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## Introduction and welcome

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM) is just around the corner, beginning on 1 of June 2021. To celebrate, RSG is working on a number of plans which we will deliver across the course of the month.

Today, we would like to share two of these plans with you and call for your participation. Please keep an eye on our social media pages between now and June for updates on our GRTHM plans and upcoming events.

This month's newsletter will focus on:

- Our GRTHM *What's Your Story?* project
- Our GRTHM art competition
- Call to action: *The Internet Learns Romani*
- Proud Roma Free Europe
- Reflections on International Roma Day 2021
- A view from our windows

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## GRTHM project: What's Your Story?

As part of our celebrations we are gathering stories of Roma people contributing to their communities. Contribution is intended to be a broad term, expressing any Roma person's role in their community.

If you are Roma yourself, we'd love to hear about your contributions, or those of a friend, family member or colleague. If you are not Roma, but work or live alongside Roma people, we'd be very grateful if you could spread the word about our project and help us to gather stories.

To get involved or to learn more, please contact us at [policy@romasupportgroup.org.uk](mailto:policy@romasupportgroup.org.uk).



Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month June 2021

### What's Your Story?

With GRT history month just around the corner, we're proud to be celebrating Roma lives in the UK.

Whether it's of you, a friend, family member, or colleague, we'd love to hear your stories of Roma people contributing to their communities.

To find out more contact  
[policy@romasupportgroup.org.uk](mailto:policy@romasupportgroup.org.uk)

Artwork by Robert Czibi

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## Art competition

In the build up to GRTHM we have launched an art competition for children and young people to celebrate the richness and diversity of Roma culture. We plan to showcase submissions and announce competition winners across the course of June.

We'd appreciate if you could promote the competition to children and young people and help them to submit their work to [aspiration@romasupportgroup.org.uk](mailto:aspiration@romasupportgroup.org.uk) by 15 May.



**GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH**

# ART CONTEST

Celebrate GRTHM with us in June 2021!

We would like to encourage **all young people** age 6 -18 to participate by submitting their artwork for a competition.

Our term '**artwork**' is all-inclusive and could be a drawing, picture, poem, audio recording or a short video showing you playing music, dancing or singing, helping us celebrate the richness and

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diversity of **Roma culture**.

You can explore the subject of your  
choice or follow themes such as:

- My family life in the UK;
- A day with my Mum and/ or Dad.



Please send your artwork to:  
**[aspiration@romasupportgroup.org.uk](mailto:aspiration@romasupportgroup.org.uk)**  
until **15.05.2021**.

**PRIZES TO WIN FOR ALL!**

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**Call to action: *The Internet Learns Romani***

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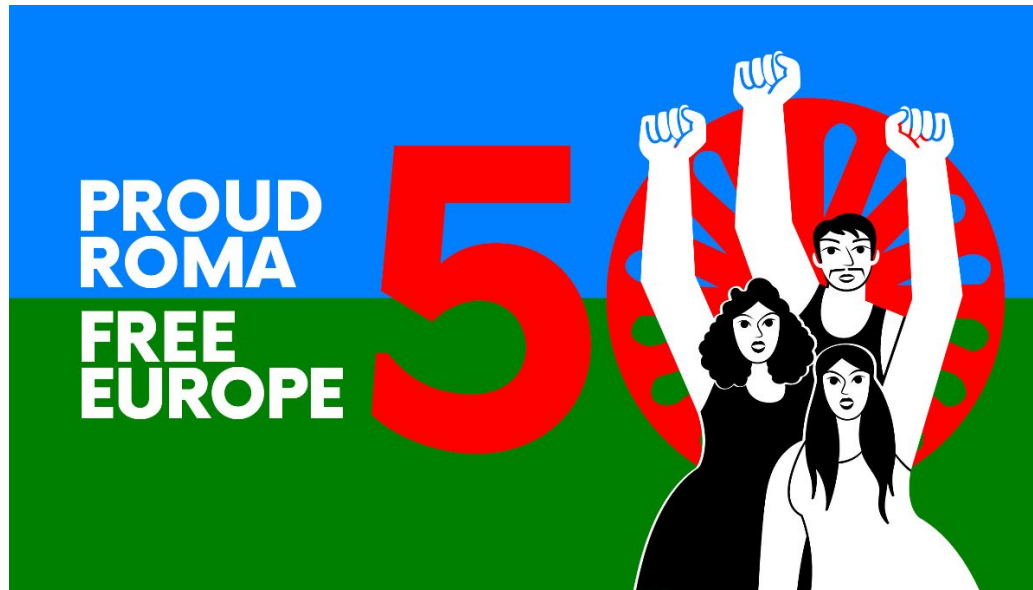
Millions of Roma across the world face a barrier in something that almost everyone takes for granted: to be able to surf the web in your native language. *The Internet Learns Romani* is a new initiative with a simple message: [submit your website](#) for translation into Romani. The more internet content translated into Romani, the more that Romani will be recognised and learned by Google's algorithms over time. All this will increase the likelihood of Google formally including Romani as a language in its services.

