



ITM Affiliation Form 2011 - 2012

Organisation: _____

Contact Person: _____

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Membership- please tick (for definitions of membership criteria, see next page)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Traveller Organisation (Full Member) | €40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | National/ International Traveller Organisation (Full Member) | €40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Traveller Member | €12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate Member (Traveller PHC Programme, STTCs, General CDPs, Partnerships, Community & Youth Groups, Voluntary Service Providers, State Sector Orgs, other individuals) | €30.00 |

As per the AGM 2008, ITM Members voted unanimously to adapt the following clause to affiliation forms:

“We agree to fully support and encourage Traveller participation at all levels, internally and externally, in our organisation at local, regional and national level, and to create an environment where Travellers, individually and collectively, are continuously supported from training through to meaningful employment at levels within our organisation. Full Member organisations are Traveller-led or working towards being Traveller-led by engaging with the Community and the ITM has a role in ensuring active Traveller participation within Member organisations and the authority to investigate and address these issues”. The ITM will develop baseline data on the level of Traveller participation within the Movement, which will be reviewed biannually.



important information

Becoming a member of the Irish Traveller Movement, means you/your organisation subscribes to ITM's Core Principles:

- Working for Travellers' Human Rights & Travellers' Right to Self-Determination
- Recognition of Travellers as an Minority Ethnic Group in Irish society
- Recognition & Validation of Nomadism
- Travellers are the Key Stakeholders in the ITM, and their involvement is proactively pursued
- Solidarity with other marginalised groups & a commitment to challenge racism, sexism, xenophobia & homophobia
- Commitment to collective action, challenging structural inequalities, empowerment & participation (Community Development Principles)

Irish Traveller Movement membership criteria

1. Full Member ¹

Criteria – Must be a Local Traveller Organisation/ Traveller Group

The Rights Afforded to Full Members are:

- Receive all information from the ITM
- Can be involved in Working Groups and Regional Networks
- Invited to AGM
- Full voting rights at AGM
- Can be member of the Central Group

¹ They are:

- Non-governmental and independent of the statutory sector although many of their activities are funded by the state
- They are organised with a membership of Travellers and settled people seeking to work together as equal partners and can be organised with a membership made up solely of Travellers. The effective participation of Travellers is a key feature of these organisations.
- They have taken up a clear and proactive position in relation to Traveller issues and rights, and to the improvement of the living circumstances and general welfare of Travellers
- They work from the understanding that Travellers are an ethnic minority with a distinct culture which should be taken into account of in the provision of services
- They are committed to the principles of community development, for example, the development of strong Traveller participation

1. a National/ International Full Member

Criteria – National and International Irish Traveller Organisations

The Rights Afforded to National and International Full Members are:

- Invited to AGM
- Full voting rights at AGM
- Receive all ITM information
- Can be on National Working Groups
- Can be on Regional Networks

2. Associate Member

Criteria - Organisations and Individuals who support and sign up to the Core Principles, aims and objectives of ITM e.g. Primary Health Care Programmes, Statutory Bodies, Pre-schools, Training Centres, General CDPs, Partnerships etc.

The Rights Afforded to Associate Members are:

- Can receive ITM newsletter and general information
- Invited to the AGM
- Can be involved in National Working Groups

3. Individual Traveller Member

Criteria – Individual Travellers who are not linked into local groups and who sign up to the Core Principles, aims and objectives of ITM.

The Rights Afforded to Individual Traveller Members are:

- Can receive ITM newsletter and general information
- Can be Involved in National Working Groups
- Can be involved in Regional Networks
- Invited to the AGM

To protect the Core Vision and the collective ownership of the Movement, only full members (i.e. Traveller Organisations) have a vote at the AGM. Furthermore the Central Group is designed in such a way, that there will always be a majority of Travellers on it.

Joining an ITM Working Group or the Central Group, or participating in the Regional Networks, AGM, ITM-Seminars or Training Days are all different ways of getting actively involved in the Movement.

The more active engagement there is by Travellers and other members, the more effective the Movement will become in advocating on Travellers' human rights.