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Glasgow Human Rights Network presents:

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Big Fat Gypsy Discrimination: What Protection Has The Human Rights Legislation Provided To Scottish Gypsy Travellers?

Cultural genocide? What protection has human rights legislation provided to Scottish Gypsy Travellers, Scotland's most marginalised and discriminated against community this past decade? Personal perspectives.

This presentation will provide the audience with views of a member of the 'settled community' and a member of the Scottish Gypsy Traveller community, both who have experienced first hand what it is to be a Scottish Gypsy Traveller (or to be associated with this community) in the 21st century. It will draw on qualitative and quantitative research from the past decade as well as personal experiences.

Presented by:

Iain Shamus McPhee: Shamus is a Scottish Gypsy Traveller, and is a member of the Scottish Gypsy Traveller Law Reform Coalition (SGLRC). He is a former Secretary of Scottish Gypsy Traveller Law Reform Coalition (2006/2007) and a founder member, as well as a Community member of Scottish Gypsy Travellers and a Translator. Shamus has extensive knowledge of history, language and origins. He has been involved in a number of research projects over the years including work at the European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest and Pavee Point, Dublin.

Ken MacLennan: Ken has had numerous posts in social work, housing, chief executive service and community development. He has worked for Tayside Regional Council, Highland Council, Grampian Regional Council, Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council. He has been actively involved in equalities and human rights issues for ten years. Ken has spoken at International Conferences including a UNESCO European Coalition Of Cities against Racism Conference in Madrid, currently Chairs the British Association of Social Workers Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppressive Practice Committee. He is a member of the Aberdeen branch of Amnesty International. Ken has been actively involved for many years with issues relating to Gypsies/Travellers.

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