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Demokratiedefizit in England Seeking Volunteers and Partners

"MORE DEMOCRACY" FOR ENGLAND AND UK: HELP, PARTNERS NEEDED

Campaign for Direct Democracy I&R ~ GB works to promote reform of public decision making and government principally through the proposed introduction of citizens' initiative and referendum. We focus mainly on the countries in the United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland (GB). For our educational and campaign work we must be well informed about citizens' direct democracy "in action".

Examples and much experience are to be found in Switzerland, Germany and Italy, to a lesser but growing extent in several other countries of Europe as well as further afield, especially in many states of the USA. We are looking for partners who are based on mainland Europe, who will help us in one or more of the following ways:

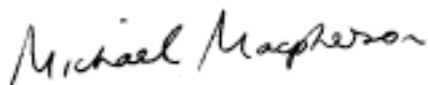
- gather news and reports about citizens' direct democracy (CDD) from e.g. German Lands and local communities, or Swiss cantons. Reports will be documented and published in English.
- accompany visitors coming on our study tours from GB to "the continent" to learn about CDD,
- act as a public speaker or expert witness at events in GB,
- liaise with partner democracy-reform groups and organisations in Europe,
- do own research into aspects of CDD,
- contribute in other ways to the work of Campaign for Direct Democracy.

Volunteers, potential partners and interns are invited to make contact. Who should apply? For instance, people with experience of public campaigning, writing, journalism, research, management, "political marketing" as well as those with professional or academic qualifications plus work experience.

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