Traveller Pride celebrates the richness of Traveller culture and the many positive contributions to Irish Society.

Irish Travellers, also known as **"Pavees"** or **"Mincéirs"**, are a traditionally nomadic, ethnic group that originated in Ireland.

Travellers have a long-shared history, cultural values, customs and traditions. **There are 40,000 Travellers in Ireland.**

Cork Travellers' Women's Network and the **Traveller Visibility Group** warmly welcome the historic recognition of Traveller ethnicity by the Irish state on the 1st of March 2017.

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- public art works
- cultural exhibits
- commemorative hawthorn tree

Traveller Pride Trail



Traveller Ethnicity Tree

Fitzgerald's Park, to the west of the Cork Public Museum T12 V0AA

One of the most highly respected, native tree species of Ireland, this hawthorn tree was planted in 2017 by Traveller activist Katie O'Donoghue and the Lord Mayor of Cork to mark the year that the Irish state began recognition of Travellers as an ethnic group, with a unique and valuable heritage, language, culture and identity.

This end to the historic denial of Traveller culture set in motion other positive developments such as the Traveller History and Culture in Education Bill, the recognition of Traveller language (known as Cant or Gammon) and the Traveller craft of tin-smithing in Ireland's UNESCO intangible cultural heritage listings.

Katie O'Donoghue was a lifelong Traveller community leader and activist. She was a founding member of Cork Travellers' Women's Network and campaigned for Traveller cultural and human rights for over 40 years. Katie's sad passing this year (2021) should also be commemorated for her devotion to the community.

"Toraig on the Tobar" Traveller Culture Exhibit

Cork Public Museum, Fitzgerald's Park T12 V0AA

Toraig on the Tobar means "travelling the road" in Cant (the language of Irish Travellers). This permanent exhibition is Ireland's only Traveller culture collection in a public museum and curated by Travellers. **Toraig on the Tobar** opened in 2005. It features a full-sized, traditional barrel-top wagon; a miniature buccaneer caravan; audio-visual material; and photos celebrating both historical and modern aspects of Traveller culture.





"Sulkyroo" Painted Utility Box

Grand Parade, Cork City T12 DP78

The painted utility box features a "sulkyroo" (a fictitious, Traveller version of Deliveroo). The horse is pulling a sulky (traditional light weight cart). The Cant writing: "Your peck is here subla" translates to: "Your food is here, boy!"

The art represents a playful celebration of our language and proud tradition of horse ownership as Travellers. It imagines a city where Traveller horse owners are valued and utilised. It's about thinking "what if?"

The art was created in 2020 by the People's Republic of Cork (PROC) with Cork Travellers' Women's Network and painted by Tom Doig.

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Traveller Rights Wall Mural

Cork Traveller Visibility Group building, 25 Lower John St T23 YX50

This colourful mural covers all 4 stories of the Cork Traveller Visibility Group's building. It features a horseshoe (popular symbolism relating to the importance of horses in Traveller culture), a fist emblem (representing Traveller activism), the Traveller ethnicity symbol with an Irish harp, a wagon wheel (another popular symbol of the culture), figures from the community in silhouette, and a modern trailer (representing nomadism).

The mural was created in late 2020. Traveller children from across Cork helped created the artistic designs during community art workshops, which were facilitated by Cork Community Artlink artists.