It is rare we are provided with such a valuable opportunity to help solve a widespread and deeply felt issue. Please visit *The Internet Learns Romani* [website](#) to learn more and please spread the word!

*"When Romani will stand next to all other languages, it would serve practical purposes but also be a tool for culture legitimization."*

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## Proud Roma Free Europe



[Proud Roma Free Europe](#) is a new campaign launched in March 2021. It's overriding aim is as follows:

*"To encourage Europe's 12 million Romani citizens to proudly and publicly declare their ethnicity, as public authorities across the continent gather census data throughout 2021."*

The campaign is run by a coalition of international, national and grassroots Romani campaign organisations across Europe. It has launched straight into tackling issues in Romani politics and celebrating Romani culture and we'll be seeing much more of it to come.

Visit their [website](#) to learn more and find out how you can get involved [here](#).

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## Reflecting on International Roma Day 2021



On 8 April 2021 (International Roma Day), Romanistan and its partner organisations hosted a day of events in commemoration of the **50th anniversary of the First World Romani Congress**.

During the difficult circumstances of the pandemic, they produced a **vibrant display of Roma history, culture, diversity and solidarity**.

If you weren't able to attend or wish to reflect on International Roma Day, recordings of the day's events can be found on Romanistan's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Since 8 April, Romanistan have held online Romani World Congress events with the

intention of resetting the path of inter-continental Romani politics. Recordings of the events can be found on Romanistan's YouTube and Facebook pages.

**There is still time to take part and the congress events are open to all.** Check Romanistan's [website](#) for updates and information on the next sessions.

In addition to the congress events, Romanistan and its partner organisations have delivered an online World Roma Congress [art exhibition](#).

### **Roma News Project International Roma Day video**

The Roma News Project's latest video discusses International Roma Day, reflects on the COVID-19 pandemic and looks to the future:





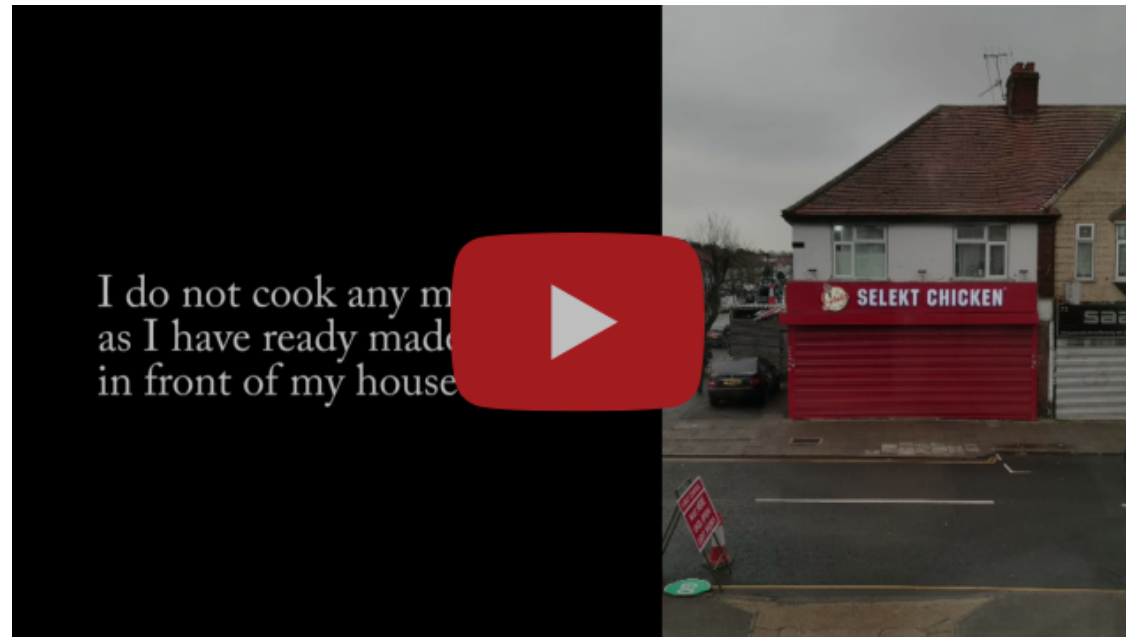
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**And finally...**

### **A view from our windows**

During the pandemic everyone has seen their working environment change. For some of us, this has meant spending more time at home. Reflecting on this, RSG have put together a collage of the different views from our windows:

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For more information about Roma Support Group, go to our website and look at the ["projects" pages](#).

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