

Travellers' Times Editorial Policy

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Travellers' Times is a magazine & website with content by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller People for all to enjoy.

Editorial Policy

Travellers' Times comprises a bi-annual magazine, media website and You Tube channel. We produce multi-award winning media focussing on things that matter to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people.

For over 20 years, we have sought to provide high-quality news and information about these cultures, and enabled people from them to tell their stories through print and online journalism, film, and other media.

Travellers' Times stands in direct challenge to one-sided views of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller life. Whilst it is not possible to act against every piece of unfair coverage, we try to be at the heart of a different view. But we also support direct responses to unjust reporting and politics.

Our work always includes, or is led by, the people it is about. Through this we hope to inspire new talent, and to spark off fresh approaches to our communities across the worlds of publishing, the arts and communications without compromising their identity or community.

Editorial Values

Travellers Times does not claim to directly represent Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities itself, but provides a platform on which the diverse views within those communities can be shared. Its editorial direction is constantly reviewed by our editorial team, editorial and other focus and consultancy groups group and our audiences.

As a community medium we strive to represent what's going on within the community, without ever adding to the misinformation often published in the mainstream press. Its audience is primarily people from the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community itself, but we also strive to positively represent Gypsy, Roma and Traveller culture and challenge stereotypes and it exists for all to enjoy.

Travellers' Times is a non-political, non-partisan website that does not produce propaganda on behalf of the community. Like all good community media, it strives to challenge on behalf of the community it is part of, but also challenge the community itself.

Travellers' Times strives to achieve the highest editorial standards of balance, fairness and truth. It does not take sides between one community and another, or individuals or families within the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Travellers Times recognises the value of debate, comment and opinion but clearly establishes the difference between opinion and fact. As a community medium, it actively encourages debate but reserves the right to limit it when it becomes:

- racist
- prejudicial or discriminatory
- libellous, personally abusive and insulting
- contains excessive swearing
- refers to or encourages illegal activities
- incites hatred or violence

Grounded in reality, but enjoying the freedom to debate, challenge and explore, Travellers Times online is the community medium for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community in the UK and beyond. These are our values, and they are underpinned by our editorial standards, which are:

Truth, Accuracy and Authenticity

Misinformation and misrepresentation have blighted Gypsy, Roma and Traveller lives for centuries. No other community, arguably, has suffered so much because of lazy stereotypes and a lack of a voice. Travellers Times therefore strives to be accurate and truthful in all our content. Our content will be well researched, based on sound facts from a number of sources including but not limited to our own. We will always present our content in clear, easily accessible language. Wherever possible we will ask community representatives themselves for comment rather than relying on non-community members. We will seek out and support authentic community voices.

We are honest and open about what we don't know and encourage feedback and debate on all the themes and issues we cover in delivering useful content for our audience. If we get something wrong, we'd like to know about it and will be happy to correct any mistakes.

We seek out those in the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community with a story to tell and opinion to give. We tell the whole story too. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities are filled with survivors not victims and real people achieving incredible things. Our portrayal of the community strives to reflect all aspects of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller life.

Diversity

We place diversity and respect at the heart of everything we do. We work to be open-minded and reflect all opinions across our publications. In particular, we look to highlight issues that are of importance to young Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people. We strive to ensure a fair balance of opinion, and won't promote a particular view on controversial issues.

Editorial Independence

Travellers Times is an independent medium. It may publish information about campaigns, but is completely independent of any campaign or lobbying groups. It is managed and fund-raised for by Rural Media Charity (currently funded by The National Lottery Community Fund). Our content and activities are not guided by political or commercial pressures, nor by any personal interests, but by the best interests of the individuals within the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

Children and Young People

We will always seek to safeguard the welfare of children and young people who contribute to and feature in our content including their right to be heard. We also take steps to ensure our content is suitable for children and young people.

Accessibility

Our website is accessible to all. To achieve this we have followed the intelligent application of accepted web standards such as the WAI Guidelines. We will continue to ensure the site operates in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act. The language on all our publications will be in plain English, the use of community languages such as Romani and Cant is encouraged but will, where possible, be accompanied by translations.

Accountability

We are accountable to our users and will deal fairly and openly with them through clear and effective communication.

Views and Opinion

We aim to publish the broadest possible spectrum of views that are focused and

constructive. Individuals, organisations and readers are all invited to submit pitches for content for the magazine at website at every opportunity, which will be fairly reviewed and selected by our editorial team through due process. No individual is solely responsible for decisions made about our overall content and editorial plan. Please see our Terms and Conditions for User Generated content for more information.

Comments Policy

Please refer our Community Standards Policy.

User Generated Content

Please see our Terms and Conditions for User Generated Content.

Advertisers, Marketing and Sponsorship

From time to time Travellers' Times may work with advertisers, sponsors and agencies wishing to promote their goods and services to the users of the site. Where this is the case, their advertising or promotional content will be clearly identified as such. Editorial content will never be directly paid for by advertisers, sponsors or agencies.

Privacy

The protection of your personal information is of critical importance to us. We will never use the information you provide to us for any reasons other than those which you have agreed to.

User Services and General Enquiries

We aim to respond to all queries in an efficient and timely manner and to the best of our ability. We are also committed to listening to and acting on user feedback in order to provide the best possible service to all users.

Complaints

Please see our Editorial Complaints Procedure

Publisher

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