

Documentation and publications

The services offered by the Documentation Centre support the FSG's objective of promoting an intercultural society where Roma can fully and freely exercise their citizenship and contribute to the enrichment of universal culture.

The Documentation Centre provides documentary and informative support to the FSG in the undertaking of its work and furnishes users with a long list of materials related to the Roma community whose subject matter is broken down into: Art, culture and history; Associationism; Discrimination and racism; Education; Legislation; Interculturality and co-existence; Youth and Roma women; Language and literature; Social and intercultural mediation; The media; Population; Religion and religiousness; Health, Social services; and Housing.

The following services are offered by the Documentation Centre:

- › Processing of documents. In addition to managing the documentation generated by FSG activity itself, it is entrusted with selecting, acquiring, cataloguing and disseminating existing documentation on subjects relating to the Roma community.
- › Summary bulletins and new acquisitions and periodic publications acquired by the Centre.
- › Selective dissemination of information. It has an important collection of documents in digital

format which are disseminated via the network and the FSG website.

- › In-person and distance user services (searches, bibliographies, electronic documentation, etc.).
- › Management of FSG publications. Divided into "Technical Annals" (sociological studies, theoretical studies, teaching guides, conference proceedings, research projects and evaluation results, reports, action guidelines and strategies) and "Work Materials" (handbooks, teaching materials, classroom work-sheet material, etc.).
- › Advancement and reading workshops.



- › Management of the exhibits “Sharing Cultures, Roma Today” and “Roma Women Participating” and of the mobile resources of the “Teaching Suitcase” for intercultural work and knowledge of the Roma community.

The Centre also has a collection of newspaper clippings on the Roma people dating back to 1967. Based on this wealth of information the FSG publishes the monthly bulletin entitled Roma in the Press in digital format and hard copy which is a selection and analysis of news stories published in the daily press having to do with Roma. In 2006 a CD-Rom was published with all of the digitalised monthly bulletins and the special 8 April edition corresponding to International Roma Day. A portion of the collection was digitalised this year as part of the project *Documents regarding Roma* funded by the Community of Madrid.

Access to documents and services is free of charge. In 2006 the Centre received 500 requests for information through the Documentation Centre’s Web page, in-person queries, e-mail, telephone, post and fax.

Our Documentation Centre is the largest in all of Spain focusing on the Roma community.

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