

The Civil Society Brexit Project: *Information*

GUIDE TO THE EU & WHY THE UK IS LEAVING IT

About the Civil Society Brexit Project

The Civil Society Brexit Project is funded by the Legal Education Foundation. We give information and advice to organisations about Brexit.

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Who is this Civil Society Brexit Project: *Information* for?

This guide is written for people with learning disabilities who live in Scotland.



This guide gives information about the European Union. It also explains why the UK is going to leave the European Union.

Europe is a part of the world that includes 50 different countries.



The European Union is a group of 28 countries that are all in Europe. It began after World War Two to help countries work together and not fight anymore.

You can find a list of EU countries by going to https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/countries_en#28members



The European Union is sometimes called the EU.

At first, the EU only made rules about business and trade.



Now it also makes rules on a wide range of issues. These include:

- transport



- the rights you have when you buy something



- work/jobs



- people moving to other countries



If you want to watch a short film that tells you how the European Union works, go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywJS7swbqeE>

Why is the UK leaving the European Union?



Some people in the UK wanted to leave the European Union. They did not want UK laws to be made in other countries.



They thought that the European Union cost too much money. They thought that it was bad for businesses in the UK.



Some people did not like people from other countries in the European Union being allowed to live in the UK.



Other people wanted to stay in the European Union. They thought it was good to have laws from the European Union. They thought staying in the European Union was best for British people.



The UK government decided to let everyone vote on whether we should leave the European Union or not.

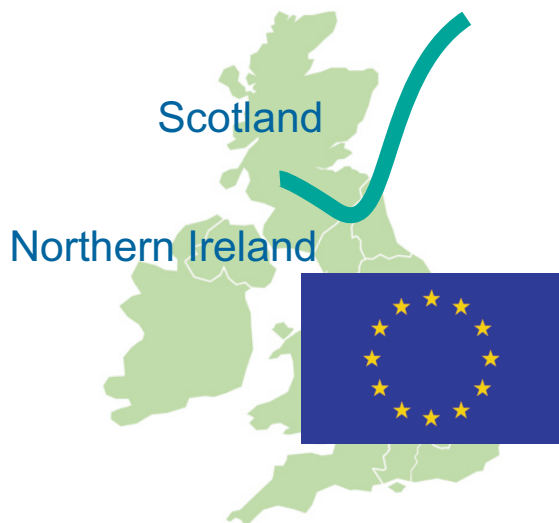


This voting was called the EU Referendum. It was held on 23 June 2016.

Referendum: This is the name for voting on an issue



People in the UK voted to leave the European Union. The number of votes to leave the European Union were only a few more than the number of votes to stay in.



In Scotland and Northern Ireland, most people voted to stay in the European Union. In other parts of the UK, they wanted to leave it.

European Union



The UK leaving the European Union is often called BREXIT because 'Britain is exiting the EU'.

Brexit: this is the name for the UK leaving the European Union



The UK government has to find agreement with the EU Countries on the plan for Britain leaving the EU.

It also has to make plans for UK law after Brexit.

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There is also information available online at www.hrcscotland.org/brexit