

# Western Traveller & Intercultural Development

Community Resource & Youth Service Provider



## Annual Report 2015



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## Introduction

## Major Events of 2015

### Traveller Pride week

WTID took part in Traveller Pride week this year. The aim of this week is to promote understanding of Travellers and highlight the challenges facing the community. The project celebrated a number of events that included a concert by the Music Project for parents, Street League Soccer and the presentation of certificates to people for various achievements throughout the year.

### Tuam Home Babies Graveyard Committee

Tuam Home Babies Graveyard Committee comprised of Community Development Workers, Primary Healthcare Coordinators, WTIDC management and staff with community personal. The work of the committee included the establishing of the group, media, site visits, meeting with families of relatives, referrals to Tulsa for family records, fundraising, and meeting with the commissioned sculptor for the project, submission to the Minister of Children and Youth Affairs, submissions to the Commission of Investigation of the Mother and Babies. The commission is due to publish this report 2016. The committee will then hopefully be in a position to move forward with their work of erecting the plaques to the 776 children that are buried at the site of the old St Mary's Mother and Babies Home in Tuam that closed its doors in 1961. The site is also to be converted into a Memorial Garden, if so wishes my the relevant parties.



**Members of the Tuam, Home Babies Graveyard Committee**

**Teresa Kelly, John Lowe, Martin Ward and Ann Collins at the Commission of Investigation offices at Baggot Street, Dublin 4**

## Needs Analysis of Parkmore Estate, Tuam

The Community Employment Scheme Participant, management and staff of WTID in conjunction with Galway Rural Development were highly involved in the questionnaire to establish the Needs Analysis of Parkmore Estate the largest estate in County Galway with over 244 houses including the Od Race Course Road Estate with a further 40 plus houses.

The Needs Analysis furnished residents and services provides with the different issues involving the area and WTID staff felt that information on the rights and entitlements of householders needed to be provided. Threshold Galway Branch provided a very informative open morning to Tuam Community at WTID.



**Some of the residents of Parkmore Estate and Old Race Course Road who were involved in Needs Analysis**

## Tidy Town Project in Parkmore Estate

The children of Parkmore Estate were involved in keeping their area tidy. During the Tidy Town clean-up day. The children were very enthusiastic and very creative in their method of gathering litter by using their own vehicles.



**Children helping out in the Tidy Town clean-up day.**



## Community Auction

WTID held a Community Auction selling off items which the project had held in storage for a number of years. The aim was to make space for new initiatives.



**Items awaiting auction**

## Fire safety, Capital Grant

WTID applied for and were successful in receiving funding to update the fire alarm system at the building. This grant was provided by the Youth Capital Funding Scheme from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. The funding was administered by the Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board. The works were completed in October 2015 and has really enhanced the premises.



## Regeneration of Gilmartin Road



**CEO of Cluid Brian O Gorman, Teresa Kelly and Martin Ward**

Throughout 2014 and 2015 WTID with its staff have worked on the regeneration of Gilmartin Road, Tuam. A similar project on the Michael Estate in Longford which was established by Cluid Housing was researched. A visit to the project and meeting with the CEO of Cluid, Cluid Housing Officer and staff in the Harmony House Resource Centre in St Michael Estate in Longford provided an insight into on how the Gilmartin Road project aims could be achieved. Some of the works carried out at St Michael's could be replicated in the estates in Tuam e.g. remodeling some of the properties into larger two bed homes, demolishing some of the units and replacing them with bright, spacious bungalows and two story apartments blocks, realign the streets to discourage its use of heavy traffic and encourage pedestrian movement.

Staff worked with different Residents Committees in Tuam helping them to set up as associations. Capacity building was carried out with each group, i.e. Gilmartin Road, Tirboy Estate, St Endas Avenue and Dublin Road. These Committees identified areas of work needed on their own estates such as the issue of derelict and abandoned houses. Staff presented the findings to a wider audience including Galway Country Council Housing Officers, a County Councillor, local town Councillors and the general public. In 2015 the hard work carried out by the WTID and all, the committee involved came to fruition with the announcement that funding has been made available to commence a smaller scale regeneration of Gilmartin Road.

