

ALL CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED
IN DECIDING HOW OUR COUNTRY IS GOVERNED

LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN

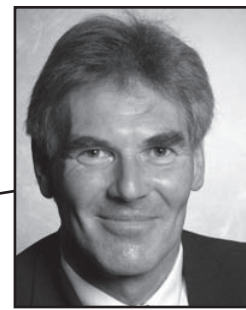
THE CITIZENS' CONVENTION BILL

A Bill to establish a Citizens' Convention to facilitate the involvement of people from all sections of society in deciding the way in which the United Kingdom is governed; and to make provision relating to the implementation of recommendations made by the Convention.

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Citizens' Convention Bill

1. Citizens' Convention

(1) For the purposes of

- (a) modernising the way in which the United Kingdom is governed and involving people more directly in democratic decision-making; and
- (b) enabling citizens of the United Kingdom to participate in that process

(2) Before establishing the Citizens' Convention the Secretary of State must consult citizens of the United Kingdom regarding the way in which the Convention shall be set up and shall discharge its functions, and without prejudice to the generality this must include community organisations, organisations that have an interest in the governance of the United Kingdom, organisations that have an interest in the environment, business organisations, trade unions and the voluntary sector.

(3) The Secretary of State must take reasonable steps to ensure that persons from the most under-represented and disadvantaged sections of society are involved in the Convention.

(4) The Convention shall include meetings and other mechanisms to involve citizens in all parts of the United Kingdom.

2. Recommendations by the Citizens' Convention: implementation

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Citizens' Convention to make recommendations to achieve the purposes specified in section 1.
- (2) The Secretary of State must in co-operation with the Convention decide upon the implementation of the recommendations made by the Convention.

TAKE ACTION

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