

## Section 4.2 and 4.3: Members from the Traveller and Roma Communities

### Who is this section for?

This section is for **HEAR applicants who wish to be identified as members of the Traveller or Roma community in their HEAR application**. If you are not a member of either of these communities, this section does not apply to you.

**Applicants who wish to be identified as member of Traveller or Roma Community must answer Yes to Questions 4.2 or 4.3.**

**You are not required to disclose that you are a member of the Traveller or Roma Community in your HEAR application if you do not wish to do so. If you do not disclose that you are a member of the Travelling Community or Roma Community HEAR will not be able to provide you with targeted support via Priority Status.**

If you do not wish to disclose that you are a member of the Traveller or Roma Community in your HEAR application, select No and continue to complete the rest of the online HEAR application form.

**If you select No**, your HEAR application will be assessed based on the other HEAR criteria and you will be considered for HEAR reduced points places through the normal HEAR competition. You will then need to provide evidence of household income for 2024 by Tuesday March 10th 2026.

**If you select Yes**, you are not required to complete the rest of the online HEAR application and you will need to provide a School or Community Reference letter by Tuesday March 10th 2026. Your application will be considered for HEAR priority reduced points places.

- **Complete the online application:** Answer Yes to Questions 4.2 or 4.3 and submit your online HEAR application by 17:00 on Sunday March 1st 2026.
- **Complete the School and Community Reference Letter:** this is a reference letter for your school or community group to support your application to HEAR.
- **Submit documentation:** submit the School and Community Reference Letter to CAO by Tuesday March 10th 2026. See [www.accesscollege.ie/hear-supportingdocuments](http://www.accesscollege.ie/hear-supportingdocuments) for a sample of this letter and for further details.

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for writing this letter for you.

**TO:**

**1 February 2026**

**HEAR Applications 2026**

**CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street,  
Galway.**

**HEAR School Letter**

Dear HEAR Application Team,

I am writing to you in my capacity as School Principal here at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address of School), on behalf of Applicant Name (CAO Number: 26\_\_\_\_\_),  
who is applying to the HEAR scheme in 2026 under the Traveller priority group category.

I wish them well in their application and in their transition to Higher Education.

Regards

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School Principal Signature

School Principal Name

Phone Number: xxxxxxxx

Email: xxxxxx@xxxxx.ie

School Name

School Address

County

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**HEAR Community Letter**

Dear HEAR Application Team,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a community and youth worker, overseeing projects for young people in our community from Traveller and Roma backgrounds. This reference letter is on behalf of Applicant Name (CAO Number: 26\_\_\_\_\_), who is applying to the HEAR scheme in 2026 under the Roma priority group category.

I wish them well in their application and in their transition to Higher Education.

Regards

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Community Youth Worker Signature

Community Youth Worker Name

Youth and Community Project Name

Phone Number: xxxxxxxx

Email: xxxxxx@xxxxx.ie

Address

County.