



Skills for ALL Londoners?

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Why does this matter to us?

The 2011 Census found that...

...54% of Gypsies and Travellers over 16 do not have qualifications, compared to the 18% London average

...Over 50% of Gypsies and Travellers in London are not working, compared to the 33% London average

We know that...

...7 in 10 Gypsies and Travellers hide their ethnicity

...the Gypsy and Traveller population has a very high percentage of young people

...there are barriers to getting into work, setting up a business or getting training for Gypsy and Traveller women and men of all ages

The Mayor's commitments



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw9eiYDWE-M>

The opportunities: Policy

- **London Skills Strategy**
 - priorities for over 16s with a focus on vocational skills and adult learning
- **Economic Development Strategy**
- Consultation starts in **October 2017**



The opportunities: Standards

- **Good Work Standard** - fair pay, London Living Wage, excellent working conditions, diversity in the workplace
- **GLA responsible procurement** – equality and diversity through their supply chain



The opportunities: Funding

- **Skills for Londoners Capital Fund** – Further Education providers
- **Good Growth Fund** – enterprise, skills and work support for equality groups
- **Adult Education Budget**



The challenges

- Data and evidence
- Discrimination
- Priorities
- Family support
- A comfortable learning environment
- Funding for training providers

