

GRT LGBTQI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM - THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 - CARDIFF, WALES

# GYPSY, ROMA & TRAVELLER LGBTQI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019



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CULTURAL & ARTS COMPANY

DELEGATE GUIDE

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 – SENEDD

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WALES, CARDIFF BAY, CARDIFF, CF99 1NA



Dear Delegate,

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company is proud to welcome you to the first Gypsy, Roma & Traveller LGBTQI International Symposium. The event is hosted by the Senedd – National Assembly of Wales and features an international selection of speakers including activists, academics, artists and community champions who will focus on the current and historic experience of LGBTQI GRT people and the future possibilities for improving opportunity and equality across our communities.

Guests to this unique event include Jane Hutt AM - Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, Welsh Government, Vera Kurtic, from the Council of Europe's Roma and Travellers Team ROMACTED, Chris Lee, RCAC Community Champion covering GRT history, culture, welfare and racism. Dr Daniel Baker, artist, curator and theorist, William Bila, former President of La Voix des Roms (France), and Director of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association. This varied range of speakers with their diverse areas of expertise will open debate regarding the contemporary GRT LGBTQI climate and the wider implications for society.

This exciting event takes place in the context of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company's ongoing programme of increasing visibility, opportunity and equality for all members of the GRT community across Wales and beyond. The aim of this unique RCAC venture is to showcase emerging international voices within the field of LGBTQI GRT awareness and to facilitate the development of dialogue across communities about the ways in which articulations and negotiations of difference continue to inform the lives of individuals within GRT and LGBTQI communities today.

Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip said: "I'm proud to support Romani Arts during Gypsy Roma and Traveller History month with their conference on LGBTQI within the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community. Welsh Government's next Strategic Equality Plan will take an approach that recognises the importance of understanding intersectionality between different protected characteristics. Events such as this will help to provide a platform for conversations to take place and influence policy on a national level, providing reassurance to all communities that Welsh Government strives to ensure that equality is at the core of our business, diversity is celebrated and where discrimination has no place."

Isaac Blake; Director of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company says: "An open, tolerant society cannot pick and choose which groups should merit tolerance and understanding. Every individual living on our beautiful planet deserves to be judged on their own words and actions; not on their race, nationality, religion, sexuality or family background. Let's stand together and be proud of the amazing diversity that humanity encompasses."

Chris Lee, Romani Cultural and Arts Company Community Champion says: "Meaningful change for the LGBTQI Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community is not going to come from just knowing more information, but from doing something with it."

Dr Daniel Baker, Romani artist, curator and academic says: "Discussions regarding the significance of intersecting identities are more important than ever. By recognising commonalities across difference through shared experience and knowledge we move closer toward a more caring society."

# General Information



## How to get to the Senedd

**Bus:** The No. 6 Baycar leaves from Cardiff Queen Street Station, Dumfries Place, Greyfriars Road, St. Mary Street or Cardiff Central Railway Station every 10 minutes and stops at both Pierhead Street and outside the Wales Millennium Centre adjacent to the Senedd.

Routes 7 and 8 depart from Canal Street and Westgate Street respectively every 15 minutes and stop on Pierhead Street, a short walk (approximately 200 metres) from the Senedd, Tŷ Hywel and the Pierhead building.

**Train:** Services run every 12 minutes from Cardiff Queen Street Station to Cardiff Bay Station. The station is a few minutes walk from the Senedd, Tŷ Hywel and the Pierhead building.

**Road:** From the West, leave the M4 at junction 33, follow the A4232 to Cardiff Bay and follow signposts to National Assembly for Wales, CF99 1NA.

From the East, leave the M4 at Junction 29, follow the A48 and then A4232 to Cardiff Bay and follow signposts to National Assembly for Wales, CF99 1NA

**Car parking:** The nearest car park is the Q-Park multi-storey on Pierhead Street, a short walk from the Senedd. On-street, pay and display parking may be available on Harbour Drive or there is a pay and display car park off Stuart Street. TEST

**Disabled car parking:** Parking is available by prior arrangement for visitors to the Assembly who are disabled. There is an external lift available for visitors who are disabled at our accessible parking area outside the Senedd. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is usually required together with information about the vehicle and driver. Visitors must display their disabled parking badge on arrival.

**Bike / foot:** The Taff Trail, which runs from Brecon along the River Taff through Cardiff city centre to Cardiff Bay, ends at the Oval Basin outside the Senedd. There is also a cycle and footpath, which runs along the A4232 from the Cardiff Bay Retail Park.

