



Citizen Portraits

We are hoping to begin with a series of Citizens Portraits. Our aim is to illustrate the diversity of our populations in Europe, to challenge the stereotype of the Brit abroad and to give some parameters to our study in terms of types of experience in relation to Brexit.

Could we please tell your story?

It only needs to be 2 - 4 paragraphs long (longer if you wish, of course).

We would like it in your own words as much as possible, but we are happy to write it for you if you prefer, just send us the information in a sketchy form.

It can be in your own name or anonymous. If anonymous we would change a few personal details as well as your name.

We would also like a photo if you send us one. This can be a photo of you, or something you feel represents your story.

If you have other ideas for how to tell your story (even a video, or podcast) please do [get in touch](#).



Portrait Example

Ken and Barbara moved to Spain in 1982. He had been working as a fireman and was made redundant in 1979, when in his late fifties. Barbara was not working. Ken was unable to find work again, and their children had grown up, so they sold their home in the UK, invested all their capital in a small restaurant in Torremolinos, rented an apartment nearby, said farewell to all their neighbours, friends and family and set off to start a new life. In 2006, they sold their restaurant, bought a caravan on a fixed site in Essex and now spend half the year in their rented flat in Spain and half in the UK. They were very happy, enjoying their new, retired lifestyles for several years. But eventually, they decided to settle in Spain permanently. They have Spanish pensions as well as UK ones, and live in rented housing in fairly comfortable conditions. In the Brexit referendum, Ken and Barbara had no right to vote, because they had been living outside the UK for over 15 years. They don't think Brexit will affect them much, but they are worried about the effect on the exchange rate between the pound and the Euro, and they worry for their friends, many of whom rely on the Spanish health service and the reciprocal arrangements between the UK and other European countries.

- **Please be assured that all your personal information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.**
- **When you respond, please let us know if you are happy for the materials you provide to be posted on our website. If you want to keep them private, that is fine.**
- **Please also let us know whether you are happy to use your real name or if you would like to be anonymous. Either is fine with us.**
- **If you are sending us photographs, videos or audio recordings, please make sure that you own the copyright (whoever takes the photo owns the copyright). Please talk to us if you aren't sure.**
- **If you decide to participate in this activity you are still free to withdraw at any time until 31st August 2018 when the data will have been analysed.**

