

Grassroots for Europe – Round Table # 36 Campaign Asks

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Campaign Asks & Updates

Save Freedom of Movement: We work to promote better understanding of FOM x4 (& FOM of People) because it's such a key factor to helping us rejoin the EU.

We've found it helpful to talk about FOM of People as enabling three things:

1. Travel/Mobility
2. Work/Career
3. Settlement.

Because when you look at it this way, the UK government probably only intended to end numbers 2 and 3.

If all we ever do is talk about migrants, then people will assume that FOM is ONLY about migration.

We have campaigns for people in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Cyprus, and Italy. We have also brought together around 12,000-part year residents/dwellers who are campaigning to improve mobility for everyone. The movement keeps growing.

My campaign ask would be to direct any "seasonal workers, itinerant workers, second homeowners, part year residents, business owners, authors, freelancers".... anyone who was/is MOBILE between multiple countries... please ask them to follow @saveFOM and get in touch with us (DMs are open). <https://twitter.com/savefom>

If I can be of any assistance to any of your campaigns in terms of communicating about Freedom of Movement or associated messaging, please feel free to email me andrew@andrewhesselden.com

Another Europe is Possible:

As EU free movement is for the most part about workers' rights in the broad sense, it's important to not shy away from emphasising this dimension - especially as thinking about it as a set of workers' rights could be helpful in a context where workers' rights are very limited and workers' action like strikes well supported. Zoe and I wrote this a few years ago - still all too relevant <https://www.anothereurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/aeip-free-movement-final-web.pdf>

City of Sanctuary

Encountering the other can change hearts/minds so in Middlesbrough the people who say 'Stop the boats' should be encouraged to get involved in City of Sanctuary <https://tees-valley.cityofsanctuary.org/>

IMIX is a team of professional communication experts who want to change the conversation about migration and refugees to create a more welcoming society.

They help refugees and migrants tell their story

<https://imix.org.uk/?cn-reloaded=1>

New Europeans UK and **Unlock Democracy** have launched a joint campaign for UK parliamentary constituencies for Brits abroad. Let me know if anyone would like to join our monthly online meetings else.kvist@neweuropeans.uk

<https://neweuropeans.uk/2023/05/09/a-campaign-for-overseas-constituencies/>