**Taxi:** A number of firms provide taxi services from Cardiff city centre to Cardiff Bay. Taxi ranks are situated across the city, including outside Cardiff Central railway station, near St David's Hall and at the bottom of Park Place.

**Assistance and medical help:** If you have any concerns during the day either speak to one of the stewards or someone in the registration area and you will be directed to the relevant staff. First Aid assistance will be available throughout the day.

**Security:** There is a cloakroom facility for public use in the scanner area on Assembly sitting days.

**Mobile Phones:** As a courtesy to speakers and other delegates, please ensure that all personal mobile devices are 'on silent' or are switched off during the events.

**Evaluation Form:** For quality assurance purposes and in order to improve our services, please complete the attached Evaluation Form and place in the relevant box at the registration desk at any point during the day.

# Symposium Agenda



17.30 **Registration**

18.00 **Welcome & Official Opening**

Isaac Blake - Director of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company

18.05 **Key Note Opening Address**

Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip – Welsh Government

18.15 **Chris Lee** – Community Champion RCAC

18.30 **Vera Kurtic** - Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Team

18.45 **Dezso Mate** - Central European University Romani Studies Program

19.00 **Daniel Baker** - Artist, Curator and Theorist

19.15 **Director of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association**

19.25 **Open discussion** - Chaired by Chris Lee

19.55 **Event Summary & Close**

**The Romani Cultural & Arts Company is grateful for the support of the following:**

Stonewall Cymru  
Youth Cymru  
Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association  
Welsh Government  
Norena Shopland, Draig Enfys  
The Printshop at HMP Parc, Bridgend  
QRTV.eu

# Speaker Biographies

## **Dr. Daniel Baker**

Daniel Baker is a Romani Gypsy born in Kent, United Kingdom in 1961. An artist, curator and theorist, he holds a PhD on the subject of Gypsy aesthetics from the Royal College of Art, London. Baker is curator of FUTUROMA at the 58th International Art Exhibition at the Venice Biennale 2019. He acted as exhibitor and advisor to the first and second Roma Pavilions: Paradise Lost and Call the Witness at the 52nd and 54th Venice Biennales respectively. Baker's work examines the role of art in the enactment of social agency through an eclectic practice that interrogates contemporary art discourse and its social implications via the reconfiguration of elements of the Roma aesthetic. Baker acted as Visual Advisor to the RomArchive: international digital archive of Roma arts. His interest in Gypsy visuality was sparked by his research into the experience of Gay Romani men in the UK carried out for his MA dissertation titled 'The Queer Gypsy' which was subsequently published by the ERRC. Publications include *We Roma: A Critical Reader in Contemporary Art* (2013) and *Ex Libris* (2009). Baker's work is exhibited internationally and can be found in collections worldwide. Former Chair of the Gypsy Council (2006–2009). He lives and works in London: [www.danielbaker.net](http://www.danielbaker.net)

## **William Bila**

William Bila was born in New York City the son of Czechoslovak refugees fleeing the Soviet invasion of the Prague Spring. He discovered his Romani heritage in late childhood. As the product of a multicultural North American upbringing, he has always been proud and curious about his roots. The turning point for his activism, which started in the 1990s, came when he moved to Canada and joined the Roma Community Centre in Toronto during the autumn of 2008. Ever since, he has remained engaged with a variety of organizations in support of Romani culture, education, history, and rights themes. He has served in several volunteer positions such as, President of La Voix des Roms (France), member of the board of Roma Education Fund (Switzerland), Roma Education Support Trust (UK) and the Center for Intersectional Justice (Germany). He also took part in the first and second ever European LGBTIQ Roma conferences in Prague (2015; 2016). Among his pioneering career adventures, he participated in the pilot implementation of a worldwide diversity policy at a global financial services provider based in Germany, supporting LGBTIQ+ rights in the workplace. With over 25 years of experience in corporate consulting, strategy and human resource roles, his most recent endeavors as a freelance consultant include managing the on-line communications of the Berlin based RomArchive project, advising the European Roma Rights Center partnerships and network development, and serving as a guest lecturer for Chicago based DePaul University's study abroad program in Berlin. He is a proud member of ACERT and a supporter of the Romani Cultural and Arts Company of Wales.