## Senior Citizen Christmas Party 2015

Tuam Senior Citizen Christmas Party, Organised by the WTID, was held at the Centre for Education and Development, Bru Bhríde, Churchview on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015. The event catered for 140 people approximately. This year was the 19th Tuam Senior Citizen Party organised at Bru Bhríde. This event could not have happened without the good will of the businesses of Tuam and the many volunteers that helped with our fundraising efforts.

WTID would like to most sincerely thank O' Tooles Supervalu, Joyce shopping Centre and Murphy's Centra for permitting us to fundraise at their premises, to all the volunteers that helped out and sold cards of tickets to support the event. To the public that purchased tickets. To JFC, St Jarlath's Credit Union and the Tuam Lion Club who made a donation to the event. To the business people of Tuam who donated a spot prize and there was many thank you.

This event would not have happened without the hard work and commitment of the Community Employment Scheme participants, who put in so many extra volunteer hours to insure the event went well.

WTID also wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Volunteers, and their commitment to such an important community event. They ensured that a three course meal, festive hall, and refreshments were provided for the guests. Thank you to all those who provided delightfully decorated Christmas trees, a great display of helium balloons, a beautiful prayer service, delicious food with excellent service and ceol agus craic. Management and staff of WTID would like to thank you for all for your support. A great day was had by all.

WTID would like to take this opportunity of wishing two patrons that could not attend this year Mrs. Hardiman and Mrs. Mulryan of Church View a very happy birthday as both of them reached their centenary this year.







Congratulations to winners of our raffle

1st Prize: €50 Hamper went to Jacqueline Parsons

2nd Prize: A bottle of Brandy went to Julia Naughton

3rd Prize: A Bottle of Whiskey went to Mathew Steed

Well Done!



# Health



## Primary Health Care Review

2015 has been a busy year for the Primary Health Team.

A steering group has been set up with representatives from the region to review Peer-Led Primary Health Care programs and the Health Teams throughout the region. Terms of reference have been agreed for this piece of work which will begin in early 2016.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for this year focused on cardiovascular health, Type 2 diabetes and mental health. These informed monthly themes for Outreach for the Community Health Workers (CHW's). There was a Pearl of Wisdom Campaign to create an awareness about the importance of regular smear test for women, Man-Up campaign to show the [positive role that men can play in ending domestic violence, Bowel Screen, Breast Check, Little Things a mental health and wellbeing campaign, Diabetic retinopathy screening, child health, Traveller Counseling Service, and alcohol and drug awareness.

## Screening

*CROI* – provided a “women only” healthy heart screening clinic in July with a follow up information session in September. This was to target the growing number of women dying from heart disease in Ireland. 17 women attended the clinic and 10 attended the follow up session in September.

## Women's Exercise

A six week exercise and nutrition class commenced in September following the *CROI* screening in July, 10 women attended the sessions and it was very enjoyable. The women would like to continue the exercise program in the New Year! The benefits of exercise to both physical and mental health were recognised by the group.

## Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler group for under 5's continues weekly in Bru Bhríde. It provides an informal and inviting environment for parents and their children to meet and play. It also provides an outreach opportunity for the CHW's to deliver health information to the community.

## Young at Heart

This evening group is run weekly in the Community House in Parkmore. The group is attended by older members of the settled and the Travelling community. Currently the group is focusing on knitting and crocheting.



## Information Sessions

The CHW's attended three Information Sessions – Pavee point presented a session on Ethnicity in May which was very informative and enjoyable. In July there was a session on dental health which highlighted the increasing numbers of children who are requiring general anesthetic for dental treatment. In October Feileachain (Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association) delivered a session on coping with the death of a baby.



## The Western Regional Traveller Health Network

The Western Regional Traveller Health Network (WRTHN) was established in 2004. The WRTHN facilitates the participation of the member projects at local, regional and national level to ensure that Traveller issues are represented. The WRTHN also facilitates innovative and partnership ways of working that significantly value for money, effectiveness and efficiencies.

