisation who are likely to take part in the review.

The Travellers Aid Trust will then select up to eight groups for involvement in the project, subject to their agreement to meet certain conditions.¹

Stage Three – 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

¹ Eg. attendance at review sessions; evidence of an organisation's constitution and legality; the identification of sufficient experienced people to participate.



iii. Up to £2,000 to cover other costs associated with the review, e.g. additional training; travel and accommodation; child care.

Stage Four – Review and completion, January 2012 to March 2012

The project will finish with a second event for everyone involved to reflect on learning and outcomes from the process. This will form part of a final report for presentation to other funders.

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.

At the end of the review, IVAR will produce a short report summarising the discussions and any relevant action. This report will be confidential. IVAR will also let The Travellers Aid Trust know when a review has been completed and give them a brief outline of any agreed actions. At the end of the process The Travellers Aid Trust will ask you for some confidential feedback about the support provided and any practical outcomes of the review.

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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

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