

Traveller



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Pride Week

Cork 15–19th June

All Welcome

highlights the living conditions Travellers face on a Cork city halting site.

Screening “Tales of the Road”

presents a unique look at Traveller horse ownership. Made by the men and boys of Spring Lane halting site. Directed by Noel Twomey, produced for Cork Community Television.

Monday 15th June

Traveller Pride Week Cork City Launch

12.30pm

Cork City Hall

Traditional Horse and Flat Cart drive through Cork city to City Hall. Leaving from Fitzgerald Park Museum at 11am and arriving at Cork city hall for 12:30. Key speakers including members of the Traveller community as well as display of local Travellers art and creativity pieces. Followed by refreshments.

Local Traveller Men's Soccer Event

6 — 7pm

Glen Resource Centre, The Glen, Cork

TVG Traveller men's soccer group verses the West Cork Traveller Centre Traveller men's soccer group. This event is to mark Traveller men's participation through their involvement in sport.

Traveller Film Launch & Screening

7 — 8.30pm

Glen Resource Centre, The Glen, Cork

Launch of “Spring Lane Site: 26 Years of Hardship” by the residents of Spring Lane Halting site with Frameworks Films. The documentary made in 2014,

Tuesday 16th June

Gathering at the Wagon

3 — 4.30pm

Meelagh Community Centre,

9 Meelagh View, Meelagh, Mahon, Cork

Traveller heritage storytelling event with Paddy the Traveller Boy children's book (see below for more information). Opportunity for children to experience a handmade “Play Wagon”. Light Refreshments provided. Open to children (aged 7 to 10) and their parents from the local community.

“Talk to Me” CD relaunch and performance event

7 — 8.30pm

Camden Palace Hotel,

Camden Place, Camden Quay, Cork

Relaunch of a CD single entitled “Talk to Me” which was written and performed by members of the Traveller community to promote positive mental health in 2013. Followed by singing session with performances by members of the Traveller community showcasing local talent. Accompanying photo and art exhibition.



Wednesday 17th June

Celebration Mass to Bless the Rosary Beads Art Project

10am Public Mass

**Church of the Resurrection,
Knockpogue Ave, Farranree, Cork**

Mass to bless a hand-made set of rosary beads created by Fairhill Traveller Women's Group with Traveller artist Leanne Mc Donagh. The beads feature images symbolising Traveller health and culture.

Thursday 18th

Celebration of 10 years of Traveller culture Exhibit & Postcard launch

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Traveller Culture Exhibit, Cork Public Museum, Fitzgerald's Park, Cork

To celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Traveller Culture Exhibit at Cork Public Museum - which is the only permanent exhibition on Traveller culture in a public museum in the country, Cork Traveller Women's Network will launch a set of 5 new postcards on the theme of Traveller culture and pride. The exhibition was generated as a result of a Cork 2005 European Capital of Culture project

to build a full sized barrel top wagon, which now forms the centre piece of the exhibit. Traveller led tours of the exhibit afterwards.

Friday 19th

Tour of Traveller Visibility Group

10am — 1pm

**Traveller Visibility Group
25 Lower John Street, Cork**

TVG has been operating from its current premises for 10 years when it was officially opened during the year of the Cork European Capital of Culture by former Taoiseach Bertie Aherne. Opportunity for Travellers and members of the public to see the building and get an insight into work with Travellers locally. Viewings of the TVG 21 years anniversary DVD made with Frameworks Films.

Traveller Heritage Book in Cork Schools

As part of Traveller Pride celebrations, all Primary Schools in the city will receive a copy of a beautifully illustrated picture book "Paddy the Traveller Boy" (developed by the Spring Lane Traveller Women's Group) to celebrate Traveller heritage. In conjunction with City Heritage Officer.

Traveller Pride Week is a celebration of the contribution that Irish Travellers make both to their own communities and to Irish society as a whole.

National events include Traveller Pride Awards ceremony on June 4th in Dublin highlighting Traveller achievements in education, music, youth, community, sport, arts/ culture and enterprise /employment. Other national events run from 8th to 12th June. More information can be obtained from the Irish Traveller Movement on 01 679 6577