



## International Roma Day

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In Macedonia today, International Roma Day April 8, will be marked with several activities.

The celebration, as pointed out by the organisers, is an opportunity to remember the historical development of the struggle for the realisation of Roma rights at the international level and in the Republic of Macedonia.

- The period of isolation and marginalisation today represents only one stage of development of the Roma community in Macedonia. Today, new generations with a strong motivation and desire, have taken on the challenge to be the bearers of progress, in changes of the genetic code that result in overcoming the complex of inferiority. Today, we promote new values of the generation of young Roma who make a significant contribution to the development of the contemporary Macedonian society, say Roma NGOs "Sumnal" - Association for development of the Roma community "Bairska Light" from Bitola.

As part of the celebration in Bitola, there will be a screening of the documentary "The contribution of Roma in the construction of modern Macedonian society", which identifies important Roma people in fields of professional, social and public life in the country and their contribution to the construction of modern Macedonian society and explaining how they each in their own field, contribute to the creation and implementation of public policies.

On the occasion of International Roma Day in the only Roma municipality in the world of Suto Orizari, a culture-music event is being organised.

- The only municipality with a predominantly Roma population of Suto Orizari, on the occasion of April 8, organises a cultural and musical event, which will display the Roma folklore, traditional music sung by top Roma musicians from Macedonia and abroad, according to the municipality.