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INVITATION TO LGBTIQ Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Conference

The National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA

Thursday 4th July 2019 – 18.00pm – 20.00pm

Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip will open the event

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company (RCAC) is proud to invite you to the LGBTIQ Gypsy, Roma & Traveller (GRT) Conference. The event, hosted by National Assembly for Wales, will feature Dr Daniel Baker (England) and Christine Lee (Wales) plus guests including Vera Kurtic (Council of Europe/ Serbia) Dezso Mate (Hungary). This varied range of speakers with their diverse areas of expertise will open up debate regarding LGBTIQ issues as they relate to GRT individuals and communities.

This event is one of many that RCAC is currently co-ordinating. We are excited to be giving a 'minority within a minority' a platform and a voice. This LGBTIQ GRT conference presents a unique opportunity to participate in discussion with an international panel of inspiring speakers.

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."

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."

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

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 LGBTIQ 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 lecture 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.”