

ALLIANCE FOR FREE MOVEMENT



In the context of Brexit, the free movement of people has found itself at the top of the political agenda – in parliaments, political movements and trade unions. But the debate has become narrow and negative, and dominated by anti-migrant propaganda.

The Alliance for Free Movement exists to break out of the current situation – to champion the right to live, work, study and retire abroad. We want to defend and extend the freedom to move. Migrants have not run down our public services, failed to build proper housing or caused a race to the bottom on wages or conditions. These are the results of political choices made by governments and corporations.

The Alliance for Free Movement will be launching a series of events and campaigns in partnership with a variety of organisations, unions and campaigns. We will work across party lines, and with supporters from a variety of different political viewpoints.

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THE CASE FOR FREE MOVEMENT

A wave of hatred is sweeping Britain, with migrants blamed for a range of social ills. In fact, the free movement of people can build our collective power and creativity in the face of attempts of the super-rich to turn the world into a gigantic marketplace in which we are all isolated individuals competing against one another in a race that never ends. Fear and hate further drives this isolation and undermines our ability to cooperate.

While we cannot ignore the concerns of anyone struggling and feeling insecure in a country that still has huge but concentrated wealth, we cannot pander to anti-immigrant sentiment in a race we cannot win and should never want to. A democracy must defend the most vulnerable in society – all of them. And we must provide the services and homes for people who come to this country who add to its economy and its culture.



In all societies where there are significantly greater freedoms for business and for capital than for workers, then in practice workers' rights are severely curtailed... The Tory anti-foreigner policy would devastate our public services. It is already lowering living standards. It will lead to job losses. The majority will be worse off, and we have an alternative – investment-led growth.

■ **Diane Abbott MP, Shadow Home Secretary**



Our society and our economy are much richer because people come here to make a life for themselves. Instead of apologising for free movement, we should be celebrating it – and making it work for everyone.

■ **Caroline Lucas, Green MP for Brighton Pavilion**



We must not concede the principle. If we say that we want your goods but not you, we downgrade people and make them of less worth than the things we produce.

■ **Chi Onwurah, Labour MP for Newcastle Central**