

Sussex research project to improve access to higher education for Roma

On 8th April - the 15th annual International Roma Day - the Department of Education at the University of Sussex announces a new three-year research project focused on the Roma community's opportunities and access to higher education in the context of internationalization.

the Sussex Doctoral School.

Funded by Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and led by the Director of the Centre for Higher Education and Equity Research, Professor Louise Morley from

University, Sweden
Seville, Spain, and

Director of Roma
"It is crucial that
Roma children
research. Working
towards a future
able to benefit from

Describing the project

structures in higher education. It will examine policies, practices and interventions for participation, produce journal articles and policy briefs, training materials, guidelines and resources and build research capacity.”

International Roma Day celebrates Roma culture, as well as highlighting the persecution and discrimination experienced by Europe’s largest and most marginalised minority. Currently, 70-80 per cent of Roma populations have less than a primary school education, and less than one per cent continue on to higher education.

The interdisciplinary team from the University of Sussex includes CHEER members Professor John Pryor, Dr Barbara Croussaud and Dr Tamsin Hinton-Smith (Education); Dr Alison Phipps (Sociology), and Paul Roberts (Doctoral School), as well as PhD researchers Tanja Jovanovic, Emily Danvers and Koroush Kouchakour.