

Romany Theatre Company

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Reminiscence Interview – Transcription of Edited Interview

Date of Interview	Interviewer	Interviewee	Age Range of Interviewee	Duration of Edited Recording
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Key timing	Initial of person speaking	Transcription of Interview
	PM	<p>Well this is what I've done for the travelling community in England and Wales, for English travellers, Irish travellers, Scottish travellers. I've fought since 1968 for all travellers here, I got sites opened in London, Edinburgh, all over the country, in Manchester, and I've never stayed on one of these sites. I've been fighting for travellers rights since 1968, I was going to meetings, I've been to the houses of parliament, fighting for travellers rights, I've never got a penny in my life for this work I've done, and I'm still fighting today for travellers rights. It's about time travellers become recognized as individual human beings, all the things I've done all my life, I've been working with police meetings, council meetings, and everywhere up and down I'm known from John O'Groats to Lands End by the police and by the council because they know my name because I've dealt with them, so that's from Wales, Scotland, England. So I've done all this all my life and I'd like to carry on with this work until I found that something will be done for travellers, although I'm doing it alone, there's a few people that join us, I'm just doing it for the love of travellers because I like their way of life and I wouldn't like them to be just wiped off the map and somebody would never be known, when you move onto a site and the police come down and tell you you've got to go, a lot of travellers don't know their rights or what to do, so I go out and see them and say right, we have a right here, you can't move people off of this site, you've got to have a court order first and foremost, and by law you're supposed to bring a doctor and find out if any of these people need medical attention. We're denied water when we go on sites, on any site and without water we can't live, even the animals' can't live without water. This is the one thing that I'm trying to get done, trying to get transit sites up and down the country for people where they can pull up and pull on and have water and toilets. Just the main necessities in life, just what they need, and that's what I've been fighting for the last 40 years for and still fighting today for.</p>

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