Enacting European citizenship – Citizens’ dialogue with MEPs and the book launch

Venue: Berrill Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA; 19 September 2013, 1.30pm

NCVO, The Open University and CSV in partnership with the European Parliament are pleased to invite you to a book launch and a dialogue with MEPs and civil society organisations to discuss citizenship rights within the EU.

1:30 - Registration
1:40 - 1:45 Welcome by The Open University & NCVO
1:45 – 3:00 Panel discussion on European citizenship

Chair: Oli Henman, NCVO
- Professor Engin Isin (Open University): the concept of citizenship in Europe
- Keith Taylor, Green MEP for SE England: What can citizens do to access the EU? What rights are supported by the EU? What needs to change to improve dialogue?
- Anneliese Dodds Labour MEP candidate for the SE: What can citizens do to access the EU? What rights are supported by the EU? What needs to change to improve dialogue?
- Antony Hook Liberal Democrat MEP candidate for the SE: What can citizens do to access the EU? What rights are supported by the EU? What needs to change to improve dialogue?
- Q&A: 20-30 mins

3:00 – 3:25 Coffee break
3:25 – 4:40 Panel discussion on claiming and exercising EU rights

Chair: Duncan Tree, CSV
- Niccolo Milanese (European Alternatives): European Citizens Initiative; EU joint campaigns; how to shape policy from citizen perspective
- David Kerr (Citizenship Foundation): Rights as an EU citizen; how to engage with the EU legislative process; how to access your rights as an EU citizen
- Professor Michael Saward (University of Warwick, the co-editor of ‘Enacting European Citizenship’): What does the EU mean in a changing geopolitical context; rights of minority groups
- Q&A: 20-30 mins

4:40 – 5:00 Short interviews with local citizens, speakers and participants
5:00 – 6:00 Refreshments and book launch of ‘Enacting European Citizenship’