

# ROMANI EARLY YEARS NETWORK (REYN)

## Join Us!

Join us as we work to combat the social exclusion and historic disadvantage faced by Roma communities through creation of a vibrant learning community for ECD professionals working with Roma communities.



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## How to join REYN

To join the REYN network, send the following information to [membership@issa.nl](mailto:membership@issa.nl):

- ✓ your name and organizational affiliation
- ✓ main areas of professional interest
- ✓ how you have heard of REYN
- ✓ your contact information

REYN is hosted and managed by the International Step by Step Association (ISSA) in partnership with Open Society Foundations' Roma 'Kopaci' Initiatives of the Early Childhood Programme (OSF/ECP).



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We look forward to welcoming you to the REYN community, where we will work together to create high quality, equitable early childhood provisions for Roma children!

If you wish to join the REYN Network or register as a Blog author please send an email to: [membership@issa.nl](mailto:membership@issa.nl)

REYN Blog: [reyn.blog.issa.nl](http://reyn.blog.issa.nl)

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# What is REYN?

The **Romani Early Years Network**, REYN, is a network of emerging and established Romani professionals and para-professionals as well as other professionals working with Roma communities in the field of Early Childhood Development (ECD).

The main purpose of REYN is to serve as an inclusive professional development learning community, in which the members work together to develop skills and good practice, establish effective partnerships, and support professional development.

The goal for REYN is that, once established, the network will shape and develop its own work within the broad framework of ISSA's and OSF/ECP's shared objectives, of ensuring access and equity of care for every young child and of promoting high quality and professionalism in early years services.



# What REYN does

REYN was created to address a scarcity of resources for ECD professionals, pedagogues and paraprofessionals, as well as a lack of professional development opportunities to support those working in ECD settings with Romani families and their children.

The Romani Early Years Network aims to:

- ✓ promote "best practice" amongst ECD practitioners working with Romani families
- ✓ organize training and professional development courses (through an online learning community)
- ✓ offer the chance to share experiences of successful (and not-so-successful) initiatives with other practitioners through interactive 'blogging'
- ✓ promote the exchange of knowledge and understanding of Romani communities and cultures through study visits and exchanges



Please visit REYN's Blog:  
[reyn.blog.issa.nl](http://reyn.blog.issa.nl)

# Who can join?

REYN welcomes all interested professionals and paraprofessionals working in ECD services aimed at young Romani children (birth through primary school) and their families.

The Romani Early Years Network will particularly focus on supporting a greater number of Romani ECD professionals and paraprofessionals in the field, in their work as practitioners, managers, policy-makers and decision-makers, in line with the principle of "nothing about us without us."

