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ABOUT THE STUDY

EU families and "Eurochildren" in Brexiting Britain investigates the impact of the EU referendum on the EU families living in the UK. It is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of *The UK in a Changing Europe* initiative.

ABOUT IRIS

Established in 2012, the Institute for Research into Superdiversity at the University of Birmingham has rapidly become one of the world's leading research institutes dedicated to advancing knowledge and expertise in the field of superdiversity.



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EU FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN IN BREXITING BRITAIN

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INTERROGATING BELONGING IN BREXITING BRITAIN

The UK has been a member of the European Union for over 40 years. During this period there has been intermingling of people and institutions which can be most clearly seen in the growing number of bi- and mixed-nationality EU families in the UK. Their children, many of whom born in the UK, grew up in Britain, speaks English as their first language and hold a British passport. This is a growing, and yet understudied and underreported, segment of British society. In a post-EU referendum context, where the rhetoric about curbing EU immigration has permeated political, media, and popular narratives, producing a stark 'us and them' divide, the question left unasked and unanswered is: what are the human and emotional costs of this abrupt geopolitical shift when 'us' and 'them' are one and the same?

To address this question, the project will:

- Create a detailed profile of EU families in the UK and how it has changed over four decades.
- Investigate how families with at least one EU27 member experience and respond to the process of exiting the EU.
- Examine the impact of the EU referendum and its aftermath on "Eurochildren", looking at how they articulate their sense of belonging in relation to the UK and EU.

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Migrant Voice, migrant-led charity set up to develop the skills, capacity and confidence of members of migrant communities and develop greater understanding and support for migrants' rights.

The 3 Million, not-for-profit organisation campaigning to safeguard and guarantee the rights of EU citizens in the UK and British citizens in Europe after Brexit.

