



# GETTING VOCAL IN DUN LAOGHAIRE / RATHDOWN

*....because sometimes,  
memories aren't enough*

Presentation  
**Get Vocal Evaluation Workshop (21/10/2010)**

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# Overview of Presentation

- Southside Travellers Action Group – Vision, Mission, Principles, Programmes
- Getting Vocal: The Three Legged Stool Model
- What We Hope to Achieve



# Southside Travellers Action Group

## Vision, Mission, Principles, Integrated Programmes



# Vision, Mission and Core Principles

## Our Vision

“Southside Travellers envisions an Ireland where the human and civil rights, dignity, hopes and distinct cultural identity of Travellers is acknowledged and respected”

## Our Mission

“Operating within the context of community development principles and practice, we seek to realise our vision through the design, development and delivery of a series of integrated programmes which proactively respond to the needs of Travellers in Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown and surrounding areas”



## Core Principles

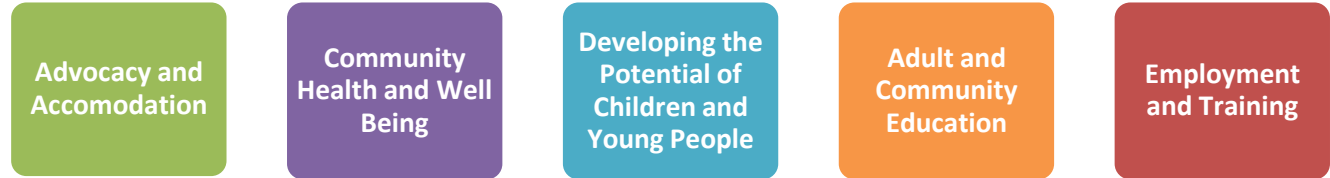
All of our work is guided by the following core principles:

**Traveller  
Leadership and  
Participation**  
**Advocacy and  
Equality**  
**Partnership and  
Accountability**

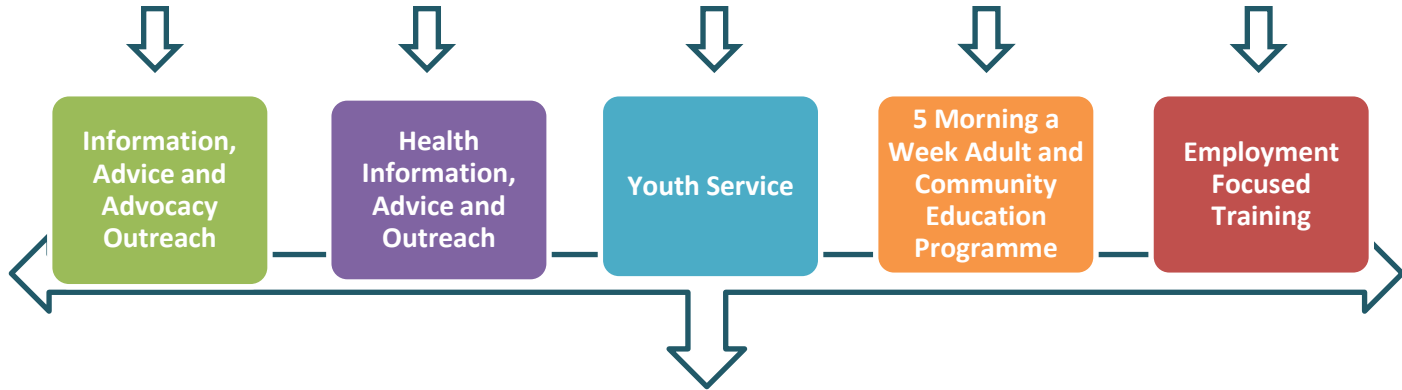
# Southside Travellers Resource Centre (DLR)

## Integrating Resources and Programmes

### Core Programmes



### Core Work



### 2010 New Integrated Programmes

- | Culture Awareness Training | Gailles | Homework Club | Saturday Club | Life Coaching | Career Guidance | Jobs Club |
- | Day-Time Supported Drop-In Community Space | Accomodation Clinic |
- | **Get Vocal Programme** | Chill Out Zone | Men's Drop – in |

# Developing the Programme

- Acknowledgement that our own *ad hoc* approaches to filling the real gap in our provision for Older Travellers were not sufficient
- Consistent requests for support/advocacy in relation to accommodation and health services from Older Community Members and their families
- Worked with Southside Partnership to access the Get Vocal Programme resources
- Establishment of additional financial and support resources through external partners at County Development Board – Inter-Agency Steering Group for Travellers – and internal programme structures and resources

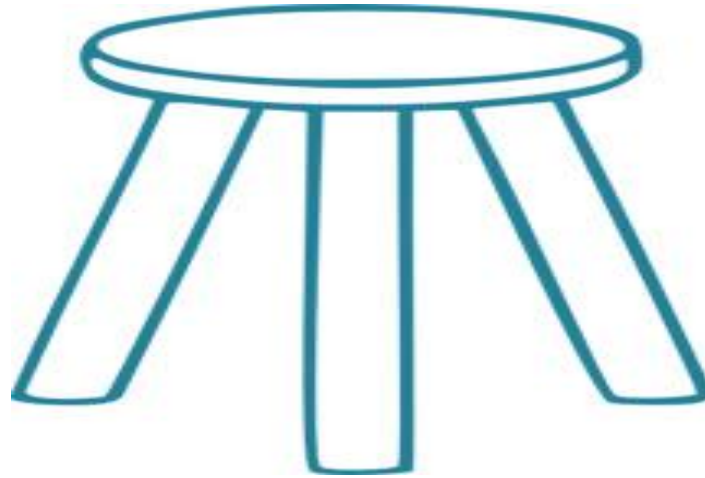


# Get Vocal: The Three Legged Stool Model

# The Three Legged Stool Model

## Build a Voice

Development of opportunities for Older Travellers in Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown to gather, listen, learn and voice



## Inform Policy

Strategic Plan to ensure that the voices of Older Travellers are heard in the development of services for Older People in Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown

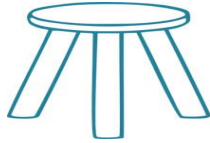
## Improve Understanding

Establishment of a real and meaningful document outlining the profile, situation and experiences of Older Travellers in Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown



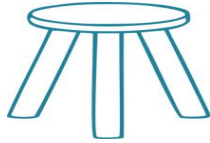
# What Do We Hope to Achieve?

apart from a group, a piece of research and a strategy?



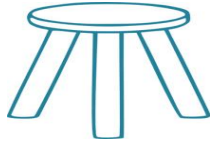
# Build a Voice

- Real and sustainable organisational engagement with Older Travellers across the county
- Tap into the leadership which is clearly present amongst Traveller community elders
- Develop and maintain a real and appropriate space (individual and collective) within which Southside Travellers can hear and respond to the needs of Older Travellers within the context of our already existing programmes – e.g., advocacy and community health and well-being
- Establish real linkages between Older Travellers and their settled counterparts through already existing regional and national structures



# Improve Understanding

- Through the research, establish an agreed, rigorous baseline data set on the profile, situation and experience of Older Travellers in Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown
- Develop an agreed understanding of the issues facing Older Travellers in Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown
- Create and sustain a coalition of partners focused on achieving equality of access and outcome with Older Travellers which is based on this agreed understanding



# Inform Policy

- Develop an agreed, integrated strategic plan to improve the situation for Older Travellers in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
- Through already existing integrated structures – use that plan to inform and impact upon policy development at a regional and – in the longer term – national level



# Thank you....Questions?

