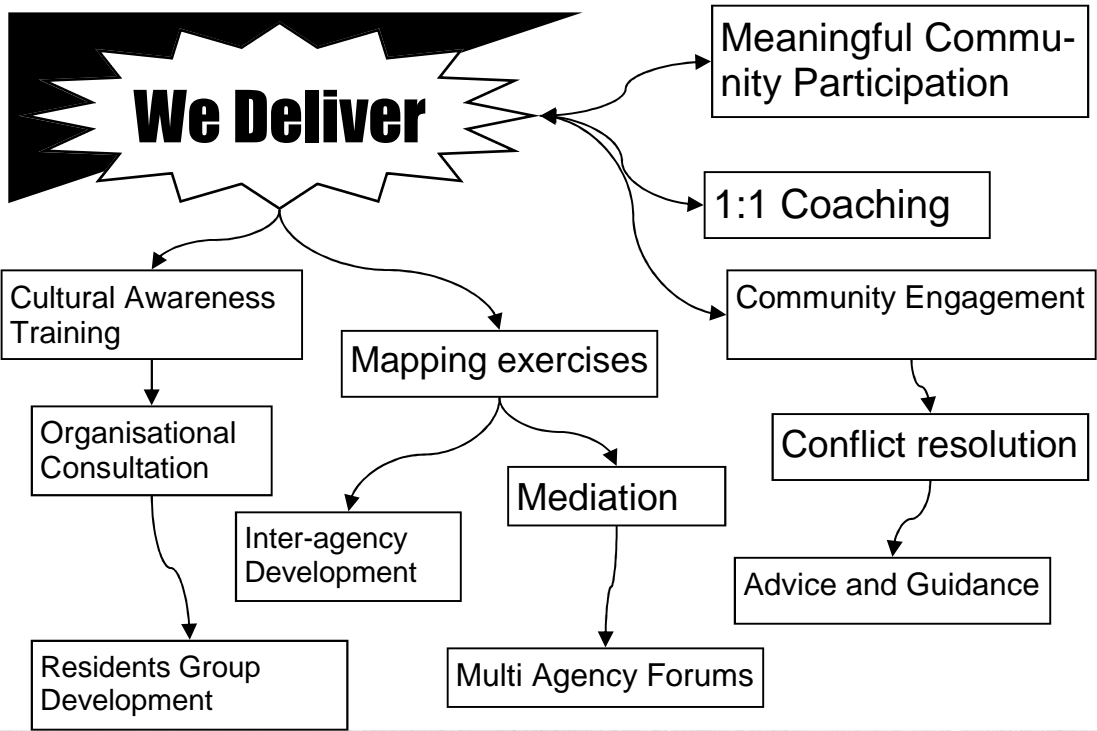


# CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT :

## Supporting Your Engagement with Traveller Communities



# Supporting your engagement with Gypsies and Travellers

Under legislation, Romany/ English Gypsies and Irish Travellers are acknowledged as separate ethnic minority groups, and are protected under law. Organisations that engage with them must do so with the pursuit of equal and fair access of services and treatment.

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ITMB has been working with these communities for over ten years, and have developed an in-depth under-

standing of many of the complex issues that they face. Through this experience we have developed a wide range of services and activities that seek to raise the profile of Gypsies and Travellers in Britain and increase their say in decision making processes and forums.

The ITMB seeks to challenge discrimination and develop national policies that ensure the inclusion of Gypsies and Travellers at all levels of society.

The Equalities and Human Rights Commission highlights that Gypsies and Travellers face issues in a range of areas, including, *‘economic inclusion and access to employment; relationships with and experiences of accessing healthcare, social care, education and other public services; experience of the legal and criminal justice systems; racism and discrimination;’ housing; and political participation (EHRC 2009 iii).*



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# How can ITMB help your organisation?

Do you feel you engage as effectively as possible with Traveller communities?

NO

Are your staff knowledgeable about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller issues?

NO

Do you prepare the staff to engage with the complex levels of disenfranchisement faced by many members of the Traveller communities?

NO

Does your Equality policy and procedure address the specific needs of Traveller communities?

YES

YES

YES

YES

NO

Congratulations!  
Keep up the good work. If you ever need advice, guidance or a service review, please call us — **0207 607 2002**

ITMB can provide bespoke training and support to not only to Local Authorities, Statutory Services and voluntary organisations, but, to the community you work with. We specialise in facilitating the growth and development of community based services as well as the ability of individuals. Call us on **0207 607 2002** or e-mail; **info@irishtraveller.org.uk** for a chat about your requirements.

We have engaged with numerous local authority and voluntary sector organisations in order to provide advice and guidance to them and their staff on the importance of understanding Traveller communities in a sensitive, sustainable, inclusive and legal manner.

Whether you are **starting** to work with members of these communities, or are **expanding** and **improving** your services we can offer you a professional, affordable, and superior set of services to support you in your efforts.

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| ⇒ Consultation        | ⇒ Mediation      |
| ⇒ Awareness Raising   | ⇒ Communications |
| ⇒ Events/ Conferences | ⇒ Publications   |

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