

on the Coast

We are all Orihuela residents after all and should be treated equally. Unfortunately, the PP party who govern this municipality don't see it that way.

By opening this new office, we can work even more closely with the residents. We are central to all urbanisations and if there is a problem on the coast, from this location, we can be at the heart of it very quickly."

Rosa, who is also a school teacher, will be available 2-3 times a week for appointments and the office will be manned from 11:00 until 13:00 every week day. From the office, there will also be conversational Spanish lessons taking place at only three euros per person per hour.

POTENTIAL

The party will use this office now as a base to further improve integration between the Spanish and foreign residents of the coast and Rosa said that it will be a 'vital hub' for activities aimed at further integrating the residents. She told RTN:

"The Orihuela Town Hall has successfully marginalised and ostracised the residents of the coast from the residents in the city and

that is not something that we accept. The people of the coast have just as much rights as the people in the city and we intend to ensure that they get those rights. Orihuela is not a democratic municipality. As a tourist destination, the Town Hall realises the coast's potential, but go to them with any problems and they wash their hands of you." She concluded: "Take the coastal civic centre for example, that is not used as it should be. That building should be thriving and a hub of activity, with dancing, singing, games and art classes. Instead, there are few Spanish and English lessons operating from there."

She added; "There isn't even a functioning cafeteria. If you go into any other municipality in this area and go to their civic centres; they are busy, utilised and a great place for integration. Why can't Orihuela Town Hall get their act together and start using this building for the benefit of the local residents?" Rosa also used the press conference to urge residents of the coast to make their voices heard in the 2011 elections.

To make an appointment with Rosa at the new office, please call 638 901 004.

RTN's Spanish Lawyer on BBC Radio 4

ON TUESDAY 2nd November at 11am GMT the RTN's Spanish Lawyer Marc White can be heard taking part in a BBC Radio 4 half hour documentary talking about the effects of the recession upon the expat community in Spain.

The programme visits Spain's Mediterranean resorts to hear a sober balanced assessment as to how members of the country's one million strong British ex-patriot community are weathering the recession. High unemployment in the construction and tourist sectors means boom-time on the Costas is over, translating into increased home repossessions and divorce for some. Marc takes part as an English lawyer practising in Spain who is able to stand back and look at the situation objectively.

He also explains how and why it is always the Brits, rather than other EU nationals, who are stung by dishonest property transactions, quite apart from any shortcomings in terms of the Spanish way of doing things.

The programme will be on the BBC iPlayer for the following week under the title 'Repossessions in the Sun'. The programme also covers how Margrete Auken, a Danish MEP for the Greens is working to stop further Brussels money coming to Madrid, until Madrid takes serious action about Land Grab atrocities.



Marc White

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The Producer and Production team from BBC Radio 4 have spoken to many ex-pats of pensionable age for their views, but they are also keen to interview a younger family, perhaps with children of school age, who have already returned to the UK, or are in the process of returning to the UK, or are planning to return to the UK. Anyone

wishing to take part in the programme should please contact the RTN Editor Steve O'Grady on 902 118 999 and Steve will pass the details on to the BBC Radio 4 Producer.

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