



## EXCHANGE HOUSE National Travellers Service

Exchange House National Travellers Service is the leading provider of front line services to some of the most marginalised Travellers in Ireland since 1980.

We are a multi-disciplinary frontline service provider offering Family Support Services, Youth Services, Addiction Services, Prison Services and Education Services to members of the Traveller community based in the greater Dublin area.

In addition, we deliver a national service through training, provision of expertise and partnerships with other organisations providing services to Travellers in Ireland.

Exchange House has been providing a professional standard of practice that has been shown to produce good results with our client group, particularly as it relates to domestic violence.

Exchange House utilises a distinctive multi-disciplinary approach. Clients are facilitated to address their individual situation and needs under one roof; from crisis intervention through to long term education and employment.

## OTHER EXCHANGE HOUSE SERVICES

- Family Support Service
- Addiction Service
- Mental Health Service
- Suicide Awareness
- Youth Service
- Education Service
- Research & Policy
- Training Programmes
- Conference Facilities

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# SUNIA GEEL 2

## Domestic Violence Project



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## SUNIA GEEL 2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECTS

The *Sunia Geel 2* Domestic Violence Project is funded by the EU Commission Justice Section's Daphne III Programme. Out of hundreds of applications made to the EU Commission's Justice Section, Exchange House National Travellers Service was selected as the only Irish organisation to lead a project. The *Sunia Geel 2* Domestic Violence Project will run for 24 months, from March 2013 to February 2015.

"Sunia Geel" derives from the Traveller language Cant. It translates "take care of yourself", and is viewed as an apt name for what the project aims to achieve - families being valued and supported.

The goal of the *Sunia Geel 2* Domestic Violence Project is to provide a framework to reduce violence against women & children of marginalised ethnic communities and ensure that their needs are for safety and support are met.

The project will provide an increased understanding of the needs of service users, thus creating the possibility of an improved response. The incidence of domestic violence and intra-family violence will be reduced by promoting a zero tolerance approach within marginalised communities and amongst those delivering social services to ethnic minorities.

## TARGET GROUPS

The target groups to be addressed by the project are:

- Travellers (Ireland)
- Sinti & Roma (Eastern & South-Eastern Europe)
- Muslim Migrants (EU Member States)

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## MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To develop a deeper more evidence based understanding of the needs of service users from minority groups in relation to professional service provision.
- To empower women & children by increasing their skills base to help them make informed choices for a better future.
- To build the capacity of marginalised communities & service providers to initiate & promote change within their own environments that will enable them to address the issue of domestic violence & uphold the rights of women & children.
- To respond to women and children experiencing domestic violence by providing emotional and practical support in a culturally appropriate way.

## PARTNERS

### **Exchange House National Travellers Service Ireland**

Exchange House is leading, coordinating and directing the work of five partner organisations in Ireland, Austria, Germany, Romania and Italy. Exchange House is the largest Traveller specific front-line service provider in Ireland.

### **IEIE, Stuttgart Germany**

IEIE has been working with migrants and people with special needs, minorities and groups facing different forms of social, economic and structural discrimination in southern Germany.

### **ANUP-International Romania**

ANUP-INTERNATIONAL is an NGO that specializes in adult education. It works mainly with the largest structured network of adult education centres in Romania.

### **CESIE Italy**

CESIE works in promotion of community development through capacity building & empowerment of individuals through the employment of innovative & participative tools & methodologies with a particular focus on marginalised, vulnerable & excluded groups.

### **Verein Multikulturell Austria**

Verein Multikulturell specializes in vocational counselling and training for migrant youths, adult education and family counselling services for migrant families.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY SUPPORT

The Family Support Service provides practical as well as emotional support to individuals and/or families. This can involve ensuring the safety of Traveller women and their children affected by domestic violence. The service and approach to the issues of domestic violence is client led and based on best practice.

Services provided are:

- Individual counselling
- Crisis intervention
- Linking women with refuges
- Support in accessing private rented accommodation
- Advocacy
- Referring to and linking into appropriate services
- Devising safety plans
- Court accompaniment
- Linking women with the legal system
- Training
- Group work