

Save the date! Visualising the Lives of LGBTIQ Roma

You are cordially invited to the exhibition and symposium “Visualising the Lives of LGBTIQ Roma” at the Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth, and the University of Portsmouth on 7 and 8 November 2019, respectively.

The lived experiences and images of lesbian, gay, bi, trans, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) Roma remain invisible to many people, Roma and non-Roma alike. Simultaneously, LGBTIQ Roma are the subject of a plethora of anti-Romani, homo/transphobic and other stereotypes. By showcasing photographs produced by LGBTIQ Roma research participants as part of this research project, the exhibition not only offers an insight into the lives of LGBTIQ Roma. It also seeks to demonstrate to various audiences ways in which they wish to be represented.

The exhibition and the symposium aim to provide third sector organisations, charities, (inter)governmental institutions, academia and other stakeholders working with Roma and LGBTIQ people with images and information about LGBTIQ Roma; and to create a constructive dialogue about ways in which stakeholders utilise images of Roma and LGBTIQ people in their communication with the public. The outputs of the research project speak to larger societal issues that have particular traction within European societies such as diversity, equality, tolerance, migration, identity politics, representation and participation in Europe’s ever-changing political landscapes.

Participation is free of charge. Venue of the symposium on 8 November TBC.

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