

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor..



Mayor

Martin Ward is currently serving his second term as Mayor of Tuam. Martin is also the manager of the Western Traveller and Intercultural Development Centre and the Chairperson of the National Association of Travellers' Centres.



Civil Servant

Alice O'Leary has worked for the past twelve months with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Alice completed a six month training programme with the Department of the Environment for this position.



Athlete

Hughie Maughan ran the 2007 Dublin City Marathon and raised over €11,000 for Temple Street Hospital for Sick Children. He is currently training to participate in the New York City Marathon for charity next year.



Model

Albie McDonagh works as a model for Comptons Model Agency as a result of being chosen for the Voice of the Traveller Magazine "Beauty Has No Boundaries Calendar". Albie played a major role in all the national publicity that followed.



Tutor

Theresa McCarthy has a diploma in Principles of Community Development. She has been employed as a tutor for Our Lady's Traveller & Education Centre, Cork, for the past three years and is also a Primary Health Care Project Co-ordinator.



Psychotherapist

Thomas McCann is a qualified Psychotherapist & Counsellor and has been self-employed for three years. He completed a four year professional training course in Psychology. He also has a Diploma in Community Development from NUI Maynooth.



Dressmaker

Frances Higgins has recently left her previous job with Traveller Visibility Group to start up her own business as a designer & dressmaker. Frances has a qualification in accountancy and has completed various courses in dressmaking.



Reporter

Julieanne Doorley has a diploma in Youth and Community Studies and completed a three month creative writing course. She is a report writer for Voice of the Traveller Magazine and is also a part time tutor for Co. Offaly VEC. in Birr Centre of Education.



Musician

Mary Frances Keenan sings and play the guitar and has performed with various artists around the country including supporting the Frames in Vicar Street and the Hot House Flowers.



Tinsmith

Davie Collins has been a tinsmith all his life, a skill passed down through generations of his family. Davie is also a highly skilled barrel top wagon maker and is now teaching young Travellers this trade.



Hairdresser

Sylvia Coffee completed a diploma from St. Johns College, Cork and a Master course in Wella. Sylvia has worked for eight years as a Senior Stylist and teaches LCA hair and beauty.



Businessman

John Stokes has been self-employed for two and a half years with his own start up business "Longford Waste Removals."