

# Lancashire Ethnic Minority and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service Newsletter

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**Summer 2019**

## All Together Now — School Linking Programme

The Ethnic Minority / Gypsy Roma Traveller Team is working in partnership with The Linking Network to develop strong and positive links between schools and communities. The team is working across Lancashire to engage schools in bringing together children from demographically diverse primary schools to explore identity, diversity, equality and community. The programme provides sustained opportunities for children and young people from different communities to meet, build new relationships, work together and contribute to the wider community.



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## DON'T FORGET TO REFER EAL PUPILS FOR YOUR FREE VISIT

Our service offers funded advice visits for all international new arrivals, including asylum seekers and refugees, which are free to schools.

To arrange support, please complete the referral form under EAL on the schools' portal.



## Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (June 2019)

June is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (<https://bit.ly/2YcilHk>) and schools across Lancashire and beyond are gearing up for lots of fun and educational activities inspired by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller culture and history. Why not get pupils in your school to take part in our 'Our Roots, Our Routes' competition (<https://bit.ly/300zF9j>) where you could win a fantastic 2 metre play mat for your setting?

If you have any ideas, or would like to reach out to us about your school's plans for GRT History Month, we'd love to hear from you! We might even be able to offer you some help or support to make sure it goes perfectly!

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The Aims of the Linking Programme are:

- To develop and deepen children and young people's knowledge and - understanding of identity/ies, diversity, equality and community.
- To develop skills of enquiry, critical thinking, reflection and communication.
- To develop trust, empathy, awareness and respect.
- To provide opportunities for children and young people to meet, build relationships, work together and contribute to the wider community.
- To provide opportunities for adults who work with children and young people to share good practice, increase understanding of the issues of identity and community in their districts and to broaden perspectives.

The Linking Project is structured around Four Key Questions:

- Who am I? – exploring identity, including faith, as part of multiple identity
- Who are we? – celebrating diversity, including similarity and difference
- Where do we live? – promoting community and a sense of belonging for all: locally; nationally; globally
- How do we all live together? – championing equality, challenging prejudice in all its forms and promoting active citizenship

This academic year we were successful in linking over 30 classes from 23 different schools, allowing over 800 children to develop and sustain relationships. We provide support throughout the project including CPD for staff, provision of fantastic resources and a neutral visit at a neutral venue facilitated by Burnley Youth Theatre.

We are currently recruiting schools for our next cohort to begin in the autumn term and for the first time will deliver a community link between parents from different schools and also welcome expressions of interest from secondary schools and colleges. The subsidised cost for schools is £250 per school. If you would like to take part in the project or to find out more contact Afrasiab Anwar or Roxana Sardais [Afrasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Afrasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk) or [Roxana.sardais@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Roxana.sardais@lancashire.gov.uk)



## FIND OUT ABOUT FUTURE U

Working in partnership with schools, colleges and universities across the county, Future U is helping young people in Lancashire explore their options for the future.

We're committed to empowering students with the knowledge and opportunities required to help them overcome barriers to progression and achieve success, through an engaging programme of events and outreach activities. If you are interested in booking any Future U activities for your school or college then please get in touch with the Outreach Officer for your [area](#). We offer a range of activities from employability workshops and university visits, to mentoring and sector skills sessions. All of our activities are fully funded, interactive and link to the Gatsby benchmarks for Good Career Guidance - please see our full offering [here](https://lancashirefutureu.org.uk/). <https://lancashirefutureu.org.uk/>



## High Sheriff of Lancashire's Award

There was a sense of anticipation as Dayanna Popa, a Romanian teenager living in Preston who volunteers her time to help other members of the Romanian community, sat in the prestigious hall at Lancashire County Council.

Dayanna had been nominated for the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award 2019 for her selfless volunteer work. She attends college in Preston full time, but in her spare time she works hard translating for members of the Romanian community with the Lancashire Ethnic Minority, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service and for Lancashire Police.

"Without Dayanna's help" Lisa Young, a community worker and teaching assistant working for the Lancashire EMGRTAS told us "I would really have struggled in the vital work that I do ensuring that Romanian heritage children, young people and families are able to access education and other vital services. Dayanna is selfless, reliable, caring and incredibly hardworking, and I'm so excited for her being nominated for this award to recognise all of her hard work."

Dayanna didn't win the young citizen award, but she was recognised for her hard work, and received a highly commended award, which is a very respectable achievement in itself. Dayanna was pleased that her hard work has been acknowledged by The High Sheriff of Lancashire, and The Lancashire Ethnic Minority, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service would like to extend our congratulations and gratitude to this exceptional young person!



