

Dear Friend,



The annual dinner in December in the new venue at the Royal Overseas League proved to be a great success. The food and extra space provided was very much enjoyed. The speaker was Professor Andrew Scott of Edinburgh University where he is Co-Director of the Europa Institute and Professor of European Union Studies: Dean International (Europe). He also took questions after his talk which turned out to be both very enjoyable and informative with lots of input from the diners. His excellent talk, "**Britain in Europe: confusion or delusion**" can be downloaded as a pdf [here](#) or you can see it on the blog page of our [website](#).

Busy times are ahead in the run-up to the referendum which looks as though it may be in June. We have several plans in the making about which you will hear more in the next newsletter.

Latest blogs on our website

["Dutch Presidency of EU will be good for Scotland"](#), Alex Orr, January 11, 2016

Letters to the press

["A perspective on benefits"](#), Derek Hammersley (and the team). January 15th, 2016

What you can do to help

You can do your bit to both help the European Movement in Scotland and to spread the word about the benefits of our membership of the EU:

1. Connect on social media, Follow us on Facebook and Twitter — and invite your friends to follow too!
2. Send us a blog for our website
3. Send us a few words about how important the EU is to you.
4. Write letters to the press
5. Add comments to both pro- and anti-EU articles you see in newspapers, online, on Twitter or on Facebook - and that includes our own feeds.

Events

Let us know of any events in your area as soon as possible. Apologies that there is not much notice for some events, but we receive rather late notice ourselves.

Socialisation through EU Foreign Policy? CFSP Declarations and Non-Member States in the EU's Neighbourhood

Wednesday 20 January 2016, 5pm – 6pm

David Hume Tower · Room LG.06, George Square · Edinburgh EH8 9JX

This is the first in a series of seminars held by The Edinburgh Europa Research Group. To find out more and see the whole series visit <http://www.europaresearchgroup.ed.ac.uk/post-1516-11>

All events are free and non-ticketed. All are welcome.

The Scots in Russia

Thursday 21st January, 6:00pm

Screening Room (Ground Floor), 50 George Square, EH8 9JU

The Princess Dashkova Russian Centre has sent us notice of the following event, which although not strictly EU related, many of you will never-the-less find of interest.

They will host the Scottish writer and broadcaster Billy Kay who will present his new series produced for BBC Radio Scotland. In his presentation, he will talk about the substantial contribution to Russia made by Scots from the 17th century to the time of the Revolution. The talk will be illustrated with clips from Billy Kay's series.

Please, note the event is free but booking is essential: <http://billykay.eventbrite.co.uk>

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