

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2025 Newsletter



Introduction & Welcome



Welcome to Roma Support Group's 2025 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Newsletter!

This newsletter is dedicated to honouring and celebrating Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month (GRTHM). Since its inception in 2008, GRTHM has been observed each June to amplify GRT voices, raise awareness of these communities, and challenge the prejudice they continue to face.

This release marks the 2025 GRTHM celebration by Roma Support Group (RSG) and our partners. It features the 2025 GRTHM Art Competition and London's GRTHM celebration event held at London City Hall on Friday 27th June with support from the Mayor of London.



This month's newsletter focuses on:

- [Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Art Competition 2025](#)
- [2025 London Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Event](#)

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Art Competition 2025

This year marked RSG's 6th GRTHM Art Competition. We were delighted once again to see increased interest and participation from schools and young people with almost 100 submissions.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their entries! We were incredibly impressed with the standard and creativity of all the submissions.

You can view some of the entries in this [video](#).

All of the winning entries showcased in the collage below, had their artwork exhibited at the GRTHM event held at London City Hall on the 27th June.



Top left to right: Mary Anne O., David & Michael H., Petra K; Bottom left to right: Alexis P., Szafiro G., Nyraa G., Jenifer O; Middle left: Sheree G.; Middle right: Marek P.

2025 London Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Event

This year's celebrations to mark Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month proved, yet again, to be a powerful showcase of our history, culture and resilience. The event was supported by the Mayor of London and hosted by London City Hall.

Organised in collaboration with Roma Support Group, London Gypsy and Travellers, Southwark Travellers Action Group and Traveller Movement, the celebration included:

- Raising the Roma flag;
- Performances from GRT musicians such as French Romani singer Florence Joelle, singing sisters Belsie and Alice, and Roma band Baro Gee;
- A spectacular Roma fashion show facilitated by the Welcoming Cultures initiative;
- A GRTHM Art Competition Exhibition; and
- A film screening promoting higher education opportunities by Roma Voice

Centre.

There were also powerful speeches from London's Deputy Mayor Debbie Weeks Bernard and Iulian Paraschiv, President of Romania's National Roma Agency.

In her closing remarks at the event, our colleague Tyanna-May Binns reflected:

“Now, as you've heard throughout the evening, the month of June marks Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month—a time to honour the culture, history, and remarkable contributions of GRT communities here in the UK and beyond. It's an opportunity to amplify voices too often overlooked, and to recognise the resilience, creativity, and strength that have long defined our communities.

But GRT History Month isn't only a time for celebration—it's also a call to action. A moment to reflect, to educate ourselves, and to stand up for fairness and equality. It reminds us that visibility matters—especially in the face of continued discrimination some of which we have seen very recently with the horrific events in Ballymena.

This month not only challenges us to confront injustice, but also to uplift stories of pride, resistance, and hope. And today's gathering is a powerful example of what can happen when we come together—when we listen with open hearts and minds, and when we create space to truly see and support one another.”

We would like to express our appreciation to the Mayor of London for his continued commitment to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month, to the GLA team for their support, and to everyone who enjoyed the celebration together with us.

Ukraine Donation Pages

Human rights fund for Ukrainian Roma

European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) are **collecting donations** to support their efforts to prevent the discrimination and rejection of Roma refugees in Ukraine, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova.

Hot meals in Ukraine





Given the difficulties that Roma are experiencing in accessing humanitarian aid, **ERGO Network** and **Roma Women Fund Chiricli** have launched a campaign: **Hot meals in Ukraine**.

The cost of providing one hot meal is €4.

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