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It was lovely to see you to day
Buzzing around in your merry little
way
Its very funny
To taste such honey
Down to the flowers you dive
Then back to your hive



By Tae

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is that Travellers and their
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News

Needs Assessment

The 2004 Housing Act means that Local Councils are now paying researchers to ask Gypsies and Travellers what they need. This is an ideal opportunity for people to say what their accommodation, health and education needs are. This could be the largest study of Gypsies and Travellers ever carried out, so please get involved at every level you can.

Try to make an appointment with your local Liaison officer to make recommendations about questionnaires or research methods. Think of interesting ways to assess need and portray the information and of course don't forget that the Gypsy and Traveller DIY Fund from Travellers' Aid Trust could help you do just that if you organise yourselves into an action group and form a committee.

Remember that if you are approached by a researcher, they are paid to listen to you and report back to every district Council. Keep them on their toes and here is a tip - when you ask them questions, keep a note of their name and what you ask so you can follow it up later.

for more information on Research Companies who have been using Gypsies and Travellers call the Gypsy Media Company 07966 786242

Computer Classroom News

There are 6 laptops out on loan and still two waiting to be placed so if you have a group of motivated young people on your site and a willing adult who will be responsible for the equipment please register your interest with us. We have also put in an application to a major funder for further laptop funding so please keep asking, evidence of need is a crucial factor in finding funding.



Newsletter

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Fuel Poverty fact hunting

A small award from the Prince's Trust Cymru has enabled us to do an interesting research and media project with a group of young Travellers in Wales.

Fuel Poverty is defined as being the case if a family or individual is spending more than 10% of their income on heating their home. The key issues are insulation and affordable improvements to homes. Many Travellers, although they live in small spaces might not come under this umbrella but there could be many that do and this project hopes to relay the information about fuel poverty to the wider public by depicting the key issues on 9 static web pages, accessed through the TSC website.

So far the group of young people have attended the National Energy Agency Fuel Poverty forum and a series of workshops led by Advanced Environment and energy students from University of East London and Conservation builders in West Wales.

The Energy Agency used open space sessions to network information and take recommendations forward to the relevant agencies involved in the campaign for warmer homes and HEES (Home Energy Efficiency Scheme)

The next stage in the process is to collate all the research and for the young people to begin their artwork. Please look on the website later in the spring or if you are in Wales and would like to get involved call us to let us know how you would like to take part.

Cloud 10 update

The Wales Cloud 10 project continues... our most recent event took place on the 11th/12th February in Llandysul, Ceredigion. 20 young people from Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Pembrokeshire took part in sessions of HipHop dancing, First Aid, Drug Awareness, Metal work and cooking. The workshops were held in the Youth Centre, Llandysul and the Long Barn, Capel Dewi. Kaye provided an excellent menu of delicious organic meals with the help of an enthusiastic kitchen crew, which were complemented by a range of exotic fruit juices and smoothies made with our newly acquired juicer and smoothie maker.

Our overnight accommodation in the Long Barn, with bunk bed dormitories, farmhouse kitchen and comfy sitting room, made for a cosy venue to chill after a hard day's work.



There was a very positive response from the young people involved and we look forward to holding more events in the future.

scary toes dummy kept them awake during the First Aid provided by St. John's Ambulance.

Reuben making organic juice



CALLING ALL STRESSED OUT PARENTS!!!

The BBC and Outline Productions are working on "The House of Tiny Tearaways" with leading child psychologist Dr Tanya Byron.

We would like to hear from families and single parents with children between the ages of 18 months and 8 years old who wish to take part. Whatever your parenting dilemmas or problems - we may be able to help.

If you would like some more information contact us on tinytearaways@outlineproductions.co.uk or 020 7428 6037

No commitment is needed at this stage and all calls will be treated with strict confidence.

Users on board

If you live a nomadic habit of life, either on the canals, rivers, roads field or laybys of the UK and you are interested in getting involved with the Travellers' School Charity please could you get in touch with us to let us know. Also if you live on a permanent site or a transit site and you have an address or telephone line, you would be a really valuable asset to the Travelling Community.

Not only would we like to put your poems, news and stories in our newsletter but we would like to encourage you to get involved with the Charity, especially if you have skills to offer.

The Charity aims to be a self-help organisation and although being a registered Charity can be a bit daunting at times, it's definitely nothing to be scared of. The potential opportunities far outweigh the pitfalls of administrative responsibilities and at the end of the day the young people who are the beneficiaries can only benefit from their community being behind them.

Please contact Kaye if you would like to get involved
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or write to the Charity at the P.O.Box address.



Renewable Training Events

To all those people who we couldn't provide the opportunity, we are sorry - you just can't please everybody! Please keep the requests coming in as there may be a chance of further events in the future - especially as Climate Change is really on the mainstream agenda now.

One source of funding may be the defra Climate Challenge Fund - open to all not-for-profit organisations. It is part of the government's Climate Change Communications Initiative and seeks to achieve a positive shift in public attitudes to climate change.

Recently a well attended Renewable Energy event in Lincoln provided training to a whole community of boaters and there were requests for more solar panels than ever!