## **Isaac Blake - Director - Romani Cultural & Arts Company, Cardiff**

Isaac Blake is a proud Gay Romani Gypsy and has worked as a professional dancer and choreographer. He is currently Executive Director of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company in Cardiff, UK, which is funded by a variety of major funders and government departments. As

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Executive Director of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company (RCAC), Isaac has developed arts and performance programmes on Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites with young children and adults, worked in schools and colleges, and promoted arts as a medium for empowerment and advocacy throughout Wales with Gypsy, Roma and Travellers. He has engaged widely with non-Gypsy communities to promote dialogue and improve social cohesion. His leadership and management of the RCAC has seen the organisation grow from a small voluntary group to a major third sector (NGO) agency that leads the Romani and Traveller field in Wales and is one of the major players in Romani and Traveller advocacy and empowerment in the UK. RCAC is now celebrating its 10th anniversary. Isaac has also been a Dance Curator, leading a team of academics and researchers in collating appropriate items and artefacts for the RomArchive. The RomArchive was devised as an international digital archive for art of the Roma, and remains a constantly growing collection of art of all types, complemented by historical documents and scholarly texts. Isaac has been instrumental in supporting LGBTQI rights in UK, Europe and beyond, particularly with respect to the Gypsy, Roma & Traveller communities. Isaac has supported LGBTQI Gypsy, Roma & Travellers to attend events internationally and Isaac has personally attended such events to be an advocate and representative of his community and to positively promote LGBTQI.

## **The Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association**

The Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association is an association set up primarily to support Police Officers and Staff who are from Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities of the UK and Europe.

## **Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip – Welsh Government**

Jane spent part of her childhood in Uganda and Kenya, and was educated at the University of Kent, the London School of Economics and Bristol University. She has lived and worked in Wales since 1972. Jane was an elected member of the former South Glamorgan County Council for 12 years and was first elected to the Assembly in 1999. Between 1999 and 2005 she served as Minister for Health and Social Services in the Welsh Government. From 2005 to 2007, she was Minister for Assembly Business and Chief Whip. In the first Cabinet of the Third Assembly she was appointed Minister for Budget and Assembly Business. In the coalition Cabinet, announced on 19 July 2007, she became Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills. In December 2009 she was appointed Minister for Business and Budget, subsequently Minister for Finance until 2016 when she was appointed Leader of the House and Chief Whip at the start of the Fifth Assembly. On 13 December 2018 Jane was appointed Deputy Minister and Chief Whip. Jane Hutt is an honorary fellow of Cardiff Metropolitan University and Cardiff and Vale College. She is a Welsh learner.

Responsibilities: Exercise of functions by the Welsh Government · Policy development and the co-ordination of policy · Inter-Governmental Relations including JMC · The Legislative Programme · The Ministerial Code · Civil Contingencies including chair of the Resilience Forum · Openness in Government including FoI · Oversight of Welsh Government's relationship with the WAO · Constitutional Affairs · Justice Policy and the Justice Commission · Tribunals · Public Appointments



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· Government Chief Whip · Well Being of Future Generations Act and liaison with the Future Generations Commissioner · Equality and Human Rights · Co-ordination of issues relating to Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, Asylum-seekers, refugees and community cohesion · Anti-slavery, domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence · The Voluntary Sector and Volunteering · Youth Justice · Community Safety · Relations with the Police and Crime Commissioners, Police and other Criminal Justice Agencies, civil contingencies, resilience and counter-terrorism issues · Relations with UK Government in respect of Prisons and the Probation Service · Advice and Advocacy Services

## Vera Kurtic

Vera Kurtic is a proud feminist and a Romani woman. She studied sociology and communications and for many years has been an activist for Roma, LGBT, animal and women's rights. She is currently the Project Officer in Belgrade working in the Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Team within the Programme ROMACTED - 'Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level'. In her research, Vera mainly focuses on intersectionality of gender, race, nation, class and minority sexual existence. In her book *Džuvljarka-Roma Lesbian Existence*, Vera tackled the problem of the invisibility of Roma lesbians who are denied their own identities, achieved relations and personal connections, both within the Roma and broader social communities. Vera enjoys veganism, writing short stories and photography.

