

MOVING ON AIMING HIGH!

Supporting the career aspirations of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Community

Darlington Borough Council has successfully won a bid from the Careers and Enterprise Company to support the educational aspirations and career opportunities for young people aged 11-18 within the Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) community. The project 'Moving on, aiming high!' will provide the community with further careers advice and guidance, share information on further education options and provide opportunities to take part in employer engagement activities. The project will run from April 2019 to May 2020.

The project will be supported by The Rydal Academy Traveller Education Service working in partnership with the Darlington Council's Education Team who will measure the impact of individual activities and the project through exploring the views of the GRT Community. The activities planned are:

- **Communications and Publicity** – The development of culturally appropriate resources and materials including the production of on-line media for GRT young people which will help signpost them to appropriate careers information, educational courses and training.
- **Pop up careers events** at the Gypsy camp and in the community for GRT young people residing in Darlington who are both Electively Home Educated and accessing mainstream school.
- **Pop up careers event at Appleby Fair** to ensure we reach the widest possible audience.
- **Pop up school events** where young GRT people will have access to careers guidance. The aim is to support aspirations, reduce isolation and promote cultural understanding.
- **Cultural awareness training and networking with local businesses** to help local employers understand the distinct culture.
- **Events to support careers teachers and pastoral leads** in their understanding of the barriers that exist for Gypsy Roma Travellers, particularly those young people who transfer into secondary school but opt to leave during Key Stage 3.
- **Peer Support in schools with the highest GRT communities** to create a network for GRT children, provide encouragement and recognition for achievements and progress and where necessary to work with any child to identify difficulties and come up with practical solutions.

If you would like further information or feel that you or your service may be able to contribute to these events please contact:

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