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Stop Brexit dogma destroying ERASMUS study rights, says Rejoin EU Party as it launches campaign

Since leaving the EU and despite several guarantees to the contrary, this year UK students lose the right to study abroad under the ERASMUS scheme.

Today, the Rejoin EU Party is launching a signature campaign in partnership with ActionStorm aimed at getting government to re-think this unnecessary & mean spirited move, not least because it has absolutely nothing to do with the UK's membership of the EU.

The petition can be found at

<https://actionstorm.org/petitions/stop-brexit-dogma-destroying-erasmus-study-rights-sign-our-petition-now-62068c8633462>

Party leader Richard Hewison said: "ERASMUS has nothing to do with membership of the EU. Indeed, the UK government guaranteed our continued membership of the scheme in early 2020, only to do a complete U-turn at the end of the year.

"Even if the 2016 vote had been about ERASMUS, nobody currently under the age of 24 was given any say in the matter and these are the people who have had their rights to a full education taken away."

Party chairman Andrew Smith added: "Since 1987, more than 3.3 million students have benefited from the educational, cultural & linguistic benefits of studying in other countries & languages across the EU. Every year, approximately 16,000 UK students were part of this.

"Anecdotal evidence from participants show this is almost always a life-changing experience, giving people a broader perspective on the world and leading to them interacting with groups they would often not come into contact with otherwise. It would be a tragedy and frankly a scandal if future generations were denied that opportunity."

Notes for editors:

The Rejoin EU party is campaigning to re-join the EU because we believe the UK belongs at the heart of Europe and re-joining is the only way to solve the problems Brexit has created. Brexit is broken and it's breaking our country too. All the promises on which Brexit was sold to the electorate in 2016 are now increasingly exposed as fantasy. Far from bringing the promised reduction in red tape and bureaucracy and providing £350m a week for the NHS, Brexit makes trading with the crucial European market more complex, difficult and expensive and threatens to reduce funding for public services. Sectors such as farming, fisheries & financial services, supposed to benefit from Brexit, now face an uncertain future. If you agree Brexit is making our country poorer, less tolerant and less united, join us and send a message to Westminster that you want your EU membership back, along with all its freedoms and benefits.

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