## Meet James, our new Tutor Manager!



James Orme has joined our team as an EAL Consultant Teacher. James has a wealth of relevant experience having joined us from Bolton's Achievement Cohesion and Integration Service (ACIS) team and following varied education roles, including six years in the Middle East as a university EFL instructor and department coordinator in Saudi Arabia, and as a primary curriculum advisor in the UAE.

James has a particular fascination for etymology and corpus linguistics; when he isn't captivating people with these topics, he can often be found out and about looking for birds with his budding ornithologist children, and/or running (without them!)

## Multicultural Activity Days

These are fun, and very popular days run by the EMGRT service's skilled and passionate teachers in schools across Lancashire and beyond. Your pupils can participate in a range of activities throughout the day including:

Bollywood Dancing || Gypsy Flower Making || Morris Dancing || Lancashire Dialect Poetry || Arabic Script Workshops || Animal Sounds Around the World || Puppet Workshop || Fruit from Around the World || All About Poland

Find out more on our website here: <https://bit.ly/2VJfEVe>



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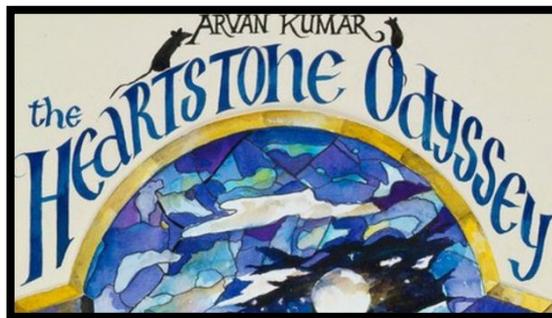


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## Heartstone Odyssey - Preston

We are working with Preston City Council, the Racial Equality Council (REC) and Lancs Constabulary to bring the Heartstone Odyssey Project to Preston.

We hope to recruit 10 schools from the Preston area to take part. Working with Years 5,6 and 7 the project will be led by Heartstone, a non-profit national voluntary organisation and will encourage learners to see past prejudice and celebrate difference.



Centred on Heartstone's fictional story, The Heartstone Odyssey, the project will:

- promote understanding of different nationalities, cultures & backgrounds,
- challenge prejudice, intolerance and explore hate crimes
- develop literacy, communication and critical thinking skills

Schools are asked to send in expressions of interest to begin the project in the autumn term. Each school will be provided with CPD for staff, FREE Heartstone books and resources and will culminate in a celebratory event to be held in the summer term.

For further information please contact Afrasiab Anwar, Community Team Leader

### Study Centres

Did you know that the Lancashire Ethnic Minority, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service runs 3 study centres, where your pupils could access for free help and support with their schoolwork and homework? These centres are managed by qualified tutors, and are delivered by the service in the key areas of Burnley, Pendle and Preston. Any Lancashire maintained school can refer pupils to them, and the sessions are popular with the pupils attending them.

Sessions take place as follows:

#### Burnley

Saturday || 10:30 - 12:00 || Burnley Campus Library Barden Lane, Burnley BB10 1JD

Saturday || 14:30 - 16:00 || BBWA, 66 Belford St, Burnley BB12 0DF

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#### Pendle

Tuesday || 16:45 - 18:45 || Ghausia Madrassa, Barkerhouse Rd, Nelson BB9 9ES

Thursday || 16:45 - 18:45 || Ghausia Madrassa, Barkerhouse Rd, Nelson BB9 9ES

Saturday || 10:30 - 13:30 || Bradley Neighbourhood Centre, Leeds Rd, Nelson BB9 8EL

Sunday || 11:00 - 14:00 || Brierfield People's Centre, 50 Colne Rd, Brierfield BB9 5NN

#### Preston

Saturday || 10:00 - 11:30 || Pukar Disability Resource Centre, 3-5 Oakham Ct, Preston PR1 3XP

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For Further Information Contact: Apu Chowdhury Mob: 07771 338879 Email:

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## New Relationships and Sex Education Guidance

We are currently supporting Kate Piercy from the Education Health and Well-being Team to produce a briefing paper to provide schools with advice for implementing this new statutory guidance. This will be published soon through the schools' portal. If you require any further advice in the meantime, please contact Kate Piercy [Kate.Piercy@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.Piercy@lancashire.gov.uk).

## Prevent for Schools

Prevent is part of the government counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) and is designed to tackle the problem of terrorism at its roots, preventing people from supporting terrorism or becoming involved in terrorism themselves.