## Chris Lee

Chris Lee grew up in north Wales. Chris is openly gay, a feminist and proud of her Romani heritage. She trained as a Graphic Designer specifically in the area of media design and design aesthetics and has worked in theatre, advertising and education. Chris ran her own graphic design company Chris Lee Design for 15 years. Chris Lee is a Community Champion for the Romani Cultural and Arts Company in Cardiff. The RCAC is the only organisation of its kind in the UK which is run entirely by individuals of Romani Gypsy heritage. She is involved in a wide range of work with the RCAC including participating in training days throughout Wales covering the history and culture of Romani Gypsies and Roma, Traveller accommodation, health, education and racism. In 2016/2017 she was part of a team who over the course of a year, carried out groundbreaking work interviewing Traveller families throughout Wales about their health and wellness. This was the first project of its kind to be undertaken in the UK. The team of 6 researchers recorded important first hand oral testimony from Travellers themselves about their health and their experiences of accessing health care in all parts of Wales. This research is now acting as a foundation to bring about real change. She attended the first International Roma LGBTQI Conferences in Prague in 2015 and 2016. Both of these events were organised by Roma activist David Tiser and his ARAART team. Participants in these conferences and subsequent meetings are creating a Roma LGBTQI 'movement' throughout Europe.

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## **Dezso Mate**

Dezso Mate is currently the Consultant of the Open Society Foundations Community Youth Fellowship, which focuses on the Roma LGBTQIA intersectional challenges in public healthcare settings. The programme is supported by the Youth Exchange and Public Health Programme. The Programme's clear aim is to give a voice to voiceless people. Dezso is also working on his PhD at the Eotvos Lorand University of Budapest. Dezso has studied in the University of Pecs in Hungary and also in Eindhoven. In 2013 he was a Junior Research Fellow in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dezso's research interests focus on the intersection between the Roma and LGBTQ Community; the generational change of Roma graduates; the impact of social resilience; segregation, disability and the 'labelling' of Roma children in education. Dezso has also worked in the Equal Treatment Authority in Hungary and taught in several schools in disadvantaged areas where he supported Romani children. Dezso's mother died when he was 6 years old. His father kidnapped him and his father was later arrested. Dezso Mate was homeless for years. He started his education at the age of 9. Dezso now lives in a happy relationship with his same-sex husband. He is proud of his intersectional identity as a Romani Gay scholar.



# GRT LGBTQI reading list



## Books - factual

Date	Title	Author
2009	Gypsy Boy: The bestselling memoir of a Romany childhood (Soon to be a film starring Benedict Cumberbatch)	Mikey Walsh
2011	Gypsy Boy on the Run (sequel to Gypsy Boy)	Mikey Walsh
2011	Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Romany Studies	Michael Stewart, Martón Rovid
2014	Džuvljarke Roma Lesbian Existence This is available as a free e-book on <a href="http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/dzuvljarke-roma-lesbian-existence.pdf">http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/dzuvljarke-roma-lesbian-existence.pdf</a>	Vera Kurtić Translation into English by Ana Zorbić
2016	De-Centring Western Sexualities: Central and Eastern European Perspectives	Edited by Robert Kulpa, Joanna Mizielska
2017	Gypsy Feminism: Intersectional Politics, Alliances, Gender and Queer Activism	Laura Corradi

## Books – fictional

Date	Title	Author
1928	Orlando: A Biography (Based on the life of Vita Sackville-West whose grandmother was a Spanish gypsy, <i>Orlando</i> spends in a gypsy camp)	Virginia Woolf

## Articles

Date	Title	Publication	Link
2011 October	Real life: 'Gypsy Boy' Mikey Walsh is proud to be a gypsy but can never return to his old life	Daily Mirror	<a href="https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/real-life-gypsy-boy-mikey-84547">https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/real-life-gypsy-boy-mikey-84547</a> Mikey Walsh has done a number of interviews and these can be found by Googling his name
2015 December	Should Tyson Fury be considered a role model?	Travellers Times	<a href="https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/should-tyson-fury-be-considered-role-model">https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/should-tyson-fury-be-considered-role-model</a> (A lot more can be found on the internet on the controversy surrounding Tyson's comments about LGBT people.)
2015	LGBTQIA, Feminism and Romani Studies by JekatyerinaDunajeva,	Roma Rights: Journal of the European Roma Rights	<a href="http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf">http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf</a>

