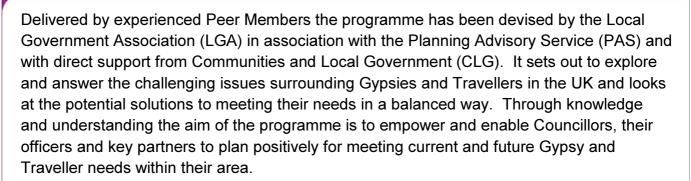


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Gypsies and Travellers

National Awareness Training Programme



The programme is dynamic, open and proactive in setting out to answer the difficult questions put to the presenting team.

- 1. Cover Local Plan requirements in detail alongside the Duty to Co-operate plus the latest case law and planning appeal outcomes.
- 2. Consider how to engage with the travelling community in the Local Authority area.
- 3. Explore perceptions and experiences from the travelling community.
- 4. Discuss how best to handle community engagement to achieve a positive outcome for both the settled and the travelling communities in a fair and equitable way.



'Better than Very Good,
Excellent with great teamwork
by both speakers who were very
experienced and down to earth.
They had a good grasp of the
issues we face and good advice
as to how to deal with them.'

South West Forum

'The most beneficial aspect was bringing reality to the perception of Gypsies and Travellers in the District and I certainly didn't realise the effect it (G&T requirements) would have on the Local Plan and I don't think the Council Leaders did either!! Would recommend it to any Council.'

A Midlands Local Authority

'It provided a challenging and uncompromising view that gave plenty of food for thought based on real life experiences which brought the session to life. The approach to a difficult subject was VERY brave and it has encouraged me to make a start.'

Lancashire District Council



Who will benefit from the programme?

The programme is designed for all elected members, including town and parish councillors, struggling with issues in their area plus key local authority housing, planning and equalities officers, together with local partners such as health and the police.

Our expert team will:

- Explain the current Government's position and policies particularly on planning and enforcement
- Cover the history of Gypsies and Travellers in the UK
- Discuss inappropriate encampments and unauthorised developments
- Consider the issues in the light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Localism Act 2011 and the abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) and the Housing Act 2004
- Look at the cultural, equalities, education and health issues
- Discuss and offer some solutions to the highly contentious issue of community opposition
- Explain funding availability for provision
- Explore the options available for making provision and explain the financial consequences of both action and inaction

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