

## 'Welcoming Culture in Universities- Awareness of Gypsy Roma Traveller's culture'



The project, carried out by [Rosemary \(Rosa\) E Kostic Ciseros](#) from [Coventry University's Centre for Dance Research](#) included a symposium, 2 art exhibitions, 2 online campaigns, 3 films.

During the activities GRT and non-GRT academics and artists and policymakers worked in partnership for better understand local, regional or national challenges.

**The cultural heritage artefacts from the GRT community members involved in the project raised a debate around how to make universities more culturally welcoming to marginalised communities.**

### **Objectives:**

- ? Extend existing related research activity and support HE institutions in addressing particular social issues facing different vulnerable communities at a local and national level;
- ? Facilitate the use of existing research and the exchange of knowledge between universities, artists and policymakers
- ? Carryout events and activities aimed at improving the dialogue between universities, artists and policymakers;
- ? Activity and training to better equip academics, including postgraduate researchers and early career researchers, to communicate effectively with policymakers;
- ? Partnerships and collaborations aimed at supporting evidence-based policy making;
- ? The exchange of people best practices;
- ? Curate an exhibition that reflects the data and display this in an artistic manner within the university environment.

The findings of the project feed directly into a follow up to the GRT in HE report drafted with Baroness Whitaker from Westminster in November 2019 and led by Professor Margaret Greenfields from Buckinghamshire New University (BUCKS).

### **Links to the films:**

?**GRT in HE** Film- Highlights film from the Feb 27th workshop held at Coventry University: YouTube Video:

[YouTube.com/watch?v=FvpTuA151WU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvpTuA151WU) ;t=9s

?**#EachforEqual** campaign film link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pegMEihVMRc>

?**Generations** film link: YouTube Video: [YouTube.com/watch?v=rBaSUWGTOx0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBaSUWGTOx0) ;t=2s

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