

MANIFESTO

We are not invisible, we want equality!

Roma women from Europe, participants in the European Young Voices Project, met in Barcelona, Catalonia, to learn and share our dreams and ideas in March, 2018.

The participatory processes with women have been both before the congress and after its celebration, so that it would still make more sense and be more transformative, both socially and humanly.


As young Roma women this manifesto includes our voices but without forgetting the grandmothers of our community. For this instance, we see Roma women to include, Roma youth, women and senior.


We remember:


We continue to dream of recognizing our identity as a woman and as Roma women throughout the world. We dream of a society that respects the interculturality and a society that is not based on violence or discrimination for being Roma women. Our aim is to join forces to further consolidate the network we have among us, so that together we can contribute to the recognition of diversity, of difference, creating solidarity and meaning in society.


Our aim is to create a new society that frees us from the chains historically rooted in racism and discrimination, chains that have prevented us from being heard and recognized in different areas of society. All of us are capable and we have the right as a woman, Roma women and as a person to have the same opportunities as anyone, are it man or woman.


We share a common feeling, and with this Manifesto, we declare:


 1. We do not want anyone but ourselves to speak for us. That's why we need more projects, activities and spaces to meet and share our point of view, so that we can explain our experiences and our point of view, to empower us all and continue believing that we can reach the top.


 2. We want an education that includes our voices in the History books and classes where we are also protagonists. Education is necessary to improve our live conditions, and our rights, that are why we want a fair and high quality education for us, that work the community coexistence and that include the national historical facts in each European country.


 3. Roma women need spaces for dialogue with other Roma women where we can share our experiences, motivate us to continue fighting and achieve our dreams, seeing how others have done it.

 4. We want to open new paths, learn new things, discover and meet more Roma women and strengthen our identity, to meet other Roma women from different countries; it enriches, and gives us strength to know the diversity within the Roma town, different way of living, to dream of feeling Roma and to seek our well-being. Strength comes in numbers!

 5. We want to obtain and exchange knowledge and information about the projects and actions that are carried out in different territories for the promotion of the Roma community, and thus be able to feel that we contribute.

 6. Equality is necessary, as necessary as that the Roma women are heard and taken into account like any other people and that we have equal opportunities and access in all areas of society, especially in the hiring of jobs in business, companies and enterprises.

 7. We want to make visible more Roma people as referents through European online forum, models of success that give us strength to continue fighting for our dreams and for our daughters to grow up dreaming with international Roma woman model that have achieved success

 8. The implication of public and political institutions is required in this Manifesto; we want to reach to national European governments, Ministers of Education, General Secretariats, Council of Education, even United Nations, letting us live free in our culture.

¡OPRE ROMNIA! "Yek Romni sa dalik tek querel len"