

EDIC team delivers sessions around North Highlands

With Brexit fast approaching, the Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) North Highlands & Islands team has had a busy summer travelling around the region to host drop-in sessions and hear from local citizens as to their concerns and questions.

Over the course of July, the team hosted sessions at libraries and village halls in Dornoch, Kirkwall, Thurso, Tongue and Wick, and were able to dispense advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects.

A key concern for EU citizens living in Scotland is their rights after Brexit. The team was able to provide information on a range of areas relating to citizens' rights including right to reside, access to education and access to healthcare.

These sessions also highlighted a concern around the uptake of the Settled Status scheme for EU citizens, with some concerned that a failure to be granted Settled Status would result in immediate negative consequences such as deportation. This is concerning, especially combined with concerns raised elsewhere that some EU citizens still believe the process to be optional.

Our EDIC team's advice to all EU citizens living in Scotland – or indeed elsewhere in the UK – is to start the Settled Status process sooner rather than later. In the first phase of over 600,000 applications, around 69% were granted, with the remaining 31% being granted for "pre-settled" status and not a single one refused outright. There are options available if you feel an error has been made, and the EDIC team and your local Citizens Advice Bureau will be happy to help.



The future remains uncertain, but whatever it might bring your local EDIC team is here to help.

Concerned about Brexit and your rights? Contact us today on europedirect@caithnesschamber.com or 01847 500108.



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