

The Civil Society Brexit Project: *Information*

GUIDE TO UK PLANS TO LEAVE THE EU

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.

A guide to UK plans to leave the European Union



On 23rd June 2016, people in the UK voted to leave the European Union.

European Union



The UK leaving the European Union is often called Brexit.



The UK government then sent a letter to the European Union. Sometimes this letter is called Article 50.

This letter told the European Union that the UK will leave it on 29th March 2019.



The UK government now needs to agree on a number of issues with the European Union.

They need to agree on:

- How much money the UK owes the European Union.

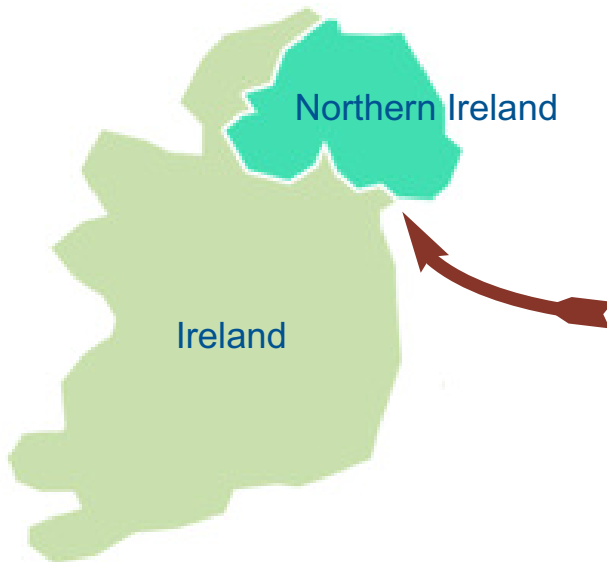
United Kingdom



- The rights of people from other European Union countries who live here in the UK.



- The rights of people from the UK who live in other European countries.



- What the border will look like between Northern Ireland and Ireland. This is because Northern Ireland is joined on to Ireland. Ireland is not in the UK but it is in the European Union.

At the moment it is easy to travel over the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland. This may change because Ireland will still be part of the European Union but Northern Ireland will not.



- Some details about laws and business arrangements. For example, this might include whether UK businesses will need to pay special tax if they sell things in the European Union



After Brexit, EU law will not apply to the UK. MPs need to agree on new laws that get the UK ready for Brexit.



Some people are worried that these new laws will not keep all our rights. Some people are worried that they might lead to less equality laws.



The Scottish Government do not like parts of these new laws. They do not like them because more laws will be made by MPs in London, and not by the Scottish Parliament.

The Government also needs to get lots of other things ready for Brexit. For example:



- Lots of organisations get money from the European Union for projects. The Government need to work out how these projects will get money after Brexit.



- People from other European Union countries will need to apply to live in the UK. They will need to fill in an application form. The Government needs to get ready for this happening. People from other European Union countries need information and help to apply.



- The European Union has agreements on how it trades and does business with lots of other countries. When the UK leaves the European Union, they will not be part of these agreements any more. It will need to work out new agreements with these other countries.



2019

The UK will leave the European Union on 29th March 2019.

Then almost for two years, everything will stay the same. This is called the transition period. The transition period will help the UK be ready for Brexit.



2020

After December 2020, the UK will no longer be part of European Union law or business agreements.

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