

Friends, Families & Travellers and NFA Residents Association Collaboration In Action

One Voice in unity a
system change
approach

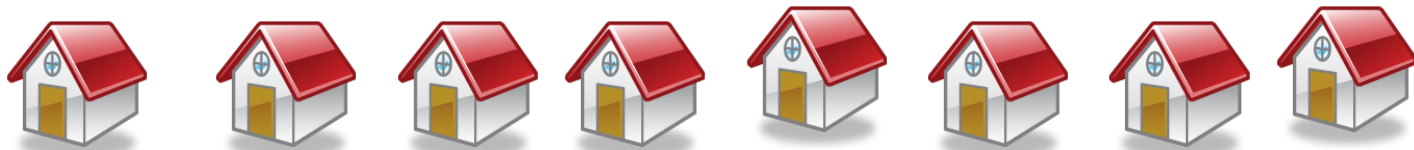
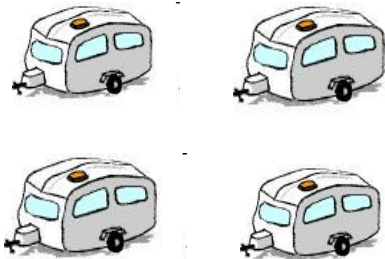
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Gypsies and Travellers

- 300,000 in UK (1 in 200)
- Scattered & invisible



European Roma

- Recent migration of Roma from eastern European states to more prosperous, western member countries of the EU.
- Many have suffered a particularly harsh history of marginalisation and deprivation.
- Migration drives are regarded as economic and to escape racism - Very negative media portrayal. Britain has one of the largest populations of East European Roma in Western Europe, with high concentrations in London, East and West Midlands, Yorkshire and the North West. Accurate estimates are difficult, but the total population is believed to be 200,000 – 300,000.



The Impact of Homelessness on Health and the lack of Site Provision for Travellers

- Some people ask us why Gypsies and Travellers are homeless when many people are seen to be living in trailers?
- A chronic shortage of sites means that an estimated 25,000 Travellers have nowhere to park up their trailers. Many road side encampments are subject to immediate eviction – But people have nowhere else to go!

Homelessness

- 25,000 Gypsies & Travellers in caravans have nowhere to stop (CLG estimate)
- Families can be evicted up to 50 times a year
- Eviction *regardless* of behaviour
- Policing by eviction
- 50% of rough sleepers on London's streets were from the UK and 50% were from overseas. 34% were from Central and Eastern Europe including 13% from Romania, many of whom are believed to be Roma

Inequalities



- Life expectancy 10 - 25 years lower:
Low immunisation, high infant, child and maternal mortality, high chronic disease, high anxiety & depression. Lowest educational outcomes
- Low adult literacy (under 40%)
- Highest prejudice 35% (Stonewall, 2003)

Inclusion Health



- The concept of Inclusion Health is founded on the premise that not all UK citizens have access to the highest standards of healthcare. Meeting the health needs of a small group of socially excluded individuals and their communities remains a challenge. This population has poorer predicted health outcomes and a shorter life expectancy than the average population.



SYSTEM CHANGERS



A programme which shows you a new way of looking at multi complex problems

What do we need?

- A Systems Change approach
- We need co-ordinated action
- Policy into Action
- Solidarity

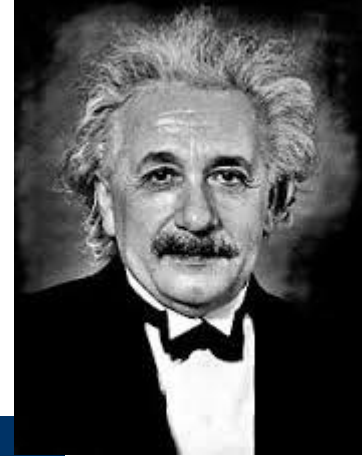
“ Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones that we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek...”