Members of the Western Regional Traveller Health Network (WRTHN) are:

- WTID
- Galway Traveller Movement
- Mayo Traveller Support Group
- Roscommon Traveller Health Project

The projects share a set of underpinning principles, which are a belief:

- In a partnership approach between the minority Traveller community and the majority settled community
- That Travellers must be represented at all levels of decision-making and with organisational inclusion at all levels
- In the importance of acknowledging the social determinates of health and working within this framework
- Commitment to the achievement of full equality for Travellers
- In human rights and a belief that Traveller rights are human rights
- In community development, including collective action, empowerment and participation as the approach that is most appropriate to the work being undertaken

## Training

The CHW's attended a five day training module on asthma. Asthma is extremely prevalent in Ireland but is 2-3 times more prevalent within the Traveller community. It is a chronic but very manageable illness when medication is taken properly and regularly. The training was very informative, useful and the information will be rolled out to the community next year.

Two days of dental health training took place this year. Due to the increasing numbers of children presenting with dental health problems often requiring general anesthetics at a young age, dental health training was facilitated by the Oral Health Promoter with the HSE based in Mayo. Again this information will be rolled out to the community in the new year.



## Antenatal DVD

A number of focus groups were held in the region over the last year to discuss the need for a Traveller specific antenatal multi-media resource. There has been a poor uptake of antenatal education classes from the Traveller community in the past and it is hoped that a DVD or something similar for Travellers by Travellers would fill this gap. At the minute a project proposal has been written but as yet there is no definite funding stream available.

## Afterschool project

Three of the CHW's facilitated a four week session on culture and identity. This was done through "beady pocket- making" workshops for 8-12 year olds from Tuam Community Childcare Service. It is hoped to deliver two further sessions in the new year about healthy eating and stress management.

## Traveller's songs, poetry and Music

Professor of music from NUIG has been working with one CHW the past year to produce a DVD of recordings of Traveller songs and stories. The aim is to help preserve this important aspect of Traveller heritage. It is almost complete. It was a very enjoyable and well received project.



## **Traveller Friendly Services Training**

The Community Development Worker from WTID worked with all the Community Health Workers (CHWs) from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon in preparing them to deliver Traveller friendly services training to service providers. Each project received two days training each and all the CHWs came together for the final session. The training was designed in consultation with all the Traveller Projects throughout the region. i.e. Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

## **Whole Health Team approach**

WTID, Galway Traveller Movement, Mayo Traveller Support Group and Roscommon Traveller Health Project collaborated to compile a document that would describe the whole Health Team Approach taken by Travellers Projects in the region when tackling the issues faced by the Traveller community. Researcher Ann Irwin facilitated the group to develop the document.

The concept of a whole-team approach working from a community development perspective with the Traveller community on health and wellbeing is one that has become embedded in Ireland. It has rationale in research and policy development in relation to Traveller health and it is one that provides for effectiveness and efficiencies in addressing what are still significant inequalities in the health status of the Traveller community.

In brief, it refers to a combination of health and community development skills that allows for a focus on direct service delivery, representation and policy development.

## **Speech and Language**

The Designated Speech and Language Service for Travellers is based in Tuam and is in regular contact with WTID and Tuam Community Childcare Service. The steering group meet twice yearly to discuss issues pertaining to speech and language development for Traveller children and to formulate a plan to meet individual children's needs.

## **Drug Task Force**

A staff member for WTID sits on the Western Regional Drugs Task Force. This representative keeps WTID and all the Traveller projects throughout the region informed of Training, upcoming events and new initiatives.

## **Traveller Interagency group**

In 2015 after an absence of about 12 months the County Galway Traveller Interagency Group re-established itself. This came about after a national conference was held where the Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality and Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltach called for the reestablishment of interagency groups in each county. County Galway Interagency Group had come to the end of its four year strategic plan and this announcement by the minister gave impetus on starting to develop a new plan for the county. WTID along with Galway Traveller Movement and Galway County Council will be to the fore in insuring that Traveller issues are identified and addressed by the Traveller Interagency Group and look forward to working with all agencies.

## Parkmore Allotments

The Parkmore Allotment Project is going from strength to strength. WTID applied to Galway Rural Development for funding to erect two poly-tunnels in Parkmore. They will be a huge resource to all the people that use the allotments.



