



What does it mean to be an EU citizen? Human Rights, Civic Rights, Entitlements and Obligations

Monday 11 March ~ 9.30am – 4.30pm

NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast BT15 2GB

9.30am	Welcome & Introduction Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
9.45am	Conference Opening Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
10.00am	European Perspectives on EU citizenship Frédérique Berrod, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg
10.20am	Dr Hynek Böhm, Technical University of Liberec
10.40am	Irish Perspectives on EU citizenship Eilis Barry, CEO, FLAC
11.00	Daniel Holder, Deputy Director, CAJ
11.20am	REFRESHMENTS
11.40am	Case Studies Emma De Souza, Rights & Justice Collective NI (TBC)
12.00pm	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
1.00pm	LUNCH
2.00pm	Projects using European instruments and law locally Seán Brady, Participation & Practice of Rights Annmarie O’Kane, Border People Dr Claire McCann, Human Rights Consortium
2.40pm	How Human Rights have shaped European values and peacebuilding in Ireland and other European conflict regions Duncan Morrow, Ulster University
3.10pm	EU Peace-funded Human Rights Projects Ashton Community Trust – Building Positive Relations Migrants Rights Centre Ireland – Crossing Borders Breaking Boundaries Politics Plus- The Next Chapter
3.40pm	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
4.30pm	CLOSE



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We are pleased to announce the speakers for this event, to take place at the office of NICVA at 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast BT15 2GB on Monday 11 March. The conference will be opened by Mr Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

The morning keynote speaker is Professor Frédérique Berrod who is Professor of Public Law at the University of Strasbourg's Institute of Political Studies where she teaches EU law. She is also a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges and trains French and foreign officials in European affairs at ENA.

Our keynote speaker in the afternoon is Professor Duncan Morrow, Director of Community Engagement at Ulster University. Professor Morrow has published widely in the fields of conflict resolution, Northern Ireland politics and the relationship between religion and politics. He is former Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.

Other speakers include:

- Dr. Hynek Böhm is Assistant Professor at the Technical University Liberec in the Czech Republic, where he specialises in political geography, cross-border cooperation and border studies.
- Ms Eilis Barry, Chief Executive of Free Legal Advice Centres and a barrister specialising in all aspects of employment law, anti-discrimination and equality.
- Mr Daniel Holder, Deputy Director, Committee for the Administration of Justice. He is a member of the BrexitLawNI team, a collaborative project between the Law Schools of Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University and CAJ researching the constitutional, conflict transformation, human rights and equality consequences of Brexit.

There will also be presentations from the Irish Travellers' Movement (TBC), Ms Emma De Souza, and a number of projects using European instruments and laws locally and projects funded by the EU Peace programme that are applying a rights-based approach to their work.

Everyone welcome – but please register to attend [REGISTER HERE!!](#)

Since the publication of the EU Commission's 'White paper' in March 2017, reflections on the future of Europe have taken a growing place on the European and national political agendas. Euroscepticism and rising populism reveal the urgent need to engage civil society in this debate and this is particularly true in border regions. Despite conflictual past experiences, cross-border flows and intercultural engagement have become a part of many citizens' everyday life. Nevertheless, these regions have not been spared by the rise of populism and the growth of Euroscepticism.

This event is part of a Transfrontier Euro Institut Network (TEIN) project – ***Engaging civil society in border regions for the future of Europe*** – funded by the EU Europe for Citizens programme. TEIN formed in 2010, now brings together 15 partners from 9 border regions in Europe. Its partners are universities, research institutes and training centres which are dedicated to the practical business of cross-border cooperation in Europe, all with deep knowledge of their borders' specificities. The Centre for Cross Border Studies is a founder partner of the TEIN.

This event is the first in a series of five one-day forums, each held in a different border region* and including both a European as well as local dimension. The five seminars will address topics related to the future European political agenda; encouraging citizens to debate their ideas, fears and suggestions for the future of Europe. Participants will be invited to reflect on how they profit from the EU, which aspects need to be improved from their point of view and what they would like to change.