Barack Obama

How are we going to do this?

- Stop working in silos/collaborate
- Local leadership/National leadership
- Challenging racism
- Balancing the media response
- Challenging broken systems
- Recognising that in 2018 it is the Duty of Public Bodies to foster better relationships between different groups under Equalities Act 2010- no more knee jerk populism!

EINSTEIN



- *“Without changing our patterns of thought, we will not be able to solve the problems we created with our current patterns of thought”*

Integrated working- who's problem?

- Cost benefit analysis to NHS
- Cost benefit analysis to local authority
- Cost benefit analysis to Police
- Cost benefit analysis in terms of education
- DWP
- Human Rights Law
- UN directives use of Law

At What cost otherwise?

- Socially
- Financially
- Ethically
- Health
- Education

Relationships

- Transforming systems is ultimately about transforming relationships among people who shape these systems.....”
- Peter Senge, Hal Hamilton and John Kania in *The Dawn of System Leadership*

HOW?

- MAPPING
- DESIGNING
- CHANGING
- LISTENING
- Prototyping
- Looking through multiple lenses
- Finding Flex
- Space for reflection



We are all in agreement then.

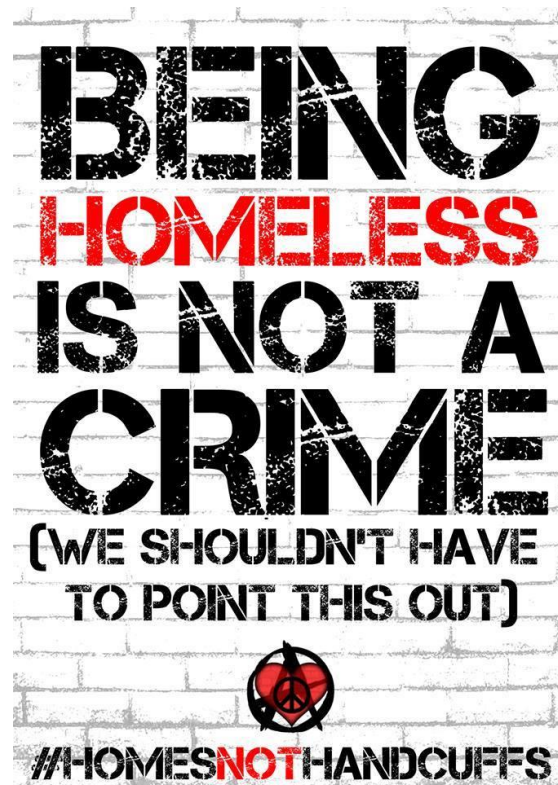
The No Fixed Address Residents Association

Expert by Experience Angela Barnett

How it started

- What we did
- What it means to us

NFA WAS FORMED AS A RESPONSE TO PSPO LEGISLATION



COLLABORATION IN ACTION FOR THE FIRST TIME



NO FIXED ADDRESS RESIDENTS

- Become a constituted Residents Association
- Meet every week to discuss issues
- Organise awareness raising
- Campaign
- Petition
- Volunteer
- Facebook and Twitter
- Growing Membership

NFA CAMPAIGNING

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Shared issues- shared experiences- one voice



Building from the grass roots

- Street Kitchen and ETHRAG
- Pre-qual and SWAT Street mummas
- University Law students and lecturers
- Mind
- Love Activists- Jim Deans
- Expression sessions
- Brighton Homeless Pride
- Homeless Camp against PSPO

Events and awareness raising



**Health- accommodation-voting-
unity- collaboration- self esteem**



A STRONGER VOICE TOGETHER



Useful Publications

- The National Gypsy and Traveller Health Inclusion Project 2012-15 FFT and LeedsGATE
- FFT Inclusion of Gypsy Traveller Health Needs in JSNAs: A review
- Improving access to health care for Gypsies and Travellers, homeless people and sex workers – Inclusion Health RCGPs