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

**For Delegates Meeting in Oslo, 2025**

**Please complete and send this report to** **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.**
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| **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.**
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| **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.**
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| **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.**
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| **Any other information you wish to share** |