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	Angéla Kóczé and Sarah Cemlyn	Centre	
2015	The Queer Gypsy by Daniel Baker	Roma Rights: Journal of the European Roma Rights Centre	<a href="http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf">http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf</a>
2015	Faced with Multiple 'Values' - From the Perspective of the Roma LGBTQ Community by Dezső Máté	Roma Rights: Journal of the European Roma Rights Centre	<a href="http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf">http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf</a>
2015	"They become stigmatised in their own family" - Interview with a Roma LGBTQ activist David Tišer	Roma Rights: Journal of the European Roma Rights Centre	<a href="http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf">http://www.errc.org/uploads/upload_en/file/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us.pdf</a>
2015	Coming In – Coming Out from <i>Inside and Out: LGBT writing from HMP/YOI Parc</i>	Published by G4S for Parc Prison	<a href="https://www.g4s.com/en-gb/-/media/g4s/unitedkingdom/files/care-and-justice---prisons/inside_and_out.ashx?la=en&amp;hash=1AFD50CCB5CA671720F6FC855932015A">https://www.g4s.com/en-gb/-/media/g4s/unitedkingdom/files/care-and-justice---prisons/inside_and_out.ashx?la=en&amp;hash=1AFD50CCB5CA671720F6FC855932015A</a>
2016 March	Decivilising Gays and Gypsies?	International Network for Hate Studies	<a href="http://www.internationalhatestudies.com/decivilising-gays-and-gypsies/">http://www.internationalhatestudies.com/decivilising-gays-and-gypsies/</a>
2016 September	Gypsy and Traveller led charity attends Gay rights events in Prague	Travellers Times	<a href="https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/news/2016/09/gypsy-and-traveller-led-charity-attends-gay-rights-events-prague">https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/news/2016/09/gypsy-and-traveller-led-charity-attends-gay-rights-events-prague</a>
2012 March	Big Fat Gypsy Weddings: I'm the only gay in gypsy village	Daily Star	<a href="https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/239216/Big-Fat-Gypsy-Weddings-I-m-the-only-gay-in-gypsy-village">https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/239216/Big-Fat-Gypsy-Weddings-I-m-the-only-gay-in-gypsy-village</a>
2012 June	Being a lesbian gypsy is like being black in the Ku Klux Klan	The Sun	<a href="https://www.thesun.co.uk/archives/tv/694633/being-a-lesbian-gypsy-is-like-being-black-in-the-ku-klux-klan/">https://www.thesun.co.uk/archives/tv/694633/being-a-lesbian-gypsy-is-like-being-black-in-the-ku-klux-klan/</a>
2017 August	Roman Boys: An award-winning Czech film about homosexuality in the	Travellers Times	<a href="https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/roma-boys-award-winning-czech-film-about-homosexuality-roma-community">https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/roma-boys-award-winning-czech-film-about-homosexuality-roma-community</a>

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	Roma community		
2017 September	Roma LGBTQ People Talk About the Challenges of Facing Double Discrimination	Vice	<a href="https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/yw3zpg/roma-lgbtq-people-talk-about-the-challenges-of-facing-double-discrimination">https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/yw3zpg/roma-lgbtq-people-talk-about-the-challenges-of-facing-double-discrimination</a>
2017 October	Campaign launched for LGBT Irish Travellers and Gypsies who have 'nowhere to turn'	Travellers Times	<a href="https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/news/2017/10/campaign-launched-lgbt-irish-travellers-and-gypsies-who-have-nowhere-turn">https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/news/2017/10/campaign-launched-lgbt-irish-travellers-and-gypsies-who-have-nowhere-turn</a>
2017 October	Gay Travellers entering arranged marriages 'to avoid shame'	Irish Times	<a href="https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/gay-travellers-entering-arranged-marriages-to-avoid-shame-1.3248791">https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/gay-travellers-entering-arranged-marriages-to-avoid-shame-1.3248791</a>
2018	Romani LGBT film and discussion	Media Voice	<a href="https://www.mediavoice.eu/en/2018/01/06/romsky-lgbt-film-a-diskuze/">https://www.mediavoice.eu/en/2018/01/06/romsky-lgbt-film-a-diskuze/</a> (Refers to the film <i>Queer: SAID (Queer: ŘEKNU.TO, Czech Television, 2017)</i> )
2018	Finding a community – Henry's story	Rainbow Pilgrims	<a href="https://www.rainbowpilgrims.com/read/#page/17&amp;https://rainbowpilgrims.atavist.com/community#chapter-3414060">https://www.rainbowpilgrims.com/read/#page/17&amp;https://rainbowpilgrims.atavist.com/community#chapter-3414060</a>
2018 April	Gypsy and Gay	Fixers	<a href="http://www.fixers.org.uk/news/17105-11208/gypsy-gay.php">http://www.fixers.org.uk/news/17105-11208/gypsy-gay.php</a> The video can be seen on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9QM0wFWSTA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9QM0wFWSTA</a>
2018 June	"I'm Henry, I'm a traveller, I'm a university student, and I'm gay, and it's ok. I will stand up and be counted."	Travellers Times	<a href="https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/im-henry-im-traveller-im-university-student-and-im-gay-and-its-ok-i-will-stand-and-be">https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/features/im-henry-im-traveller-im-university-student-and-im-gay-and-its-ok-i-will-stand-and-be</a>
2018 August	Premieres 'Carmen y Lola', the film about gypsy lesbians that was removed from a movie show	International News	<a href="https://www.tellerreport.com/life/--premieres--carmen-y-lola---the-film-about-gypsy-lesbians-that-was-removed-from-a-movie-show-.ryBdz08PX.html">https://www.tellerreport.com/life/--premieres--carmen-y-lola---the-film-about-gypsy-lesbians-that-was-removed-from-a-movie-show-.ryBdz08PX.html</a> (More on the film 'Carmen y Lola' can be found on Wikipedia and by Googling the title.)
2019 April	Q&A: A Media Haven for Europe's LGBTI Roma	Open Society Foundations	<a href="https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/qa-media-haven-europe-s-lgbti-roma">https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/qa-media-haven-europe-s-lgbti-roma</a>

