

## Objectives

1. To share expertise in research methodologies between Sussex and the Roma Education Fund.
2. To build capacity for ESRs to undertake innovative studies in their communities.
3. To develop online resources for researching Equality and Diversity that can be used by the Roma and wider research communities.

## Description:

1. 15 Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) from the Roma Education Fund attended Sussex for intensive training for research methodologies in June 2015 and June 2017.
2. The first visit introduced them to principles of critical methodologies to explore issues of Equality and Diversity. It included 4 workshops, 4 seminars and access to online resources.
3. The second visit consolidated and enhanced the ESRs' research competencies and communications skills via the production of reflective think pieces about Equality, Diversity and Internationalisation.

## Deliverables:

1. Training Programme in research methodologies for Roma ESRs.
2. A dissemination seminar which will be videoed and uploaded on to the CHEER website, with links to the Roma Facebook page.

## Progress to date:

- The Training Programme for colleagues from the Roma Education Fund ran from 22nd June 2015 to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015, with a follow-up event on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. During this time, REF colleagues followed an intensive programme of training in qualitative and quantitative research training and theoretical work on social inclusion to support them in their policy work in promoting educational opportunities for the Roma community in Europe.
- The second visit took place from 28 June to 29 July 2017. It comprised research communication and writing workshops, taught sessions and academic seminars, social and networking events, participation in the HEIM Expert Meeting and presenting papers at the CHEER seminar 'Disrupting Internationalisation Discourses: Discussing Equity and Inclusion'.

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