## Shared Rearing and Foster Care

WTID currently participates on the Shared Rearing Steering Group with Traveller projects from the region and Tusla (Child and Family Agency). The Shared Rearing Service has been operating since 1991 in Dublin and there is a great drive to implement it in this region over the last two years. Shared Rearing encourages Travellers to become foster carers in order to improve the experience and outcome for Traveller children in care. Its aim is to help Traveller children who are placed in care to develop a healthy sense of Traveller identity. The Western Regional Traveller Health Network (WRTHN) has developed a regional forum to look specifically at the issue of Traveller children in care in our region and what we can hope to achieve through work with Tusla (The Child and Family agency).

## Men's Carpentry Projects

Twice during 2015 men from the Traveller community took part in a Carpentry Project. The first project was funded by the GRETB (Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board) under the community education strand and was attended by 8 men who built animal hutches for the pet farm in Parkmore. The second project was a joint initiative between the Western Traveller and Intercultural Development, Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board, Galway Rural Development, Tusla and the Tuam Men's Shed. The 6 men that attended each made picture frames and were presented with certificates from the GRETB for their achievements.

## Youth

### Girl Zone Youth Club and St Christopher's Youth Club

Girl Zone Youth Club had 20 members during the first half of the Year. The club was amalgamated with St Christopher's Youth Club in the second quarter. The club introduced new club folders and record keeping in relation to the National Quality Standards Framework (NQS). Workshops were carried out in beauty therapy, computers, Christmas log making, and Road Safety Authority (RSA) sessions. Focus groups on Traveller culture were also facilitated.



## Music Project

The music project takes place three times a week and currently has 30 members a project coordinator and music tutor. The children put on a music concert for the parents and families during July. It was really rewarding to watch the children blossom through music and singing with skills they have developed over the year.



**The summer Concert**



**Guitar Lessons**



## Tuam Boxing and Leisure Club

Tuam Boxing Club had thirty members aged from 10-18 years. Members have boxed at county, Connaught and national levels. With the project losing its coaches and two volunteers, the manager with regret, taking into consideration the needs of the children decided to close the club.

WTID was lucky that a qualified coach moved from Galway to Tuam. He set up St Christopher's Boxing club in consultation, with the youth work Manager with the supports of the youth project. St. Johns Boxing Club also set up in November and affiliated to the county boxing board. We helped St John's with fundraising for insurance purposes. Currently WTID has two clubs operating out of the boxing gym as well as Krava Mega, a martial arts club. St Christopher's Boxing Club have also recruited a female coach, so Girls will be attending from January 2016.





## Tuam Street League & Summer Camp

The summer camp took place over two weeks, the ages of participant's were from 8yrs up to 15yrs, and times for the camp were from 11am until 1pm.

Before WTID commenced the summer camps, the following steps were taken, aims and objectives for the two weeks were drawn up. Consent forms were signed and attendance sheets for participants prepared. Street contact with young people and parents was made providing them with relevant information about the camps.

Over the first week the following activities occurred:

- Soccer
- Arts
- Castle-Hackett hiking
- Soccer work-outs
- Laps
- Games
- Barbeque

Arts and crafts at the Community House at Parkmore Estate proved to be a great success also.

On the last day all took part in the games, and enjoyed the hotdogs and refreshments. The finals of the soccer competition also took place. The Youth Work Manager with the leaders presented the winners and runner up team with medals.



## Galway Sports Partnership and Brú Bhríde Summer Camp

The second week of sports summer camp ran from 18th until the 21st of August and was a joint project between the Galway sports partnership, Brú Bhríde and Parkmore residents. The Sports Partnership employed a tutor to teach the young people new skills, and to help encourage them into getting involved in sports.

The following activities occurred over the week:

- Soccer
- Soccer work-outs
- Laps
- Football skills
- Long jumps
- racing

During the week the young people were taught the proper procedures to get fit and the proper way to move while playing soccer to avoid injury. The tutor taught the young people stretching, warm-ups and cool down technics. Great fun was had by all involved, approximately sixty young people took part in total.



## The Street League

The Street League took place in August. The venue for the finals was at Parkmore. This project was supported by Galway County Council and the County Galway Sports Partnerships.



## National Quality Standards Frame (NQSF)

NQSF is a support and development tool for youth work. Its aim is to enhance the service provision to young people. It is ongoing work on progression and the CIP. WTID have commenced a new cycle phase 1. Currently we are training new people on the NQSF, it takes significant work providing the training so as people can understand how to use NQSF.

