

LDN LOVES EU



AS LONDON'S GREEN PARTY MEP, I AM DEEPLY PROUD THAT MORE THAN ONE MILLION EU27 CITIZENS CHOOSE TO CALL OUR CITY HOME.

I am glad that the vast majority of Londoners voted to remain in the European Union. Migration is the lifeblood of London, making it one of the world's most diverse, culturally rich and vibrant cities in which to live, work and thrive.

Since the referendum, the Tory Government has used EU27 citizens in London as bargaining chips - leaving them in a state of limbo, often feeling unwelcome in their own homes.

Being a Londoner is not a question of where you were born, the language you speak, your religion, who you love, or the colour of your skin. It's about being open-minded, sharing a sense of humanity, and remaining united in our diversity.

WE ARE LONDONERS | WE ARE EUROPEANS | WE ARE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

IT'S TIME TO MAKE OURSELVES HEARD!

(*Please see scottainsliemep.org.uk/LDNlovesEU for references)

HEALTHCARE

- One third of all EU27 nationals staffing the NHS work in London
- Royal Brompton is the UK hospital most reliant on these staff, with 28% of doctors and 27% of nurses from the EU27
- Since the referendum, over 10,000 EU27 staff have quit the NHS which is heading for a recruitment crisis with 40,000 nursing vacancies

TAKING CARE OF OUR AGEING POPULATION

SMALL BUSINESSES

- One fifth of all small employers in the UK rely on staff from the EU27
- 1 in 7 start-up entrepreneurs in London are EU27 nationals
- 95% of small businesses have no experience of using the complex immigration system currently used to recruit non-EU workers

KEEPING OUR HIGH STREETS VIBRANT

CONSTRUCTION

- 28% of workers in London's construction industry were born in the EU27
- Half of London's home-building workforce is from an EU27 country
- Without these workers the Government cannot meet its target of building 300,000 homes a year

BUILDING THE HOMES THAT LONDONERS NEED

HOSPITALITY

- More than a third of workers in London's hospitality sector are EU27 nationals
- 75% of the UK's waiting staff, 37% of housekeepers and 25% of chefs are from the EU27
- Without any new EU migration or an increase in British applicants, the industry could face a shortfall of more than 60,000 jobs each year

BRINGING THE FLAVOURS OF THE WORLD TO OUR CITY

"IT LOOKS MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO ME THAT I WILL BE FORCED OUT OF THE UK BY A HOSTILE GOVERNMENT THAT HAS NO EMPATHY NOR APPRECIATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOSE TO BUILD THEIR LIVES HERE AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SOCIETY."

Ina Ballik

originally from Germany, who came to the UK in 2006

HELP TO SHOW THE WORLD WHY LDNLOVESEU

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Record a video telling the world what you love about living in London, and why its diversity is important to you



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