



**Association of Child Protection Professionals**  
**Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Special Interest Group (GRT SIG)**  
**Terms of Reference**

**1. Purpose**

- To build effective partnerships between the Association of Child Protection Professionals and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities across the four nations.
- To raise awareness of oppression and the various ways that racism is limiting the choices that are available to some individuals, families and communities.
- To develop world leading knowledge exchange, advice and support for child protection professionals working to engage Gypsy, Roma and Traveller peoples.
- Develop links with practice to share research and encourage dissemination of information across groups of researchers, practitioners and practitioner researchers.

**2. Responsibilities and remit of group**

- 2.1. Establish a platform to build a multi-racial movement that can achieve the healing of the social divisions caused by centuries of racism.
- 2.2. Enable Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller people and child protection professionals to stand together with in solidarity in the evolution of a pro-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller rights based social movement.
- 2.3. Confront racism through the recognition that child protection practice with Gypsy Roma and Traveller people is multi-issue.
- 2.4. Stand with families and raise awareness of environmental hazards and the social determinates of inequality.
- 2.5. Raise awareness of the right of families to care for children in safe and healthy environments.
- 2.6. Promote the participation of the community and centralise the ability of those who have been impacted by racism to transform the system and the child protection policies that effect their lives.
- 2.7. Enable policy and sector changes through world leading empirical research and government consultation.

**3. Outputs of Group**

- 3.1. Review and debate practice, policy, research and areas of challenge in meeting the needs of child protection professionals to influence change in the evolution of processes and good practice.
- 3.2. Identify and enhance the existing pool of resources within the Association to inform improvements in practice.

- 3.3. Provide contribution to AoCPP Newsletter/Journal.
- 3.4. Identify and develop training resources for dissemination via AoCPP forums e.g. via AoCPP training events.
- 3.5. The Chair of the SIS SIG to provide updates to AoCPP Chair and contribute to the annual report regarding the work of the group and the development of priorities for future business plan.
- 3.6. SIG meetings can be recorded for wider public viewing.

#### **4. Frequency of meetings**

- 4.1. The group consists of AoCPP members meeting quarterly to debate, identify and develop learning and training opportunities. Extraordinary meetings can be called if required by the Chair of their own volition or at the request of any member of the group.
- 4.2. Minutes and actions will be noted and circulated to all members of the group.

#### **5. Reporting arrangements**

- 5.1. The group will report to the Board of Trustees (BoT) providing relevant updates.

#### **6. Variation**

- 6.1. The Terms of Reference for the SIS SIG may be amended by the Group and be subject to approval of the AoCPP Chair.
- 6.2. The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually every April.