The Youth Work Manager sits on various boards and represents the WTID at local, regional and national levels such as:

- Involve Traveller Youth Services  
Involve is the National Youth Service provider for young Traveller's in the country. Involve supports other Traveller organisations with policies, development and governance.
- Involve staffing committee
- MABS Tuam:  
Local Financial Advisory Support Committee
- Tuam Community Council  
Addresses local issues, WTID have two members on this committee.
- Comhairle Na Nog Co Galway  
Youth representative council for the county which helps engage young people to have a voice on the local services and policies.

- County Galway Local Community Development Committee social inclusion representative. This committee looks at and makes decisions on supports for community groups in the county
- County Galway Local Traveller Consultative Committee. The committee currently is reviewing the accommodation requirements of Travellers in the County and the Tuam area.
- Centre for Educational and Development:  
Traveller led community and voluntary organisation and the legal owners of Brú Bhríde.
- Boxing Club Committee
- Regional Traveller Health Unit HSE West and WRTHN  
Traveller representative on the THU develops programmes and health initiatives for Travellers in the region.
- WTID Company Sectary.
- National Traveller and Roma Integration Strategy  
Representative on this body which endeavors to see changes happening at national level for the betterment of Travellers and Roma re: Training, Education, Health, accommodation and employment.

## Tuam Community Childcare Centre

The service is community based and is currently owned and managed by WTID. The Management Committee of WTID is responsible for the overall operation of the childcare service, ensuring that the service operates in a manner that is compliant with statutory regulations and with the ethos of the childcare service and WTID.

The aim of Tuam Community Childcare Centre is to support the learning and development of each individual child by providing a balanced, broad, stimulating and varied programme.

To achieve this WTID works in partnership with parents, staff and children, by providing a secure learning environment, which enable children to be happy, confident and independent and to have positive and productive experiences during their time with the service.

### Description of Service

The service is located in Parkmore Estate, Tuam, and caters for children between the ages of 1year to 12 years. The service operates from Monday to Friday from 9a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The service is affiliated to the Galway City and County Childcare Committee, is a member of Early Childhood Ireland and is also notified to the Health Service Executive and inspected by them. The service follows the principles of Siolta and Aistear.

Support services include the Early Intervention Team, Speech & Language Therapist, Psychologist, Public Health Nurse, Family Support Workers and the Pre-School Liaison worker. I would also work closely with the Presentation Primary School and the Mercy Primary School in meeting with their Home School Liaison Teachers regarding enrolling children who are eligible to attend primary schools.

#### Facilities:

- Purpose built Childcare Centre
- Open 5 days a week
- ECCE Scheme – 38 weeks
- CCS Scheme – 46 weeks
- Secure entrance
- Outdoor play areas with hard and soft surfaces
- Full-time/part-time/sessional service
- Spacious rooms
- Fully equipped Pre-school rooms
- Afterschool care
- Bus collection service for children attending afterschool care
- Own Allotments and access to Tuam Community Allotments



## Objectives

- To provide a safe, secure, stimulating environment, which can embrace all children and values their race, language, gender, age, disability, culture, class and religion.
- To value all children as individuals and appreciate their uniqueness.
- To value parents and carers as the primary educators of the child.
- To ensure that all staff receives appropriate training and maintain high levels of practice.
- To develop practice that values the wider community as a means of adding to the richness of programmes.

## Mission statement

Tuam Community Childcare Centre is committed to valuing and respecting all children in the service.

The mission being to provide a safe, child centered environment that promotes the development of each child.

Tuam Community Childcare Centre working with parents and the local community ensuring quality, affordable childcare in response to the needs of the parents in the community.



## Afterschool's Programme

The Afterschool's Programme caters for children between the ages of 5 years to 12 years. The service operates from Monday to Friday, from 2.40 p.m. to 6 p.m. A pickup service from all primary schools in Tuam town is provided on a daily basis.

The service provides supervised homework and planned activities to encourage and develop self-esteem, sociability, friendship and co-operation with others.

Various programs take place outside of the childcare center such as boxing training which is held weekly in the Boxing Gym at WTID.

A qualified boxing coach works with the young children in providing boxing and fitness lessons to encourage and support their physical development and skills.

