

“MASSIVE MAJORITY” QUIPS CANDIDATE WITH 5 VOTES

William Tobin stood in Boris Johnson’s constituency with the slogan “Don’t Vote Tobin.” He garnered 5 votes, the lowest score anywhere in the 2019 election. “The Prime Minister asked people in Uxbridge & South Ruislip to vote for him, and 25,351 out of 48,157 did so,” says the retired astronomer living in France. “I asked them *not* to vote for me, and 48,152 heeded my call. This is a massive majority!”

Tobin’s slogan continued “Let Tobin Vote!” He stood to highlight the plight of 3 million British Citizens like him disqualified from voting because of living abroad for more than 15 years. He also thinks of perhaps 2½ million foreign nationals permanently resident in the UK, who pay taxes and contribute to society, but have no voice; and finally 1½ million 16 & 17 year olds. “Votes are clearly on the horizon for these emerging adults,” Tobin adds. “All the major parties have promised to enfranchise them except the Tories. They already vote in Scottish and Crown Dependency elections, and imminently in Wales.”

Now that the Conservatives have a thumping majority in Parliament, Tobin hopes they will finally honour the pledge in their last three manifestos to give “Votes for Life” to people like him. Earlier this year the UK signed treaties with Spain, Portugal and Luxembourg to allow their migrant nationals to continue to participate in local elections. He hopes reciprocal agreements will be signed with many more countries.

“For many of us, Brexit is churning up our lives,” Tobin concludes. “Like the suffragettes before us, we deserve a say in what happens to us.”

Sources:

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/treaty-on-voting-rights-signed-with-luxembourg> *Treaty on voting rights signed with Luxembourg* and links therein to Spain & Portugal

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Crowdfunder <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/dontvotetobin>

