

We still need your help! First of all many thanks to those who have already signed up to help on Europe Day. It would appear the elections on the previous day are having an effect on the number of volunteers we have for our Europe Day festivities on **Friday May 8th** in Castle Street, Edinburgh. If you can help for an hour or more, please get in contact by emailing info@euromovescotland.org.uk and let me know if you have a preferred time.



And don't forget our Euro-quiz at the end of May. It's an enjoyable social evening but you can come along, even if you're not in a team.

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

Events

There are a few late notices of upcoming events that may be of interest. (The one in Glasgow on April 29 is particularly recommended.) As always we would like to hear about any interesting EU-related events in your area to share with our mailing list. Do let us know as soon as possible to avoid sending out too many emails.

New - General Election Hustings: Britain and Beyond

Monday 27th April - 6.30pm. Doors open 6:00pm. Free.

School 3- St Salvator's Quad St Andrews

The Young European Movement St Andrews is having its largest event of the year. The forthcoming general election is almost certainly going to prove to be one of the most seminal in British history for many reasons, not least because it could end up determining whether or not the UK remains a member of the European Union. All of the five major nationwide parties have promised provision for a referendum or withdrawal if elected into office, with only the SNP maintaining an unquestioning commitment to Britain's membership. They invite both students and local residents to a general election hustings attended by all seven candidates for the constituency of North East Fife, which has only recently been transformed from a safe Liberal Democrat seat to a hotly-contested marginal. There will be the opportunity to hear PPCs speak on both EU and domestic policy and for the audience to ask questions. The first half will focus on EU policy and the second half on domestic policy.

The event will be chaired by Professor Jo Shaw, who holds the Salvesen Chair of European Institutions at the University of Edinburgh.

No need to register. Just turn up.

New - Emerging Challenges for Scotland's European Agenda

Wednesday 29 April 2015, 1200-1300 (followed by a buffet lunch). Free

European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, (Graham Hills Building, main (south east) entrance, 9th floor), 40 George Street, Glasgow.

The next phase of the EU's competitive, innovation and enterprise policy is now under way. Programmes such as the European Structural & Investment Funds and Horizon 2020 have been revised, designed to address the EU's key economic and competitiveness challenges for the period 2014-2020. At a time of significant change in the overall policy landscape, both at home and abroad, what does Scotland need to do to make the most of the opportunities that these new policies represent? How can we use them to address the economic challenges that Scotland faces – and how do we address them? What lessons are there to be learned from our experience in engaging with the EU in policy terms over the last 30 years? This seminar explores these questions and considers the role that organisations like Scottish Enterprise and Scotland Europa can play in supporting this effort.

The presentation will be made by Dr Brian McVey, the Director of Strategy at Scottish Enterprise.

There is no charge for attending the seminar, but places are limited so please contact Alyson Ross at EPRC if you are planning to attend. alyson.ross@strath.ac.uk.

New - New Security Challenges in Northern Europe

Wednesday, 29 April 2015 from 14:00 to 15:30. Free.

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation - Training and Skills Room, High School Yards, Edinburgh EH1 1LZ

Her Excellency Asta Skaisgiryte, Ambassador of Lithuania will deliver this lecture which will be followed by a Q&A session. At the end, visitors will have a chance to talk to the Ambassador in a short informal networking session.

The event is organised by Edinburgh University Lithuanian Society together with the University of Edinburgh and The Embassy Of The Republic Of Lithuania to the United Kingdom. Everybody is welcome, so please register on the [Eventbrite website](#).

New - [EnergyUnion: What does it mean for Scotland, the UK & Europe?](#)

15 May 2015. Welcome Buffet 12:00, Discussion 12:30 - 14:30. Free

David Craig Suite, Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3AA

Energy Union has recently been at the forefront of discussion within the European Parliament. What are the policy implications of these discussions, and how will it make a difference to the everyday lives of people in Scotland?

A panel of distinguished speakers including MEPs, civil society, academia and industry figures will discuss the implications of Energy Union for Scotland, the UK and Europe as a whole.

Organised by The European Parliament Information Office in Edinburgh and the Aberdeen Institute of Energy (University of Aberdeen)

The event is free but please register with [Eventbrite](#).

[Responsible Investment - Lessons from Denmark](#)

Monday, May 18, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

City Chambers, 253 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ

The ethics of our financial services industry are under scrutiny as never before. Few of us want our pensions or investments to damage the environment, or support the production of weapons that hurt civilians, or even encourage smoking.

Zaiga Strautmane, Head of ESG (Environment, Social Justice and Governance) at UniPension will explain how her firm addresses such challenges and more generally how the pensions industry operates in Denmark for example around regulation and transparency.

It is planned that a UK-based speaker from the pensions industry will also provide a local perspective and response. A Q&A session will follow and the event will be followed by drinks in Hemma, Swedish bar, on Holyrood Road: <http://www.bodabar.com/hemma/>

Organised and hosted by Independent Edinburgh Councillor, Jim Orr

Chaired by Sarah Smart, independent financial adviser

Places are free. Please book via Eventbrite: <http://responsibleinvestmentdenmark.eventbrite.com>

[Is small still beautiful in Norway?](#)

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

City Chambers, 253 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ

This event is organised by Nordic Horizons and chaired by Lesley Riddoch, writer and broadcaster. Norway has 428 kommuner (councils) The average size of a kommune is just 12,000 people. In Scotland the average council serves a whopping 178,000 people. How do these tiny Norwegian kommuner function and avoid bureaucracy and uneven standards? Whatever the answer it seems they are doing something right. Turnout at elections is 64% - almost twice that of Scotland. And 1 in 81 Norwegians stands in council elections compared to 1 in 2071 Scots.

The new Norwegian Government has proposed mergers which would bring the average kommune size closer to 15 or 20 thousand people. Even this modest increase in size is causing local opposition. So is small still beautiful in Norway?

Professor John Bryden is a Scot who currently lives near Oslo. He is Research Professor at the Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute and Professor of Human Geography Emeritus at Aberdeen University. He is the lead editor of a new book comparing the modern history of Scotland and Norway, Northern Neighbours, by Edinburgh University Press.

The event will be followed by drinks in Hemma, Swedish bar, on Holyrood Road: <http://www.bodabar.com/hemma/>

[European Pub Quiz](#)

29 May 2015

Canon's Gait, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Save the date! Our annual Pub Quiz is fast approaching. More details to follow, but if you would like to be part of a team, please contact me by replying to this email.

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