

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER EXPERIENCES OF CRIME AND JUSTICE SINCE THE 1960S

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Realities Checked:
Interpreting Stories Of
Crime In Gypsy And
Traveller Communities

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ECONOMIC
& SOCIAL
RESEARCH
COUNCIL

RESEARCH PROGRESS

40 Oral Histories with
Community Members



Archival
Analysis



52 Interviews with
Professionals



24 Oral Histories with
Serving Prisoners and People on Probation



401 Surveys with
Community Members



ORAL HISTORIES

We have now completed all oral history interviews. These have included interviews with community members, and people in prisons and on probation, primarily from Romany Gypsy and Irish Traveller communities (with a small number of Showmen and New Travellers).

SURVEY

The confidential survey started in April 2023 and was closed in September 2023. A total of 401 participants across England completed the survey about their experiences of racism and discrimination, victimisation and offending.



INTERVIEWS WITH PROFESSIONALS

We have also completed all interviews with professionals who have worked with Gypsy and Traveller communities.

Our researchers at the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology

Zoë James, Raegan Booth, Kirsty Koral and Kitty Lymperopoulou spoke at the annual European Society of Criminology in September 2023, in Florence, Italy. The presentations examined practitioner's reflections on, and responses to, dominant narratives and discourses about Gypsies and Travellers in England (Booth, Koral and Lymperopoulou) and the role of critical theory in hate studies (James).

Find out more about the presentations on the European Criminology Conference 2023 [website](#).

