

## CONSTRAINTS

The intersection between rurality and equality characteristics gives rise to specific and unique barriers which we try to understand and address through research, consultations, community development activities and legislation.

**We are not doing enough but doing more of the same is unlikely to result in radical change and may inadvertently entrench barriers.**

### This is because:

- Consultations and research can reinforce existing power structures and **exploit** those they are meant to empower.
- Community development initiatives such as awareness raising or training, and legislative requirements such as EQIAs often **create silos** that obscure the reality of lived experiences.

## BUILDING MOMENTUM TO OVERCOME THEM

- **CHANGE THE NARRATIVE AROUND TRAVELLERS – not just an equality group but, like Gaelic, an indigenous culture**



- **RURAL INTERSECTIONAL FORUM**
- **EXPERTS BY EXPERIENCE RURAL & ISLAND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**
- **ROOTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS – Capacity building for Community Councils, Anchors etc.**