



EU BAH GUM!

YORKSHIRE VOICES ON BREXIT

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Artworks Creative Communities, in partnership with filmmakers CameraShy CIC, and working with a team of local community volunteers bravely put together a project idea that addressed some of the issues that have arisen and divided public opinion and communities following the 2016 EU Referendum.



'EU Bah Gum! Yorkshire Voices on Brexit' is a community-led film project that travelled around the Yorkshire region holding filmed debates that captured the state of limbo caused by Brexit and took place in the 6-months leading up to the original January 2019 withdrawal agreement deadline. We invited people, from both the Leave and Remain perspective, to share their views and stories with each other at a series of conversation cafes called 'Brexit Break-up Cafes'. The film is a collection of the debates from the cafe sessions and includes voxpops and interviews.

This film captures a very specific moment of British history. By and large the debates were positive; individuals were mostly respectful of people with differing opinions and importantly we all listened.

Despite the binary voting choice, the reasons for voting Leave and Remain were varied, responses were often emotional and some post-referendum experiences were troubling. Some of the issues that influenced people's voting decision, these included: concerns regarding the NHS, opportunities for young people and employment, freedom of movement, ensuring on-going EU working, trade, maintaining workers' rights, unfair restrictions due to EU sanctions and lack of immigration control.

At the time of filming it was still unclear where we would be with the negotiations come the official Brexit date of the 29th March 2019.

The important question throughout this project was: *How can we come together as a community to support each other through these changing times?* This film demonstrates that people can do just that and we hope that it prompts further discussion.

Link to film: [EU Bah Gum! Yorkshire Voices on Brexit](#)

The film premiered at an open public screening held at the Delius Arts & Cultural Centre in Bradford on Thursday, 21st March 2019 - a week before the original date of Brexit.

Over 60 people attended the event which included a post-film panel discussion moderated by Dermot Bolton of Politics in Pub, featuring Penny Wangari-Jones, Activist & Campaigner from the Racial Justice Network, Prof. Stephen Coleman, Professor of Political Communication at the University of Leeds and Zulfi Hussain MBE, CEO of Global Promise.

The EU Bah Gum! Yorkshire Voices on Brexit film premiere received live coverage from BBC Look North, further media coverage in the lead up to the event included interviews with Bradford local radio station BCB, BBC Radio Leeds, a BBC iPlayer interview as part of 'We Are Bradford' and a live interview on BBC Radio 5.

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