

Heritage

Navan Travellers Workshops Ltd is proud to present the only online photo gallery of Traveller history and culture in the world. To browse our hundreds of photographs and to find out more about Traveller history, log on to our website www.travellerheritage.ie



The Living History Project

Navan Travellers Workshops Ltd have re-created a real life picture of Traveller life in the 1950's. The scene includes a fully restored Barrel Top Wagon, a traditional tent, a flat cart, working tin-smith, story telling Traveller woman and of course, a camp-fire.



NTW Ltd recognises the importance of Traveller culture, history and identity. We also believe in sharing this unique part of Irish life with the wider community. By literally setting this scene, visitors can visit the camp and spend time learning about what Traveller life was like fifty years ago. We hope that this Living History Project will give groups an appreciation of Traveller culture and bring a vital part of our history back to life. This project is part of the Co. Meath VEC led "Crossroads Project".

So far, the exhibit has visited many local schools and groups. If you would like us to visit your group, please contact us to for more details on 046 90 27801.

Community Employment Programme

NTW Ltd's Community Employment programme offers vital work experience and training opportunities to its participants as well as supplying Navan Travellers Workshops with a viable work force. While on CE, participants avail of a wide range of training courses, aimed at developing personal and professional skills to help them secure employment in the open labour market on completion of their training. The programme employs CE participants in the following areas: Childcare, Youth work, Community Development, Heritage, Library service, Clerical, Information provision, Maintenance & Cleaning.



St. Patrick's Park Library

Navan Travellers Workshops and Meath County Library Services have teamed up to open a Library Service in St. Patrick's Park. The library offers reading activities and is open to anyone interested in reading, borrowing books, doing homework and getting information on various research topics. The library is open to kids and adults alike and arts & crafts activities are organised for children every week.



MTEI

Meath Travellers Employment Initiative (MTEI) outreach service works out of Navan Travellers Workshops Ltd and is funded by FAS. MTEI offers assistance to Travellers who wish to find employment, return to training and education or want to become self employed. Many project participants have either gained employment or availed of training since the project started.



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About Navan Travellers Workshop

We are a Traveller led community development organisation. Since 1965, we have been working in partnership with Travellers and with the settled community improving the situation of the Travellers in Co. Meath. From our busy premises on the Fairgreen in Navan, we run a wide variety of programmes and services, focusing mainly on education and facilitating Travellers to get more involved in their own self-determination. The aims of Navan Travellers Workshops Ltd are:

- To prevent the erosion of the economic base of Travellers
- To enable participation of Travellers in the education system
- To develop programmes which will encourage ownership and empowerment
- To promote respect for Traveller identity and culture
- To provide sufficient validation to create an atmosphere of self-determination and reduce dependency

Information Services

NTW Ltd produce regular newsletters. We also administer two websites, our news website is at <http://community.meath.ie/traveller> and our heritage site can be found at www.travellerheritage.ie

Get on the Bus!

This mobile Citizen's Information Office is the first of its kind in Ireland. It is a professional facility for members of the Traveller and wider community to visit in confidence for information on housing, health and social welfare etc.



Childcare and Youth Activities

We are very proud of our education and youth services programme. NTW Ltd provides programmes for children aged from 3 years to 16 years.



Pre-School

"Little Angels" Pre-School caters for both Traveller and settled children in the 3-5 year age group. It is a well-run and well-equipped facility and is a Traveller led pre-school which strives for an ethos of equality.



After-school

"The Little Angels" after-school runs from 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday for primary school children. The children in our care are supported by a full childcare team. The children get a hot dinner, a snack and help with their homework. We also run a wide variety of activities such as arts and crafts and games.

Youth Group

"The Glitter Girls" youth group is for girls aged between 11 and 16 years. The group meet weekly, go on trips and complete courses. The boys enjoy soccer and have called their team the Navan Town Wanderers as the jerseys say NTW.

Summer Project

The NTW Ltd Summer Project is running since 1983. The week of fun and sports activities for children aged from 3 to 16 years is the highlight of the year for many children in the town.

Community

NTW Ltd run several projects each year as part of our community development programme, these include an annual Traveller Christmas Mass, Christmas Card and Calendar Competition and regular trips for both adults and children to special events.



We work with as many groups in Navan as possible, sharing resources, experience and ideas. This means we reach more people on a daily basis. Some of the groups we work with include: Meath Youth Federation, Navan Community Development Project and the HSE. Working with these groups and others, Navan Travellers Workshops Ltd plays a leading role in organising such initiatives in Meath such as International Women's Day, UN Anti Poverty Day and Social Inclusion Week.

Health

Twelve Traveller women are employed as part-time health workers in the Meath Primary Healthcare Project. This project is supported by the Local Traveller Health Advisory Committee. The women provide health information and support to the local Traveller community. Our Community Development Health Worker works on many health related information and initiatives, including a quarterly Newsletter from the Project and also running health related education programmes.

