



Gypsy, Roma and Traveller  
History Month

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## So, what is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month?

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM).



# As it's a 'History' month, what is the History?



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- B. Northern India
- C. Eastern Europe
- D. The Middle East

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- B. They have no shared history at all
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The Porajmos was the genocide of Roma people during the Second World War, carried out by the Nazis. Hundreds of thousands of Roma were killed as part of this persecution.

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One example is that Roma people were often banned from entering towns or forced to leave countries, showing they were not accepted and treated unfairly.

5. How have Roma and Traveller communities contributed to culture?

They have contributed to music, dance, and storytelling traditions across Europe, influencing many cultural styles and artistic practices.

# How will we be celebrating Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month at Poly?



- Each morning you will explore an element of the History of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people, their contribution and connection within our local area, or a significant individual.
- If you have any ways that you would like to celebrate this month, please let your teachers know! We would love to hear your opinion.