**Report of IFSW Europe Regional Representative/Commissioner**

**For Delegates Meeting in Oslo, 2025**

**Please complete and send this report to** [**europe@ifsw.org**](mailto:europe@ifsw.org)

**by 24th September 2025**

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| **Your name** | **Allison Hulmes** |
| **Your association** | **British Association of Social Workers** |
| **Commission, institution or network where you represent IFSW Europe** | **Romani & Travellers** |
| **Date of report** | **24th September 2025** |
| **When did you start being the representative?** | **July 2025** |
| **Do you have a support person/group?** | **Not within IFSW** |
| **Do you wish to continue for the year 2025/26?** | **Yes** |
| **If you wish to continue, do you need a new support person/group?** | **Yes** |
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| **Please list the main events and meetings you attended between October 2024 and September 2025** | **Meeting with Romani & Travellers Division on the Council of Europe in September 2025.** |
| **Please describe other work you undertook in your role (e.g. policy work, writing, contributing to webinars etc)** | * **Initiated contact and met with the Romani & Travellers Division to discuss areas of synergy.** * **Addressed the lack of UK attendance at the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM).** * **Explored the possibility of joining the Committee in an observer status capacity.** * **Secured interest in the ROMA Model for restorative, anti-racist supervision with arrangements in progress for me to deliver a presentation in the new year.**   **Welsh Government – Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan**   * **Continuing strategic engagement as a member of the External Accountability Group.** * **Providing expert advice across the following divisions:**    + **Equality and Human Rights**   + **Health and Social Care**   + **Homes and Accommodation**   + **Environment and Climate** * **Supporting the refresh of Welsh Government’s policy guidance Travelling to Better Health.** * **These are dynamic areas with major policy refresh underway, offering a timely opportunity to embed Romani and Traveller perspectives in Welsh policy development.** |
| **What have been your main achievements in this role in the last year?**   * **Established working relationship with the Council of Europe Romani & Travellers Division.** * **Raised UK absence from ADI-ROM and opened discussion on observer participation.** * **Secured European interest in the ROMA model with commitment for a presentation in early 2026.** * **Active contribution to Welsh Government policy refresh through the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan and Travelling to Better Health.** | |
| **What themes and opportunities should the IFSW Europe representative to this institution, commission or network focus on during the next year?**  **Roma Integration Strategy 2026–2030**   * **Early indications suggest that social care and social work are unlikely to be recognised as a distinct pillar but will be treated as a cross-cutting theme.** * **This creates a vital role for IFSW in ensuring that the contribution of social work is adequately understood and integrated across each of the strategy’s key pillars.** | |
| **If you wish to continue in your role, please list your personal objectives/aims for the next year.**   * **Confirm arrangements for ADI-ROM observer role.** * **Align the IFSW Romani & Traveller Representative role with the CINGO representative.** * **Prepare and deliver ROMA model presentation at the Council of Europe in the new year.** * **Seek opportunities for influencing the development of the new Roma Inclusion Strategy.** * **Continue supporting Welsh Government policy refreshes to ensure Romani & Traveller inclusion and accountability.** * **Work with IFSW to promote the role of social work within all pillars of the Roma Integration Strategy 2026–2030.** * **Work within IFSW to ensure that Romani & Traveller voices are present and integrated in cross-cutting priorities.** * **Strengthening cross-national partnerships to align Welsh and European agendas on Romani & Traveller rights and wellbeing.** | |
| **Any other information you wish to share** | |