

# Learning Materials

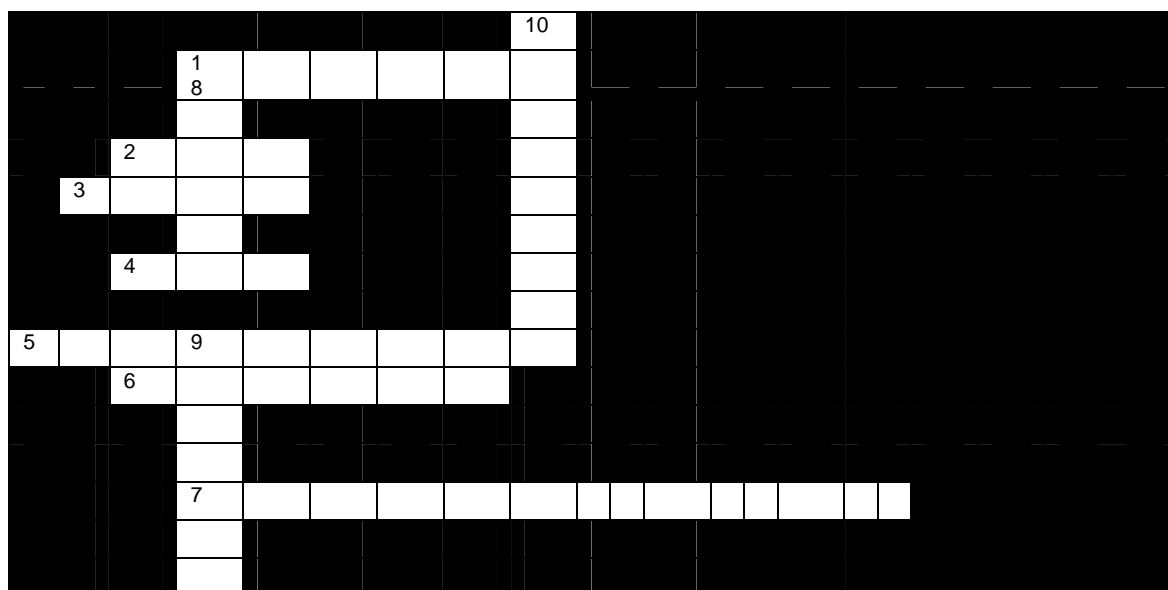
The following activities are a suggested educational supplement to 'Traveller lives'. Teachers will know which activities best suit their teaching group in terms of age/ability. If teachers developed other learning activities based on our Traveller profiles we are happy to add them to the ones we have developed below. We are also happy to place cartoons/poems and stories based on 'Traveller Lives' on our website.

## Patrick McCarthy

### Tasks

- (1) Make a timeline of Patrick's life, describe the important events in his life and draw a picture showing each event.

### Crossword



#### Across

- 1/ Traveller word that means someone is respected (6 letters)
- 2/ Some people made things like buckets out of this (3 letters)
- 3/ Used to cover floors (4 letters)
- 4/ A vehicle (3 letters)
- 5/ Patrick bought and sold this (9 letters)
- 6/ A type of wagon (6 letters)
- 7/ When people are unfair to you because of your ethnicity or sex etc (14 letters)

