



In March, The Scottish Liberal Club recently held its annual lecture, the title of which was "A sense of place: Scotland and the UK in the EU". It was given by Sir Graham Watson who served as an MEP for the South West England constituency for 20 years. It was an extremely interesting and thoughtful lecture and you can download a pdf transcript from the Scottish Liberal club website [here](#).

The transcript of another interesting lecture by Professor Sir Alan Dashwood QC of Cambridge University has also been sent to us. It was given in February at Durham University. The title is "Ending A Bad Marriage With A Messy Divorce – Is This The Future Of The UK's Relationship With The European Union?" You can download a pdf from our own website [here](#).

There is one new event to announce and two reminders. Here's hoping for good weather over the Easter break.

As always, your feedback is welcome and you can email me at chair@euromovescotland.org.uk.
Derek Hammersley
Chairman

Events

Don't forget to let us know of any interesting EU-related events in your area.

English Speaking Union Westminster Election Hustings

Tuesday 7th April, commencing at 6.45pm promptly and finishing at approximately 7.40pm

23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HQ

Prospective Parliamentary Candidates from across the Scottish political spectrum will debate and argue their case for the forthcoming Westminster Elections.

There will then be an opportunity to watch the STV debate which is scheduled to broadcast from 8pm - 10pm

Chair of the debate:- Dr Alan Convery, Lecturer in Politics, Edinburgh University

Panel of prospective parliamentary candidates:-

- Cllr Ricky Henderson â€“ Labour â€“ Edinburgh South West
- Michelle Thomson â€“ SNP â€“ Edinburgh West
- Iain McGill â€“ Conservative â€“ Edinburgh North and Leith
- Sarah Beattie-Smith â€“ Scottish Green Party â€“ Edinburgh North and Leith
- Pramod Subbaraman â€“ Liberal Democrats â€“ Edinburgh South

Doors open 6.15pm with refreshments available.

Free tickets available by emailing: secretary@esuscotland.org.uk

More info from [English-Speaking Union](#).

Swedish Elections; probably the best elections in the world

Thursday April 9th 2015, 6pm

Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR

Speaker: Kristina Lemon from the Swedish Elections Authority

Chair: Lesley Riddoch, broadcaster & writer

The UK is gearing up for a General Election with the probability of a 50-60 per cent turnout and a hung parliament. The last General Election in Sweden, also produced no single party with a working majority. Swedes have used PR since 1909 and coalition government is normal. So is last year's turnout of 85.8% â€“ higher even than Scotland's record breaking referendum. The turnout for the last council elections was 38% in Scotland but 82% in Sweden.

Could Scottish democracy learn from a system like this? Kristina Lemon of the Swedish Election Authority will describe how the Swedish electoral system works.

Please book your place via Eventbrite: <https://nordichorizons-swedishelections.eventbrite.com>.

Germany, Scotland and the EU

Monday 20th April 2015, 18:15 - 19:30

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), Conference Room

Lecture by **David McAllister** (MEP, Former Prime Minister of Lower Saxony)

Chair: Prof. **Charlie Jeffery** (Senior Vice Principal; Professor of Politics, University of Edinburgh)

David McAllister was elected a member of the European Parliament in 2014. He was the Spitzenkandidat (lead candidate) of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), Angela Merkel's party. From 1998 until 2014 McAllister, who has a Scottish father and a German mother, was a member of the parliament of Lower Saxony and led its CDU group from 2003 until 2010. From 2010 until 2013 he served as prime minister of Lower Saxony.

This event is sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Europa Institute.

More information on this [Eventbrite page](#).