

GYPSY/TRAVELLER EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT – OUTCOMES FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

- Two young people passed their driving licence.
- One Traveller passed a Chainsaw Competency course which will help him in securing permanent employment.
- A mature gentleman passed his theory test towards a licence for a Light Goods Vehicle (LGV) and will start the practical driver training in the new year.

OTHER OUTCOMES FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

EDUCATION:

- The Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer assisted children to enrol at primary schools and who subsequently maintained attendance on a regular basis.
- A STEP/ Richard O'Neill online workshop took place in September 2024 with two schools attending. This is being rolled out to all primaries in 2025. The date for the virtual workshop has been confirmed as Thursday 16th January 2025 from 9.30am to 10.30am.

HEALTH:

- NHS staff engaged directly with occupants on Aikey Brae giving them the opportunity to discuss any health concerns in confidence.
- Alison McCrossan of National Health Care Improvement (Scotland), an Engagement Advisor – Communities (North Region) for Health Care Improvements, Scotland visited Aikey Brae on 6th November 2024 to discuss the Anti Racism Plan and the service they have they have received from the NHS, asking them to rate the service.
- Childsmile visited Aikey Brae and engaged with a number of occupants, both adults and children.
- The Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer assisted five children on Aikey Brae to register with local dentist.

FINANCE:

- The Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer holds a stock of Love Local cards which she distributes as necessary assisting 4 more families since the last meeting.
- The Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer assisted with utilities as requested.

FORMS:

- Helped to get a lost National Insurance number
- Helped update details on driving licence

CONFIRMATION OF ID:

- Driving licence photos

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer assisted 24 Traveller children with donations from Abernecessities

- Another three children were assisted with donations through Deveronvale Community Hub in Banff and they will also receive Christmas Eve boxes and a Christmas Hamper