

8 April

# Why do the Roma celebrate International Roma Day?

The International Romani Day (April 8) is a day to celebrate Romani culture and raise awareness of the issues facing Romani people.



## Roma/Gypsy do not pay taxes ?

Less than one third of the Roma population has a paid employment. States should make long term investments in the Roma populations so they are able to easy access education, find an employment and contribute to their country's monetary budgets.

## Roma/Gypsies are criminals?

Criminality is not genetic and inherited. About 90 % of Roma live in households below national poverty luges. Poverty and living in similar conditions can bring people to conducting petty theft. Additional negative aspect to portray Roma as criminals was/is given by the media in search for exclusiveness often portray stereotypes as facts and neglect to present the "other" side of the story.



# Action Day – International Romani Day 8 April

The Action Days for International Roma Day, 8 April, gave visibility to Roma culture, a voice to young Roma and warned of the magnitude and risks of hate speech targeting Roma in Ipswich.

The Action Days mobilise the national campaigns and partners of the **No Hate Speech** Movement in joint activities on specific forms or targets of hate speech.

Each Action Day has a programme of activities prepared in co-operation with the national campaign co-ordinators, online activists and campaign partners.

## Roma or Gypsy?

Gypsy is a derogatory word for many groups belonging to the Roma people. Roma/Romani is the antonym which the majority of Roma use in the world when they want to label themselves in ethnic terms. The term Roma covers a variety of sub groups of Romani people such as: Sinti, Kale, Manush, including a group that over time internalized the work and called themselves Gypsies.

## Roma culture is all about singing and dancing ?

Roma have shown to be professionals in variety of fields and occupations. Based on the opportunities provided Romani people can learn professions as any other human being.



## Roma/Gypsy do not like working?

More than half of the Roma people in Europe looking for work have experienced discrimination because they are Roma. Around 40 percent of Roma surveyed were not aware of any laws forbidding discrimination against ethnic minority people when applying for a job.



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