## Pre-school Graduation Ceremony

The pre-school graduation was held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 in the service with 23 children moving on to primary school.

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – Team Hope

The Childcare Service facilitated the collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes during the first two weeks of November. This is the third year that the Childcare Service has been involved with this project. Parents and children in the service gave great support to this and the childcare service made a donation to the appeal.

## Cheerio's Childline Breakfast

The Cheerio's Childline Breakfast was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the service. To raise much needed funds and awareness for Childline.



## Pre-school Services Training

Two Childcare works attended a five week training programme in February that was organised by the Pre-school Services.

The Training covered areas such as behavior management, circle time, arts & crafts and sign language. A certificate of attendance was given.



## Aistear & Siolta Information Session

The Assistant Childcare Manager attended an information session on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 that was hosted by Galway City & County Childcare Committee re: Aistear & Siolta.

## Fetac Level 5 Occupational First Aid

Childcare Manager completed Fetac Level 5 in Occupational First Aid in May 2015.

## DSP Community Employment Scheme

A lot was achieved in 2015 with a minimum of staff including training and development and employment of participant in full time and part-time positions including:

2015 has been a difficult year for the Community Employment scheme at the W.T.I.D firstly with D.S.P audits and then with participant finishing their time on CE and not being replaced. This has made work on project at the center hard to progress as the center relies on the personal from the community employment to keep the building, project and administration running at full capacity.

### Employment secured and further education for participant after finishing on the scheme

- Part time Afterschool workers
- Kitchen Assistant
- Full time carers
- Health Care Assistant
- Assembly Worker
- Stores Manager
- With two of our participant starting up their own business
- Four of our participant returned to education

### Training provided while participant on the scheme included:

- Accounts and Payroll
- Diploma in Community Development and Youth Work
- Occupational First Aid
- Manual Handling
- Computer Training
- Work placement in area of interest and employment opportunities

### Project and community involvement in 2015

- The Community Childcare Service
- Youth Work projects
- Interviews and Garda Clearance for potential new participant for the community employment scheme
- Submission to the Investigation of the Tuam Mother and Babies Home
- Meeting with Minister James Reilly at Leinster House regards our submission

- Meeting with Judge Yvonne Murphy chairperson of the investigation of the Tuam Mother and Babies home
- Attendance at the Sponsor \Supervisor engagement meeting with the DSP regards Community Employment Schemes
- RETZ in conjunction with Equal
- Galway Sports Partnership ( Summer camp for Tuam)
- Summer Camps
- Music Camp
- Tidy towns project in Parkmore with young people
- Tuam Community Council meetings
- Traveller Pride Week
- Network meeting with Jigsaw
- Meeting with P.I.E.T.A house regards Suicide
- Update participant on Child Protect with the Galway Sports Partnership
- The Needs Analyse of Parkmore Estate and Racecourse road in conjunction with GRD
- The Tuam Community House facilitating community meeting
- Securing room hire to different community groups
- The Music Project provided tutors in guitar and Piano
- Facilitating Rooms to other musician tutors in Madeline and Banjo
- Fundraising for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- Provide a three course meal to over one hundred and fifty people
- Attended the opening of the Tuam New Family Centre
- Helping the elderly move house
- Keeping the childcare center maintained
- Fundraising Auction for the main Building for different project
- Sale of work days for other items
- Providing an open meeting with Threshold to the Tuam Community
- Facilitating meeting with Galway Rural Development group
- The main build maintained for all meeting
- Keeping a record of room hire



**Participants finishing the scheme**





## Traveller Tracing

Traveller Tracing started in March 2014, and is now into its second year. During this time it has set up its own website ([www.travellertracing.ie](http://www.travellertracing.ie)), put all its reference books on database and produced family trees, researched requested family histories and found birth, marriage and death certificates. While looking for a birth and death certificate for a child – believed to have died very young, we found that only was the child still alive, they were married with children and living in Dublin. Map of the county which shows the camp sites and routes that the Traveller families used and would have taken. Recording old stories and collecting old photographs.

During the coming year with hope to continue this work, and also to produce a booklet showing the history of one family from the 1800's to present day.

We feel that this project is very important from both a historical and social aspect.

