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Protest against the threat to rights posed by Brexit

On Saturday 12th October from 14:00, people from all walks of life will gather around Smith Square, Tufton Street, and outside the Home office in London to speak about the threat that Brexit poses to their rights at Rally 4 Our Rights (R4OR).

Over three million EU27 Citizens in the UK, and around one-and-a-half million UK citizens in the EU27, have been left in limbo for over three years. In the UK EU27 citizens must apply to be permitted to stay in their own homes, but the Settled Status Scheme has already been shown to be error-prone and unfit for purpose. The prospect of a No Deal Brexit leaves most UK citizens in EU27 countries in a further state of uncertainty about their lives and livelihoods. Non-EU citizens in the UK already face a daily struggle against a deliberately inhumane immigration system, and future plans will make lives even harder and more insecure.

Jessica Simor QC, who is speaking at the rally, said:

*Brexit is the biggest removal of rights and freedoms ever by a 'liberal democracy'.
And it bodes ill for the continuation of liberal democracy in this country.¹*

But this assault on rights and freedoms is not limited to those groups. All UK citizens are being stripped of rights - to Freedom of Movement, to appeal to the European courts - directly and other rights they and non-UK citizens in the UK rely on such as employment rights, consumer rights, the right to equal treatment, and to a safe environment will no longer be guaranteed, but instead contingent on the whims of future governments.

No Deal Brexit would even threaten people's most basic rights of access to food and medicine. Benjamin Ward, of Human Rights Watch has said that:

*Given the ideological hostility to human rights from some senior Cabinet members
and advisors to Boris Johnson, people are right to fear that no-deal Brexit
could see their EU-related rights go up in smoke.²*

R4OR will not try to replicate the other excellent and much bigger pro-Remain events. It will be serious, peaceful and determined and by those people who are not usually given a voice but who have the most to lose from Brexit, and particularly a No-Deal Brexit.

In addition to named speakers, who will be announced soon, those attending will be given the podium to speak about the rights they rely on and the effect that this threat to their rights will have on their lives. They will speak in front of the EU office on Smith Square about the importance of the rights they now have; outside 55 Tufton Street, HQ of multiple anti-rights groups about the wider threat to our society; and outside the Home Office which should be the main protector of rights in the UK about what it will mean for them to lose the rights they rely on.

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R4OR is being organised by Final Say For All and Voices for Europe, with the support of In Limbo, RIFT, Europeans United, Remainer Now, Breman in Spain, SODEM, Brexpat's Hear Our Voice, Young European Voices, Farmers Against Brexit, British in Italy, New Europeans, and Women 4 Europe.

R4OR and all of the groups involved in it also support the People's Vote March taking place on 19th October. That was originally scheduled for the 12th October, and the change of date was only announced in late August, so R4OR was organised, in the first instance, for and by the very many who had already made unmoveable plans to travel to London for that march.

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¹ <https://twitter.com/JMPSimor/status/1178646911680733185?s=20>

² <https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/07/29/no-deal-brex-it-looming-disaster-rights>