

THE AWARDS 2020

Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Institution name	Newcastle University
Submission title or project name	ROMtels
Nominee/key personnel	Dr Heather Smith
URL	https://research.ncl.ac.uk/romtels/
Submission	<p>Gypsy Roma boys entitled to free school meals attend university.</p> <p>ROMtels (Roma-Translanguaging-Enquiry-Learning-Space) has led to improvements in the educational experience of Roma children across Europe. It employs an inclusive pedagogy called translanguaging, which enables pupils to draw on all of their languages in the pursuit of learning.</p> <p>This has led to demonstrable and significant increases in the pupils' achievement and attendance at school, and in vastly improved school-parent relations. It has also played a role in the prevention of harm for Roma pupils.</p> <p>As a result of continued reciprocal relationships with Roma families in Newcastle, in 2019 we opened the university to local families from Slovak, Czech and Romanian Roma communities as an inclusive and safe place where their multilingualism is acknowledged and valued.</p>