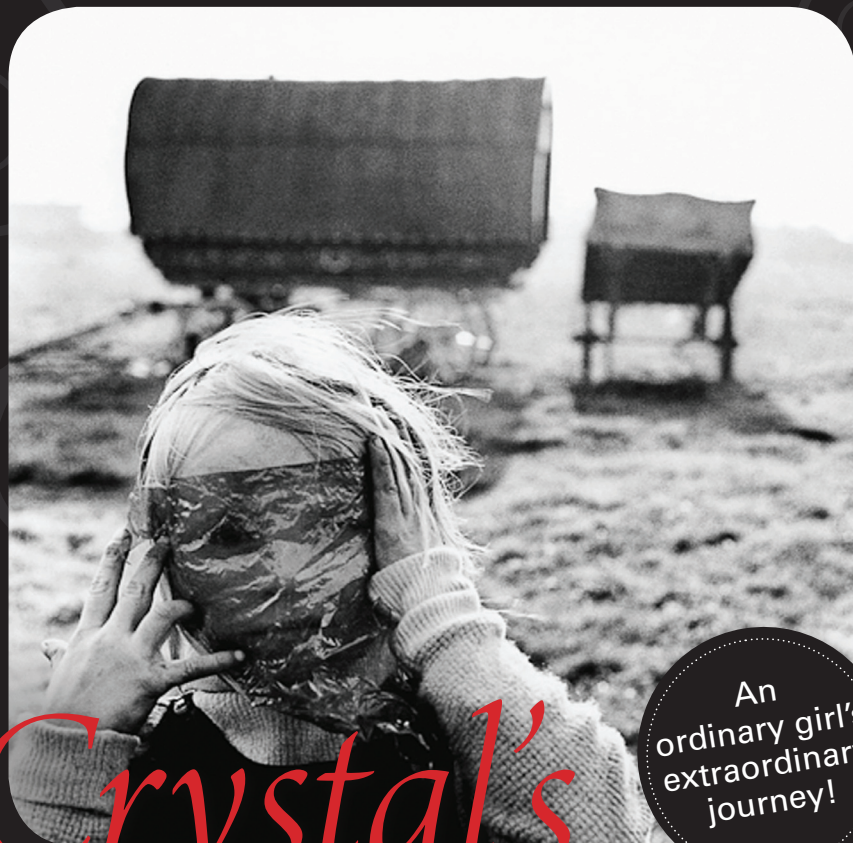




**Friends Families and Travellers**  
with **René Cassin** present a new  
play for 7-11 year olds



An  
ordinary girl's  
extraordinary  
journey!

# *Crystal's* **VARDO**

by **Suzanna King**

**Crystal is a young Gypsy girl** who is bullied at school. Desperate to get away, she runs away from home with her Grandfather's vardo and pony only to wake up in the grounds of another school, miles from anywhere familiar. At first she is wary of the school children, but realises she must trust them to help her find her way back.

As she begins to tell them the story of her ancestors, something extraordinary happens and Crystal and her companions find themselves far back in time, when the first Gypsies migrated from Northern India.

By piecing together the shards of her ancestry, she regains a confidence in her own identity whilst raising the awareness of her new friends and enabling the vardo to find its way back.

● The play will unfold employing the use of traditional story telling, music and projections.

● The audience will be invited to participate.

● The duration will be approximately 50 minutes.

● Schools will be provided with follow up work which will give opportunities for discussion, role play and creative interpretation.

If you require further information or would like to book a performance of **Crystal's Vardo** please contact Suzanna King at **Friends Families and Travellers** 01273 234821 or email [Suzanna@gypsy-traveller.org](mailto:Suzanna@gypsy-traveller.org) [www.gypsy-traveller.org](http://www.gypsy-traveller.org)



**Crystal's Vardo** is a play targeted at key stage two primary school children.

It was written in response to the continued problems of discrimination and bullying faced by young Travellers and a belief that only through education can we hope to tackle these issues.

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**Friends Families and Travellers** is proud to be supported and assisted in this project by **René Cassin**, a Jewish human rights organisation currently campaigning on behalf of Gypsies and Travellers. Like the Jewish communities, Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities have experienced a long history of persecution, discrimination and exclusion and we believe that all should stand together in the ongoing fight against racism and prejudice.