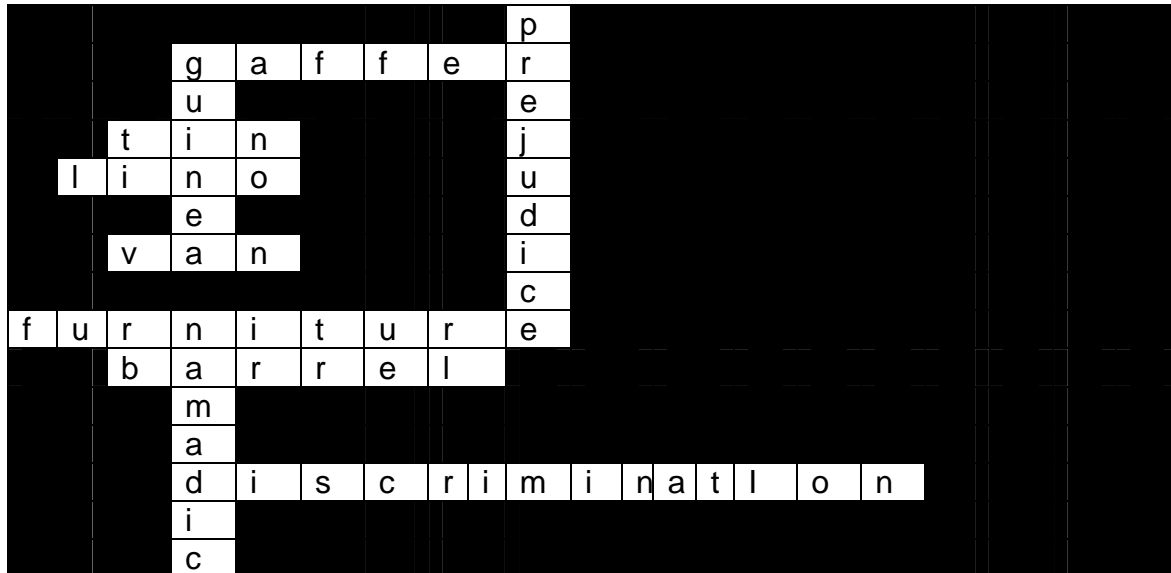
#### Down

- 8/ A form of money (6 letters)

9/ To travel a lot (7 letters)

10/ When people think they are better because than another person because they are for example a different colour (9 letters)

## Answers



(2) Write a poem or story about a day in Patrick's life either when he was young or old.

(3) Get your parent or grandparent to read Patrick's story and interview them and write down what similarities and differences there are in their lives?

Ask questions like:

- Did you work as a child?
- Do you remember when people used horses for transport?
- Did you go to school?
- Did you travel to new places?
- Did anyone discriminate against you?
- What was your first job like?
- Do you agree with the 'Gaffer's' views on education?

(4) Research – what can you find in the library or on the internet about:

- Barrel and bow top wagons
- Tin smithing
- Irish Travellers
- Cromwell
- The Potato famine in Ireland

- Cant/Gammon

- (5) Would you like to be nomadic? Write about where you would travel to and how you would make money if you were nomadic. What problems do you think you would have?
- (6) Design the vehicle that you would travel and live in if you were nomadic – show what it would be like on the inside and outside.
- (7) In earlier times many Travellers worked as tinsmiths or farm labourers picking hops, fruit etc. Why have these jobs dried up and how do you think this has impacted on Traveller communities?
- (8) A hundred years ago when transport was much less developed and few people had access to cars discuss the types of social roles that Travellers would have had travelling from town to town?

## **Bridget McCarthy**

1/ In the story of Bridget's life reference is made to the 1968 Caravan Sites Act. Use the internet to find out more about this law. What happened in 1994 to this law?

2/ List all the problems that Bridget experienced living on the side of the road. Can you think of anymore Travellers might have?

3/ You work for a council and are developing a strategy to help Travellers who are nomadic and who are temporarily visiting your area. What ideas will your policy contain? Design a leaflet for Travellers visiting your area which will tell them about your 'Visiting Traveller Policy' and which will help make their stay easier

## **Tommy Collins**

1 / Solve the anagrams – rearrange the letters to make words – the numbers indicate the paragraphs where the words can be found in the text

- 1 -brallepto gawno (form of transport)
- 2 -ggrade (old clothing)
- 2 – ceriuedt (to find someone for a job)
- 2 – lacedatuc (making a sum)
- 2 – gggbeni (to ask for something)
- 3 – kcul (good fortune)
- 3 – rrfye (a boat)
- 4 – emssleho (to have no home)
- 4 – sdronadll (people who rent accommodation)
- 5 – qelautyi (to treat the same)
- 6 – macaiprena (a person who tries to change things)
- 6– nirapsnioti (to influence someone in a positive way)
- 6 - ecjtsui (a legal word for fairness)

2/ Make a timeline showing Tommy's life and draw some pictures to show scenes from his life.

3/ Do you think Tommy had a hard life? If so why?

4/ Tommy was inspired by Martin Luther King to be a campaigner. Has anyone inspired you? What change would you want to campaign for?