



DEMOCRACY IN THE UK AFTER BREXIT

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Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting 1: 07/07/21, 11:30–13.00

1. Dr Alan Renwick (PI) welcomed AB members to the meeting and thanked them for their enthusiasm for participating in the project. He emphasised how delighted he is with the composition of the Board, including a very diverse array of expertise. He introduced the members of the project team and gave a brief overview of the project.
2. A discussion of the project as a whole followed. Topics included: the representativeness of Assembly members; connecting the Assembly's conclusions to political parties and policymakers; and framing this discussion so that it remains relevant to all four constituent parts of the United Kingdom.
3. The Advisory Board and its role were discussed. There were no comments, and the AB's Terms of Reference were approved by the Board.
4. Tim Hughes (Involve) gave a short presentation about the operation of citizens' assemblies. The following discussion focused on including harder-to-reach groups and on obtaining constructive/positive feedback from politicians and policymakers.
5. Alan Renwick introduced the Citizens' Assembly on Democracy in the UK. There was then discussion of how to structure the Assembly's deliberations.
6. Prof. Ben Lauderdale (Co-I) introduced the aims of the first population survey. The survey draft was then discussed, with a particular focus on incorporating a question about subsidiarity into the existing survey draft.
7. Closing remarks.