

Law for Life & Roma Support Group: Roma Champions for Roma Families

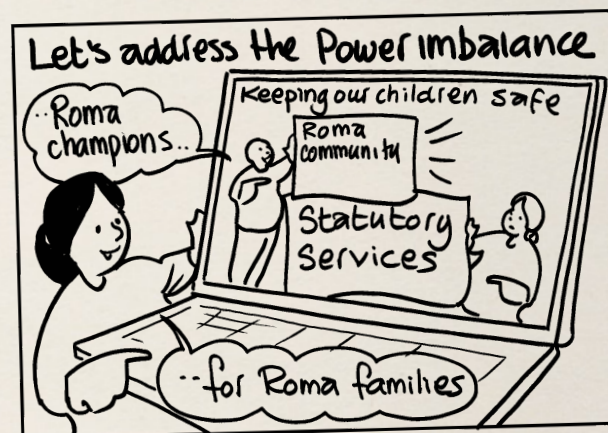
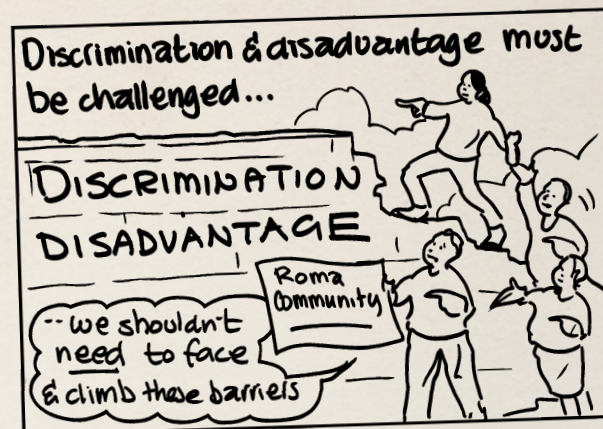
In 2018 Law for Life worked in partnership with three Roma organisations to address a significant need for knowledge and understanding about the legal framework of child protection amongst Roma parents in the UK. They produced a multimedia toolkit explaining the legal framework of child protection. The toolkit consisted of a [Survival guide to child protection](#) for Roma parents, a [short film](#) “Keeping our children safe” and community training.

The workshop explored the history of the Roma community in the UK, the barriers that Roma parents face (such as limited literacy or English, limited formal education, and historical disadvantage and discrimination in their countries of origin and the UK). Through a process of myth-busting the workshop exposed an increasing number of Roma children being looked after by Social Services.

The workshop focused on the film [Keeping Our Children Safe](#) as a creative advocacy tool. Participants felt this film was effective for a number of reasons; the use of Roma champions, speaking in Romanes along with English subtitled, the information was simplified and accessible ensuring that viewers could relate to the advice; the role of Roma community leaders put the lived experience of the community at centre of the film and thereby challenged the power imbalance that exists between the Roma community and statutory services in the UK.

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Since 1998 the Roma Support Group has worked with thousands of Roma families, offering them a variety of services, engaging the Roma community in all aspects of running and managing the organisation and promoting an understanding of Roma culture in the UK.

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