

TRAVELLER WOMEN



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Traveller women play an important role in their immediate family and in the wider community. They have responsibility for the home, family and children. They often take on leadership roles and act as spokespersons for the Traveller community.



"We're taking control of our lives in a way that we never did before. And it will be a long time before that will have an impact on a political level. But, on a personal level that feels good – that sense of acknowledging your own self worth,"

- Rosaleen McDonagh

Traveller women will likely experience triple discrimination: discrimination as women, discrimination as Travellers and discrimination as Traveller women

Traveller women have had a major impact on health outcomes in the community through Primary Health Care for Travellers projects, and community health workers directly and positively impact on Traveller

Like women from other minority ethnic groups, Traveller women experience an intersection of oppressions and experience both racism and sexism. Violence against women is not inherent in ethnic minority cultures, but can face additional barriers when faced with violence in the home. Relationships with police and statutory services can be strained and there may be language and literacy barriers for Traveller and Roma women also. Women may be unaware of their rights and frightened to leave violent situations for fear of isolation.