the3million newsletter



Dear EU citizen,

At the3million we have been incredibly busy working on different ways in which to defend the rights of EU citizens. You can read some of our most recent activities here.

The Home Office says your status was granted in error? We've taken the first formal step towards court!

Our lawyers at Wilson Solicitors have now sent the Home Office a "pre-action protocol (PAP) letter" - the legal warning shot that has to come before a judicial review. It sets out why we say the Home Office 'granted in error' policy (a policy that lets pre-settled status simply expire, or removes family reunion rights from settled status holders) is unlawful and gives them 14 days to put it right.

If they don't, we'll go to the High Court.

What can you do:

- **Donate** - without sufficient donations we won't be able to go ahead

Donate today

- **Report It! -** tell us if you've been impacted by this policy

Report it

- **Spread the word** - please share our crowdfunder, and tell others about our action

A note about the amount of money we need:

- We have set an initial target of £5,000 - unless we clear that first hurdle, everyone's donation is returned. This is the way CrowdJustice works.
- If we reach £5,000, the crowdfunder will automatically update its target to £30,000. We need to get close to that, so that we can pay our legal team (who are all working at discounted rates), and pay the government's legal costs if we lose the case.

"My life and my family are here. I have a wife and a daughter who was born in the UK, and we have built our family life here together. The possibility that my immigration status could affect my ability to remain in the UK, as well as potentially affect my wife and daughter's future status, causes me considerable worry and uncertainty. I consider the UK to be my home, and the possibility of having to leave the life and connections I have built here after so many years is extremely concerning to me."

"I find this situation deeply frustrating and misleading, as the Home Office granted me pre-settled status in 2020 without flagging any issues with my documentation at the time. This gave me a false sense of security that my status was valid, only for it to be used as grounds for refusal years later."

Calling for changes to support people incorrectly denied boarding by carriers

Working with the Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA), we are calling on the government to support amendments to the Civil Aviation Bill to ensure that carriers are held accountable for incorrectly denying UK residents, holding a valid immigration status, the ability to board a plane back to the UK.

We have repeatedly seen cases where carriers have failed to correctly follow current guidance, leading to a blame game between the Home Office and the carrier which ultimately sees people prevented from accessing fair compensation.

As part of our work, we have recently sent a joint letter with ILPA to Keir Mather MP, Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Logistics, to discuss the potential for a government sponsored amendment to the bill which can address the issue.

If you've been wrongly denied boarding and were unable to get compensation, please let us know by using our Report It! tool.

Read the letter

Report it

Government responds to the3million regarding relations between the UK and EU

At a time when there is so much in the news from certain politicians about ending rights guaranteed to EU citizens under the Withdrawal Agreement, it is clear that we have a lot of work to do to ensure that those rights remain protected in the future.

Together with British in Europe, we wrote to the Prime Minister in July detailing our concerns about the pause in EU and UK relations, particularly regarding the impact which this has had on the rights of EU citizens in the UK, and UK citizens in the EU.

We have received a response from the Minister for Intergovernmental Relations and European Relations, Hamish Falconer MP, which sets a positive tone for this government's

commitment towards defending the rights guaranteed in the Withdrawal Agreement.

Read the Minister's response

All the work we do is reliant on the support of you. For the last ten years we have been fighting to ensure EU citizens rights are protected, but it is clear that fight is far from done. This is just a quick snapshot of some of the work which we continue to do. This is work which not only impacts EU citizens, but migrants across the UK, and UK citizens in the EU.

In solidarity

Monique

Monique Hawkins, is the acting CEO, and Head of Policy and Advocacy, at 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



Become a supporter today

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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