

Traveller Art and Craft



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MAYO TRAVELLERS SUPPORT GROUP



Mayo Travellers Support Group (MTSG) is a partnership of Travellers and the majority population. It was established to work with Travellers to take a leading role in transforming our society into one which respects the rights of all its citizens to live in equal partnership. MTSG recognizes the distinct cultural values of the Traveller community.

MTSG works within the national and regional framework of social inclusion. We are core funded by the HSE with support from Mayo North East Leadership Partnership, South West Mayo Development Company and Mayo

All- Ireland Traveller Health Study (AITHS) 2010

The findings of the 2010 All Ireland Traveller Health Study (AITHS) highlights the very poor health status of the Traveller community and it is hoped that the work of MTSG in partnership with both statutory and voluntary organisations will make steps towards addressing the health needs of the Traveller community

The 5 main priorities areas identified in the study that need to be addressed are Men's Health, Infant Mortality, Cancer Screening, Cardiovascular Health/Diabetes and Mental Health.

MTSG Primary Health Care Project (PHC)

.MTSG have two PHC Projects based in Ballina and Castlebar that employ 11 Traveller women as Community Health Workers (CHW).

The role of the CHW is to address the health needs of Travellers through outreach within the community. The CHW also provides a vital link between service providers and the Traveller community.

MTSG Community Development Work

MTSG works in partnership with individual families , community based projects and other service providers to response to the health needs of the Traveller community to promote change, build trust and understanding, share information, promote equality and challenge discrimination.

MTSG works at a local, regional and nationally level to actively influence policy makers.

Men's Health

.The CDW Traveller Men's Health works within the Traveller Community and with service providers to raise awareness of the health issues identified in the study.

The Whole Team Approach

MTSG is committed to working closely with other agencies at a local, regional and national level to address Traveller health by combining their expertise and skills. MTSG works to address the social determinants of health and this multi disciplinary approach to health is crucial to informing policy makers at all levels while ensuring that Traveller health is kept on the agenda.