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2019	'This is Me': Photography and Oral History Work for the Rainbow Pilgrims Project By ShaanKnan and Susanne Hakuba	Oral History Journal	Forthcoming
Ongoing	QRTV – A queer Roma TV from Europe	QRTV	<a href="https://qrtv.eu/en/programme/">https://qrtv.eu/en/programme/</a>

# QUEER + ROMA = Wonderful

QRTV Europa is an entertainment, cultural, lifestyle and music channel. Its mission is to bring the various European communities closer to each other and to help the European human rights movements, activists and NGOs to create more inclusive societies, a fairer and more equal future.

Why QR?

QR is our abbreviation of QueerR, because our content highly features queer and LGBTIQI cultures and people (as a less-represented group in the mainstream media). At the same time, we believe that on QRTV everyone can find useful, entertaining and informative content

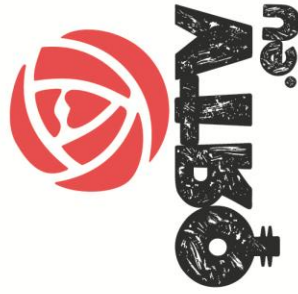
The abbreviation QR mainly refers to a multi-marginalized group of Europe, Queer Roma, broadly speaking, to the Roma LGBTIQI people to whom we ourselves, the initiators, belong or are connected.

**QRTV is a TV Channel  
with Queer Roma identity.**

Our main goal is to provide greater visibility of the members of this community, to bring closer the Roma and LGBTIQI people to each other, to present the lives of these groups and to help them and other groups facing similar challenges to evolve a more liberated, more balanced and a diverse identities and cultural backgrounds supporting future.

QR also refers to the QR code, which will later become a major contributor in the access to extra contents related to our programs.

We make our own manufactured content with the appreciation of physical and mental health consciousness as well as vegetarian and vegan \*\* life views. We consider it as an important task to strengthen environmental awareness, so our the server of QRTV backs up on 100% renewable, carbon dioxide-free energy.



## PROGRAMS/VIDEO CATEGORIES



**GYPSY + QUEER + HAPPY**

Baxtaroom - The Pride Tour of QRTV  
for the better visibility of  
Queer/Roma people



The observer of  
Queer/Roma art and activism



The news collection of Dzhan.es Online  
// from Roma 2 everyone



The educational minutes of QRTV Europa  
in the topics of gender and sexuality





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A QueerRoma TV from Europa  
Pride 24/7.  
Ja.  
Ja, ich möchte  
A GenderQueer TV Channel  
#ARealColorTV  
For us +++ For you  
About us +++ About you  
About Roma +++ For Roma  
About LGBTQI +++ For LGBTQI  
About Europe +++ For Europe  
About everyone +++ For everyone  
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## PROGRAMS/VIDEO CATEGORIES



A curated video collection of  
Roma reality & Roma entertainment



Video DJ mixshows on a mission



"Beings" - The stage of activists,  
human & animal rights defenders



QueerRingo - favourite contents  
of the queer flamingo



Diverse music video blocks  
delivered by Radio Shun.es



Quotes, wisdoms, prayers and book reviews  
for a happier Europe



The information collection  
of QRTV for HIV prevention  
and for a more balanced life  
with HIV



We respect religions, worldviews, inclusive  
religious groups based on universal love and  
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organizations, bloggers, activists, and con-  
tent creators who would contribute to any of  
these goals, who would further color the QRTV  
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