



# Wicklow Travellers Group



The work of Wicklow Travellers Group is aligned with many of the Sustainable Development Goals from the outset, namely 'Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10). WTG advocates with Travellers for access to accommodation, education and employment on an ongoing basis, its work is guided and informed by the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy which states that 'Travellers and Roma are among the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in Ireland. During challenging times, those at the margins of our society frequently – and regrettably – suffered disproportionately from the effects of financial adjustments'.



*Other goals to which WTG are currently aligned are .....*



A significant majority of the work of WTG is campaigning for accommodation for traveller families.

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The WTG primary care team which is made up of traveller women delivers health care and advice to Traveller families in our remit area.



In collaboration with external support agencies including local schools, we work towards maintaining retention of traveller young people in education.

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WTG campaigns & advocates for the provision of clean water & facilities for roadside Traveller families & those in halting sites.



WTG maintains a community garden & allotment with the aim of providing fresh produce & promoting the reduction in plastic use. We have also planted trees & have a compost heap. We promote & encourage recycling in our building and provide information about recycling for our service users.

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In our 'Fishing Futures' project Traveller men & boys learn from expert fishermen about all aspects of fishing in our rivers & seas. This project also facilitates education & awareness of the importance of care for our waters.



During our recent Traveller Heritage event we focused on the natural remedies used by Travellers to create awareness of the power of nature and the care we need to take for it.

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Travellers are subjected to ongoing discrimination and regular hate speech, WTG, in conjunction with other national Traveller organisations, campaigns on a national level for its redress while on a local level supporting Traveller families to assert their rights and to be proud of their heritage.

