

EU referendum 23rd June 2016

Don't waste your right to Vote!

Should the UK remain a member of the EU or leave the EU?

Who can vote?

You can vote in this referendum if you are registered to vote in the UK, are 18 or over, on **23rd June 2016** and are:

- A British or Irish citizen living in the UK, or
- A Commonwealth citizen living in the UK ...
- A British citizen living overseas who has been registered to vote in the UK in the last 15 years
- An Irish citizen living overseas who was born in Northern Ireland and who has been registered to vote in Northern Ireland in the last 15 years

You cannot vote if you haven't registered before 7th June 2016!

You can **register to vote online** [here](#) in just a few minutes using a simple form. You'll need to provide your National Insurance number, your date of birth and your address.

What is the EU?

The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 28 European Countries. EU policies aim to ensure the free movement of people, goods, services and capital, enact legislation in justice and home affairs and maintain common policies on trade, agriculture, fisheries, and regional development.

The reasons 'stay' campaigners say we should stay in the EU 'Britain Stronger in Europe'

- Millions of **jobs** are linked to our EU membership, we don't know how many jobs would be lost if we left.
- Some of UK's biggest **trading** partners are in the EU, and more than 50% of our exports go to EU countries. Membership allows us to have a say about trading rules.
- We have the right to **work and travel** anywhere in the EU. Membership makes movement inside the EU simple.
- The European Arrest Warrant allows criminals to be brought to justice across the EU

The reasons 'leave' campaigners say we should leave the EU ['Vote to Leave'](#)

- **Border and immigration control** would be back in our hands.
- The UK's official EU budget is about £350 million a week. The UK get less than half of this money back, and has no control over how it's spent.
- **EU law** overrules UK law when there's a conflict between an EU member's national law and EU law.
- The UK isn't allowed to negotiate its own **trade** deals as a member of the EU.

To stay or to leave?

The campaigns to stay and to leave in the EU are in full speed, and both sides are using scare tactics to try to make people vote for their side.

Not everything what the campaigners say are necessarily true, and no one knows 100% how it is going to affect our everyday lives if we vote to leave the EU.

How you can vote:

At your polling station

- If you have registered to vote before 7th June 2016, you will be sent a poll card which includes details of where your polling station is.
- On **23rd June** your local polling station is open between **7am and 10pm** for you to cast your votes.

By post

- If you're a [registered postal voter](#), you will receive your ballot paper by post. You must return it so that it is delivered to your council by 10pm on 23rd June in the envelope provided.

Applying to vote by post

If you wish to apply to vote by post, or appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf, as your proxy, download a form from [aboutmyvote.co.uk](#), complete it fully and return it to the electoral registration office at your local council.

New applications for a postal vote must be returned to your local authority electoral registration office by 5pm on Wednesday 8th June, and new applications for a proxy vote by 5pm on Wednesday 15th June.

If you need more information about the Elections and how to vote, we at the Traveller Movement are more than happy to help!