



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

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Addiction Service

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Education Service

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TO PREVENT AND COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN AND TO PROTECT VICTIMS AND GROUPS AT RISK

Sunia Geel Domestic Violence Project



SUNIA GEEL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

The *Daphne* project is an EU funded project. 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 this project under the Daphne III Programme. The Sunia Geel Domestic Violence Project will run for 24 months

"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 prevalence of domestic violence within minority groups and barriers to resolving this is Sunia Geel's focus.

The goal of the Sunia Geel Domestic Violence Project is to prevent and reduce the extent and impact of Domestic Violence within marginalised communities in Europe by:

- Providing Support to Women, Children and Young People
- Generating Education & Community Awareness
- It will also expand knowledge of effective domestic violence interventions with these minority groups (Travellers in Ireland) amongst service providers

This will promote positive attitudes and behavioural changes within disadvantaged communities

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)

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To increase the knowledge base and skills of service providers in addressing the needs of marginalised minority groups experiencing domestic violence
- To generate domestic violence community awareness and address domestic violence from within these communities
- To support the victims of domestic violence from disadvantaged and marginalised communities through the use of therapeutic interventions
- To develop knowledge and a set of generalisable insights for use in addressing domestic violence within marginalised communities

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 Greece. The specific target groups of the *Daphne* project include: Irish Travellers, Sinti and Roma in Eastern Europe and Muslim migrants across EU member states. The *Daphne* project's results will be collected and utilised to create a new intercultural model of practice to address domestic violence in ethnic minority groups. This model will be disseminated for use across Europe.

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-ANUP.

PROLEPSIS, Athens, Greece

The Institute of Preventative Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health pursues a wide range of interventions in the field of public Health.

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 REPOSE

- Counselling
- Family Support
- Group work with women
- Group work with men
- Group work with children
- Community awareness
- Research
- Seminars

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING DATES

In line with Sunia Geel's main objective, Exchange House also provides training on Best Practice when working with Travellers experiencing domestic violence.

Available training dates are as follows:

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
3rd November	26th January
24th November	16th February
8th December	6th March

Training can be held at Exchange House Offices or at participants venue of choice.