



Who are Leeds GATE?

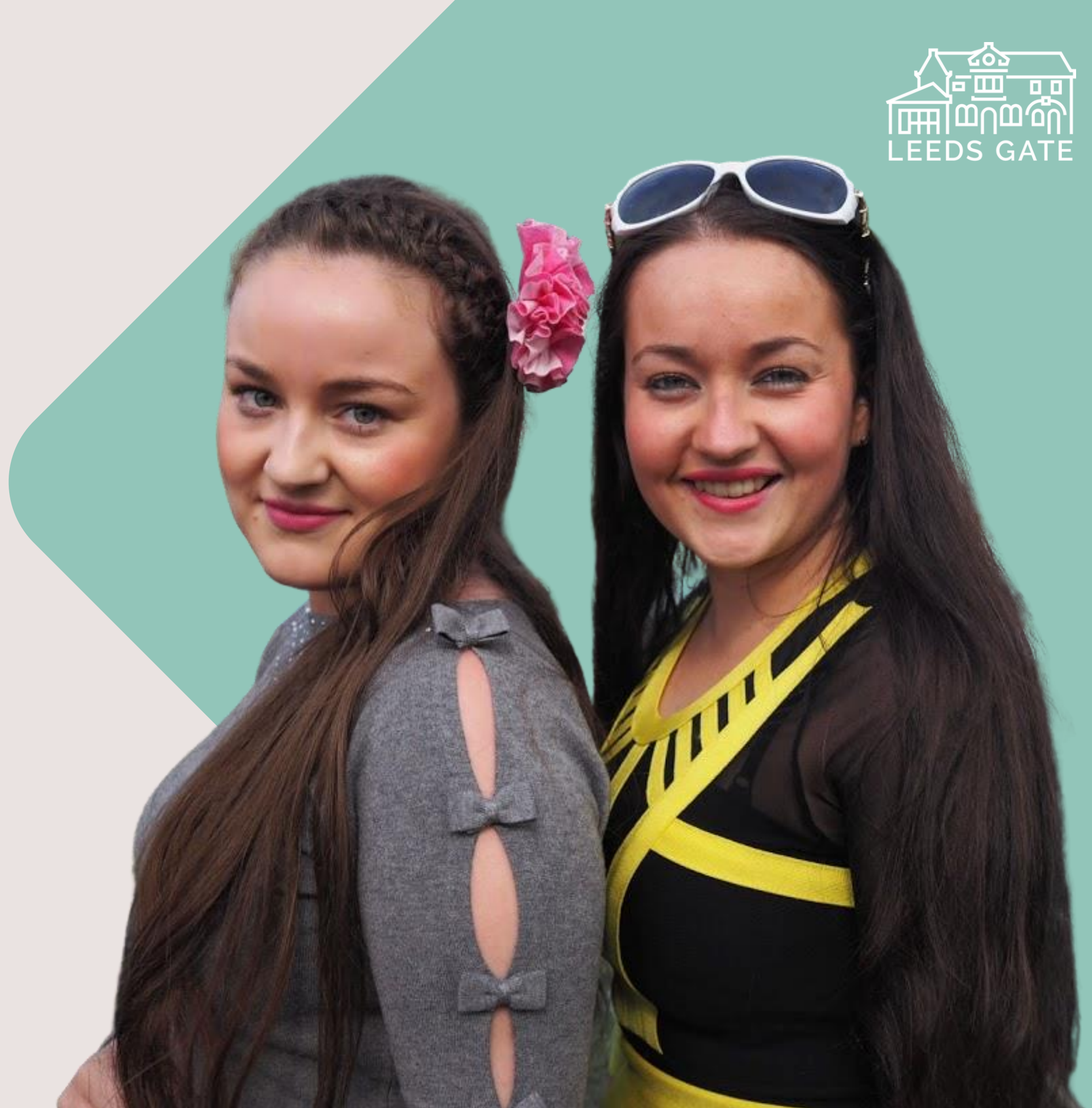


- Belongs to Gypsies and Travellers
- Accessible Services
- Community Development
- New and creative solutions to change systems that cause harm to our members



Our challenges

- **Homes**
- Health
- Education
- Social Inclusion



Who are Gypsies and Travellers?

Irish Travellers

Traditionally, Irish Travellers are a **nomadic group** of people from Ireland but have a **separate identity, heritage and culture** to the community in general.

An Irish Traveller presence can be traced back to 12th century Ireland, with migrations to Great Britain in the early 19th century.



Who are Gypsies and Travellers?

Romany Gypsies

Romany Gypsies have been in Britain since at least 1515 after migrating from continental Europe during the Roma migration from India. The term Gypsy comes from “Egyptian” which is what the settled population perceived them to be because of their dark complexion.

In reality, Romany Gypsies came from Northern India, probably around the 12th century.

Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are legally recognised as ethnic groups, and protected from discrimination by the **Race Relations Act** (1976, amended 2000) and the Human Rights Act (1998).



Homes

76% of Gypsies and Irish Travellers in England and Wales lived in conventional bricks-and-mortar accommodation (house, bungalow, flat etc).

24% of Gypsies and Travellers in England and Wales lived in a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure.

2011 Census



Caravan Sites

59% on private sites and 29% on public sites.

Poor locations: 67% fringes of the city/district, 20% next to motorway, 12% next to a landfill site and 3% next to sewage works.

Inappropriate departmental management:
Environmental Health or Anti-Social Behaviour.

Poor quality facilities.

Expensive – twice the cost of a as much as a 3 bed council house.

Close to family, respectful of culture and heritage,
better mental health.



Roadside

**Nomadism is not illegal in the UK.
But Gypsies and Travellers are being
criminalised.**

With the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, the government are trying to send an inhumane message: **there is no place for Gypsies and Travellers in England and Wales.**