The police are aware that incidents of terrorist and pre-terrorist activity are increasing across the county, particularly with regard to far-right inspired hate crime and hate speech. With this in mind it is essential that we are all vigilant for early signs of radicalisation among the children, young people and families that we work with and are confident in how to respond.

Members of our team are now accredited by the Home Office to deliver FREE Prevent briefings and updates for schools. The briefings will:

- Provide an understanding of the Prevent strategy and your role within it
- The ability to use existing expertise and professional judgment to recognise the vulnerable individuals who may need support
- Local safeguarding and referral mechanisms and people to contact for further help and advice

## CONTACTS FOR PREVENT CONCERNS

There are two teams of locally based Prevent Officers covering the whole of Lancashire who work with communities and our partners. They can be contacted using the following details:

**East Division: (Blackburn, Burnley, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Pendle & Rossendale)**

Telephone: 01254 353541 / 91

Sgt Katherine McIntyre: [Kathryn.McIntyre@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kathryn.McIntyre@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

**West & South Division: Preston, Lancaster, Skelmersdale, Blackpool etc.)**

Telephone: 01772 209733 / 830

Sgt James Neale: [James.Neale@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.Neale@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

**This Safeguarding Team of the Counter Terrorism Branch (CTB) : 01772 413029**

Team led by D/Sgt 1436 Maxine Monks / Email: [concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Please contact any of the above if you have a concern, are unsure whether you need to make a Channel referral or want to discuss an open case. We are happy to help, discuss and guide you. Remember it's got to be a Prevent/Channel concern i.e. there is a worry around radicalisation or extremism or potential for the same.

If out of hours and you have a concern that you feel needs **urgent action** then please consider the telephone numbers below and ask that Counter Terrorism Branch are informed.

Police Emergency 999 / Police non-emergency 101 / Anti-Terrorism Hotline 0800 789 321

**Remember, it's just safeguarding ...**

**And all referrals will be dealt with sensitively and proportionately.**



## Lancashire Equality Mark

The Lancashire Equality Mark supports schools in promoting their shared values and improve the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and their emotional and mental health.

To find about the packages we offer here and how to sign up, please click here: <https://bit.ly/2Wu1XqB>

## Well done to Chorley Astley Park School who achieved the Lancashire Equality Mark

Astley Park School, a special school for pupils aged 4 to 16 years, have used the Lancashire Equality Mark to support them in providing Equality of Opportunity for all members for the school community whatever their disability, age, gender, race, nationality, religion, marital status, maternity, sexual orientation or background.

The school have embedded equalities fully into their practice by establishing an Equality working party, including a strong link with their governors and, on visiting the school, this proved a particularly effective way of working towards the mark. At the accreditation visit, we got the opportunity to meet the school council and hear about all they have been doing in school. They had training for staff and reflected on their practice in a number of areas. Some of actions they took were:

- Celebrating LGBT History Month and World Religion Day
- Assemblies focusing on facilitating discussion and facilitating understanding to allow the children and young people to celebrate and embrace diversity
- Staff training on PREVENT, LGBT equality, EKLAN (speech and language)

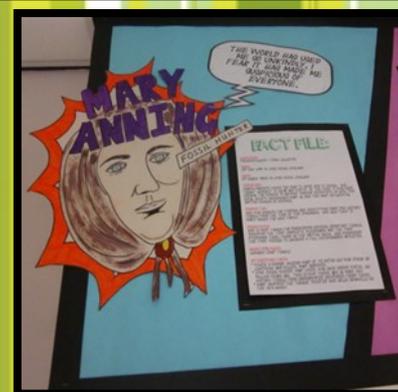
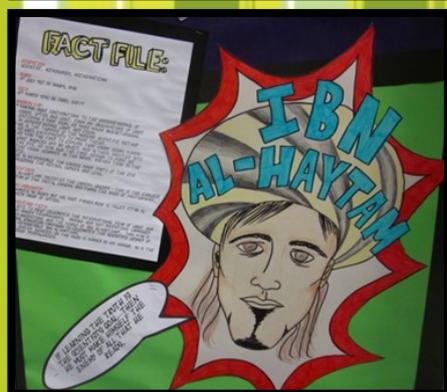
The process of working towards the Equality Mark supported them achieving their recently awarded Ofsted 'outstanding' status.



## Congratulations to Marsden Community Primary School – 3 badges in 1 day!

Marsden Community Primary achieved three of the equality mark badges – Race, Gender and Disability - in one day. An interesting way they support their pupils to embrace diversity and see how people could achieve from any background was the school's great use of inspirational role models. Incorporated into lessons and displayed around the school were role models from many spheres of life, such as art, sports and science. These role models were from a wide variety of backgrounds and encourage the children to have aspirations and believe all can achieve.

