Role

The Traveller Education Officer will have two main areas of responsibility.

1. Supporting the roll out and coordination of a peer led research project on the needs and barriers of Travellers in education in Co. Kildare.[1]
2. Providing advocacy and support to Travellers in access and right to education[2]

Role responsibilities & tasks:

- Co-ordinate the establishment of an education focused peer research project in conjunction with peer researchers from the Traveller community and an external consultant researcher,
- Provide 1:1 support to Traveller families regarding educational support and advocacy,
- Liaise with the consultant researcher around the establishment, implementation and finalisation of the research project within the agreed timeframes,
- Co-ordinate the recruitment of peer researchers from the Traveller Community
- Provide support to the peer researchers whose role it will be to engage Traveller families in the research project,
- Work with Traveller families to explore the impact of educational disadvantage on their lives,
- During the research process continually identify the barriers and create the conditions for meaningful participation by Travellers in education that improve life chances,
- Develop relationships with schools to advocate on behalf of Traveller students and families,
- Promote the Right to Education, Sustainable Development Goals and human rights-based approaches to better outcomes for members of the Traveller community from education,
- Compile progress reports as required,
- Promote the research project on social media platforms such as Twitter, TikTok and Facebook in line with company policies,

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[1] This peer led research project will identify areas of priority for action for transformative change in education in the county.

[2] For the purposes of this role we are understanding "education" to include pre-school, primary & post primary levels.

- Develop social media posts to increase the participation of Traveller parents and young people in the research process,
- Use multimedia approaches to increase Traveller engagement ie. video messaging, podcast, audio, poster design,
- Represent the peer research project on different fora as appropriate,
- Undertake any other duties as may be required from time to time.