



Background to the pledge

Barriers to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils achievement in compulsory education, in turn reduce their access to HE as the likelihood of gaining the requisite grades at GCSE and A- Level needed to access HE are diminished. There are very few Gypsy, Traveller and Roma (GTR) university students and graduates in the UK, with an estimated average of 200 members of the communities in higher education at any one time (Greenfields, 2019; Mulcahy et. al. 2017).

Ensuring support and access to Higher Education for members of these ethnic minority populations, and the wider group of students included under the 'GTR' rubric by the OfS (which includes students from New Traveller, Showman and Boater communities) is therefore a matter of social justice, impacting as it does, greater access to employment, increased social mobility, enhanced opportunity and visibility, and increased equality for members of the GTR populations.

How to take the Pledge- for schools or universities:

- Your logo.
- Contact details for your School/University's established named contact.
- School/University Twitter handle.
- A short written public pledge statement, which should expand on your commitment to taking the pledge and its principles, including any action you have already taken or plan to take.
- A short 30s video from your VC, Pro VC or Principal, Head Teacher talking about taking the pledge.

Links to films on the Pledge:

- GTRSB School Pledge - Roma and QKA Film*- [LINK](#)
- GTRSB Overview Pledge Film*- [LINK](#)
- Short Trailer Film- [LINK](#)

**Both have BSL embedded in the film.*

For more info on the GTRSB in HE Pledge visit- [LINK](#)

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