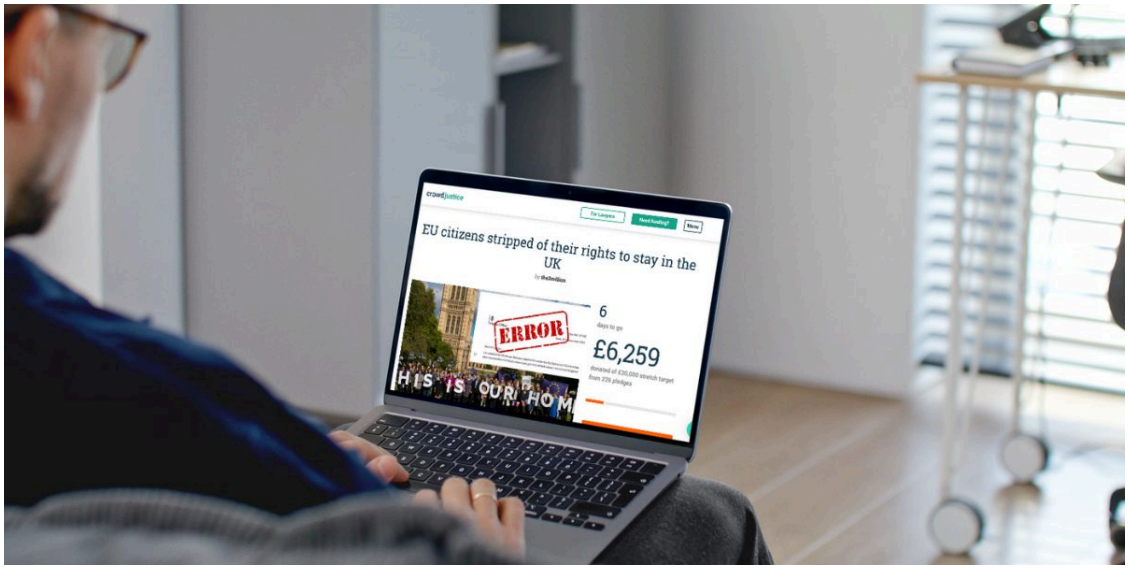
the3million newsletter



Dear EU citizen,

Update on our 'grants in error' legal challenge
As we are sure you will know, we are challenging the Home Office's "grants in error" policy, but we still urgently need your support.

It's been six weeks since we sent our Pre Action Protocol (PAP) letter to the Home Office, the legal warning shot that has to come before a judicial review. The PAP rules say the Home Office should respond within two weeks - however they have stalled and asked for two extensions already. They now say we'll get our response on Monday.

With almost 1,500 EU citizens and family members facing this issue it is far too serious to be sidelined. This is all about fairness, due process, looking at whether it is reasonable (or 'proportionate' in legal terms) to take away someone's status years after granting it.

The Home Office position on this, in a nutshell, is "We ***know*** the Withdrawal Agreement says we should do a proportionality assessment and give a right of appeal, but in these cases we ***won't*** because ***we are sure*** that they are not, and never were, Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries."

That is literally like the prosecution in a criminal case saying: “this person doesn’t need a fair trial because ***we are sure*** they are guilty”.
The point is in many cases the Home Office is ***wrong*** to say that someone’s status was granted in error.

How would you feel, if the Home Office contacted you to tell you they made a mistake with your status five years ago? That they believed at the time you were an EU citizen before December 2020 but they don’t believe it now?

This is what happened to Giovanni - who has shared his story with us for our website.

“...honestly...the worst 3 weeks of my life. And I was like, every day wishing and praying that I receive any kind of updates..”

Read Gio's story

Please donate generously to our crowdfunder.

We are working incredibly hard to get everything ready for our claim to hold the Home Office to account.

All our money will go directly to our legal costs, court fees, and the cost risk that comes with bringing a case against the government.

We have to pay the Government’s fees if we are unsuccessful, but we will be asking for this to be capped as we obviously cannot afford unlimited costs, being such a small organisation.

Donate today

MPs debate
On Monday, October 12th. Members of Parliament will be debating rejoining the European Union, following an e-petition.

We want to ensure that any debate around the UK and EU's relationship includes a focus on the rights of EU citizens living in the UK.

We created a briefing to help inform the debate, in particular explaining some of the issues facing EU citizens right now, and why it is so important that they are recognised and resolved.

Read Briefing

Votes for all
Following on from Prime Minister Andy Burnham's speech at the Labour Party Conference announcing a National Commission on Electoral Reform, we are supporting our colleagues at Migrant Democracy Project in their call for votes for all.

Currently approximately 4 million migrant residents in the UK are blocked from voting, denying them a crucial say in policies which affect their lives.

We agree with *Migrant Democracy Project* that the National Commission should not just look at *how* people vote, but also *who* can vote. You can support this by signing their petition.

Sign petition

Together with the 'Together Alliance'
We are supporting *Together Alliance* to bring community leaders, trade unionists, and campaigners together for summits in Manchester (17th October) and London (24th October).

Their aims closely align with our Manifesto for Change which seeks to create a fair, compassionate immigration system for all. Staff from the3million will be attending the London summit and are keen to use this as an opportunity to build stronger relationships with fellow EU citizens.

If you are interested in attending either summit as part of an 'EU citizens delegation' we are organising a meeting on Monday 12th October, 6.30pm - 7.15pm via Zoom.

Register here

Yours in solidarity,
Monique
Monique Hawkins is the Acting CEO and Head of Policy and Advocacy of the3million

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Report your issues



Our reports are entirely informed by you raising your issues with us.
If you or your family and friends experience any issues in applying for EUSS family permits, pre-settled or settled status, or in using a digital status, report it:

Report it

Get help with the EU Settlement Scheme



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Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Did you know the3million is the leading grassroots organisation of EU citizens in the UK?

We are grateful for your support, as we simply couldn't have campaigned for citizens' rights since 2016 without you.

If you can afford it, please donate today to enable the3million to continue to uphold the Government to account and inform EU citizens of their rights:

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