

# Migration Awareness

## Report Card

2020

## Context and background

During the CYPSP Antrim Ballymena LPG scoping exercise in January 2020 migration awareness was raised as one of the top three needs for our group. It was agreed that migration awareness training for the group members would be beneficial to support newcomer children and young people in our area.

It was identified that the Antrim Ballymena had a significant number of Roma families and several new Syrian families so it was decided to focus on the needs of those groups in particular.

Training was sourced from South Belfast Roundtable on Racism and planned for March 2020. However, because of Covid the training was postponed to November 2020 and moved online.

# How much did we do?

Migration Awareness training was organised

33 registered and 28 people attended the training

The training first of all gave an overview of migration in Northern Ireland and needs of newcomers to Northern Ireland. The training went on to detail the particular needs of newcomers to Antrim/Ballymena, in particular Roma and Syrian families.

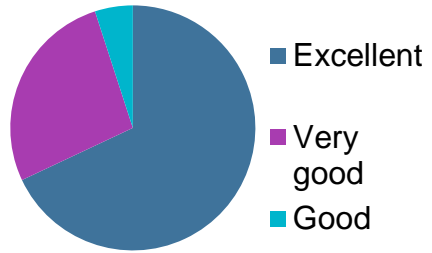
Training lasted 1.5 hours with time at the end for questions

Attendees were from the Community, Voluntary and Statutory Sector working across the NHSCT with Children and Young People.

# How well did we do it?

Evaluation was completed via Survey monkey following the training.  
22 people completed the evaluation

Overall, how would you rate the Migration Awareness webinar?  
All attendees rated the training as excellent, very good or good



95% of evaluations thought the length of training was just right

**“Informative trainer with a wealth of experience and on the ground examples-made for a more interesting and insightful learning experience”**

“I thought it was very informative and held my attention which can be challenging via webinar”

“Maybe have a personal account from a migrant of how they feel living here and their biggest shocks in NI culture!”

I would like more, I could have 2 more sessions like this giving more in-depth information and opportunities for discussion”

“Very competent and relaxed presenter, didn't seem long at all and yet she communicated a lot of information”

“The trainer was very knowledgeable. Her stories and anecdotes brought it to life”

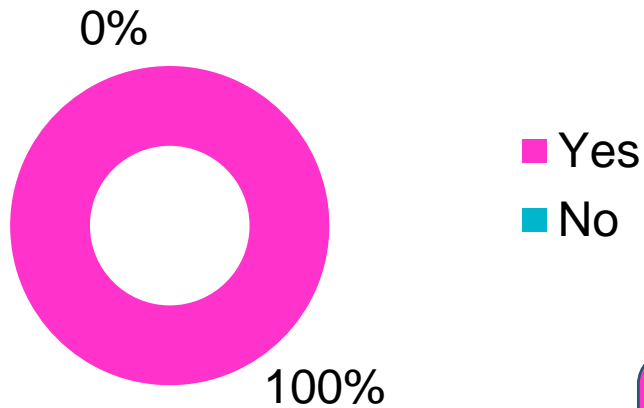
# Is anyone better off?

“Very informative on a whole range of issues”

“(I learned) some history of the cultures we are working with and rationale behind some of their behaviors and perceptions”

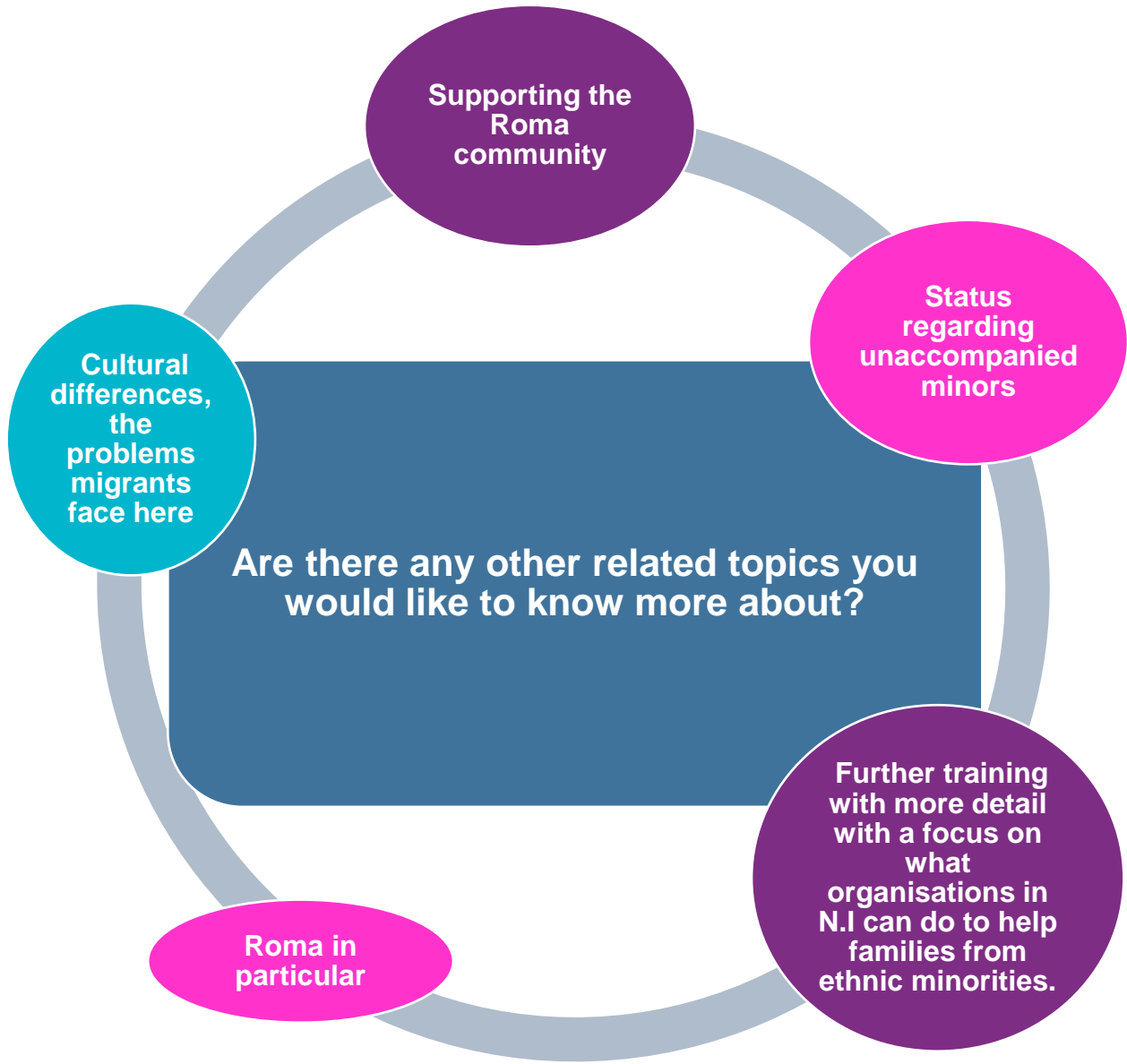
“It was relevant to my new post”

Do you feel you have improved your knowledge and confidence in working and mixing with people from different backgrounds?



“I gained knowledge about people from different backgrounds and how I could support people from different backgrounds in my work”

“(I have more) awareness, facts and knowledge of the people behind the status of a migrant”



Supporting the Roma community

Status regarding unaccompanied minors

Further training with more detail with a focus on what organisations in N.I can do to help families from ethnic minorities.

Roma in particular

Cultural differences, the problems migrants face here

Are there any other related topics you would like to know more about?