Speaking to the Year 6 pupils, we could hear about changes taking place in pupils' attitudes through the work the school had been doing. For example, we heard one of the boys coming to the conclusion that "there are no boys' jobs or girls' jobs". It was amazing to see these attitudes shifting!



## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE NETWORKS FOR SCHOOLS

We hold termly cluster meetings for EAL co-ordinators that provide guidance on good practice, give policy updates and serve as an opportunity to raise concerns, seek advice and network with other EAL staff.

### EAL Cluster Meetings June 2019

#### Focus: Reporting to SLT and Governors and identifying AG&T EAL

The focus for this term's meeting is Reporting to SLT and Governors and identifying AG&T EAL at schools. We will look at the challenges for EAL learners and how these can be overcome. To book a place:

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/questionnaires/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=774735>

**Time : 2:45–4:15pm**

Primary and Secondary Central	<b>Moor Park High School</b> Preston, PR1 6DT	Monday 17 June 2019
Primary and Secondary East	<b>Peel Park Primary</b> Accrington, BB5 6QR	Tuesday 18 June 2019
Primary and Secondary North	<b>Bowerham Community Primary</b> Lancaster, LA1 4BS	Wednesday 19 June 2019
Primary and Secondary East	<b>Marsden Heights Community College</b> Nelson, BB9 0PR	Thursday 20 June 2019

#### Pedagogy Update: The Great British School Swap

The EMGRTAS team have been thoroughly enjoying The Great British School Swap, which has been airing on Channel 4 recently. The show explores 2 different schools in different areas with different cultural and ethnic student cohorts, and how ensuring the students mix with each other builds the students' resilience, understanding of diversity and understanding of the world in which they live.

Find out more, and watch the show on catch-up until the 30th of May on Channel 4's website: <https://bit.ly/2LgXnuD>

Lancashire EMGRTAS run a similar school swapping/linking programme with Lancashire primary & secondary schools, so why not contact our service & see if your school can get involved?



## ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

We run a program of courses for school staff in conjunction with LDPS. There are courses for all key stages and staff groups. Please click on the links below to book.

**96.4% rate our courses as 5 out of 6 or above.**

To book on these courses go to <https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/courses.asp?subject=EAL>

## 2019 Courses

Course	Time	Date
<a href="#">Termly Equality Network Meeting (Autumn and Spring)</a>	1.30-4.00	19.06.19 13.11.19 04.03.20
<a href="#">Making your Curriculum Culturally Inclusive</a>	1.30-4.00	24.09.19
<a href="#">Getting EAL Parents and Children 'Reading Together' (Primary)</a>	3.45-5.45	08.10.19
<a href="#">Talk about Talk Secondary: an evidence based intervention for secondary students</a>	9.30-4.00	10.10.19
<a href="#">Understanding Islam</a>	9.30-12.30	15.10.19
<a href="#">How to integrate and teach international new arrivals including refugees and asylum</a>	9.30-3.30	17.10.19
<a href="#">Assessing, Setting Targets and Tracking Progress for EAL Pupils</a>	3.45-5.45	29.10.19
<a href="#">Using Talk Boost Key Stage 1 Intervention to Boost Children's Language Skills</a>	9.30-4.00	30.10.19
<a href="#">Exploring strategies and resources for effective EAL provision (Primary)</a>	3.45-5.45	05.11.19
<a href="#">Supporting EAL Pupils – EAL Specialist Teaching Assistant Training (Primary and Secondary)</a>	9.00-4.30	26.09.19 14.11.19 23.01.20 30.04.20
<a href="#">Improving Engagement with your Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities</a>	1.30-4.30	28.11.19
<a href="#">Exploring strategies and resources for effective EAL provision (Secondary)</a>	3.45-5.45	03.12.19
<a href="#">Using Talk Boost Key Stage 2 Intervention to Boost Children's Language Skills</a>	9.30-4.00	06.12.19
<a href="#">'EAL or SEN? Language barrier or learning need?'</a>	3.45-5.45	11.02.20
<a href="#">Dealing with Controversial Issues with your School Community</a>	9.30-12.30	11.02.20
<a href="#">Improving grammatical accuracy for EAL learners</a>	3.45-5.45	25.02.20
<a href="#">Developing English as an Additional Language in EYFS and KS1</a>	9.30-3.30	10.03.20
<a href="#">How to promote Equality in Schools</a>	9.30-4.00	13.03.20
<a href="#">Using the Early Talk Boost Intervention to Boost Children's Language Skills</a>	9.30-4.00	01.04.20

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