the3million newsletter



Dear EU citizen,

We are proud to announce the successful launch of our new report into the barriers facing EU citizens with pre-settled status when accessing support, and our update from this week's Labour Party conference.

New report launch

On 24th September, we came together to celebrate the conclusion of our Welfare Justice Project and launch our new report, Hidden Impact: How Pre-Settled Status Creates Barriers to Welfare.

The project began by exploring how the "Habitual Residence Test" can create barriers for people seeking essential support. However, as the research developed, people with lived experience and caseworkers highlighted a much wider set of challenges: digital exclusion, difficulties understanding rights, hostile rhetoric, lack of accessible advice and the anxiety created by having to repeatedly prove immigration status.

Our monthly Welfare Experience Forum meetings brought together people with lived experience to share their insights, co-produce the report and identify actions for change, alongside the expertise of frontline caseworkers. These experiences helped shape the research and the report.

We were delighted to be joined by our forum members, support and migrant justice organisations and decision makers, including Brian Leishman MP and a representative for Pete Wishart MP.

The discussion highlighted the importance of accessible, in-person support and strengthening resources in community spaces, as well as learning from positive experiences of Social Security Scotland. Welfare justice means being able to live with dignity, regardless of immigration status.

Read the report and find out more about what needs to change.

Read report

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the3million at the Labour Party Conference
We were pleased to attend the Labour Party conference on Monday in Liverpool, where we were able to raise issues facing EU citizens with MPs and other representatives.

Our EU Voices organiser, Piotr Kardynal, attended events concerned with the Labour Party's position on rebuilding a stronger relationship with the European Union. It also provided an opportunity to meet friends and colleagues working across the migration and social justice sectors to share updates and ways to work together.

It was a pleasure to attend the EU Delegation's reception at the conference and hear Minister for Intergovernmental Relations and EU Relations Hamish Faulkner speak warmly about the UK's important role in European affairs and the deep historical ties shared with continental Europe.

We were able to raise our amendment to the Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill, to try and gain more support from MPs. The proposed amendment would require carriers to use available verification systems, accept appropriate share codes, use alternative verification routes where automated checks fail, and prevent passengers being treated as inadequately documented simply because they cannot access an online account or digital record at an airport.

In solidarity
Ola
Ola Sobieraj is the Community Organiser (Access to Justice) at the3million

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