

Dear Friend,

In the absence of any extraordinary event, the EU referendum is likely to be held at the end of June. Our campaign plan assumes this. We have met with the leaders of the Scotland Stronger in Europe organisation to learn their plans and to avoid any planning and timing conflicts. We will also try to keep in contact with all the other pro-EU campaigning organisations for the same reason.



The overall campaign in Scotland will have many strands, with a number of the organisations involved not working together for ideological reasons or from past experience of negative outcomes. We will work with all other organisations as we see ourselves as non-political and as representing the citizen across the whole range of benefits to being a part of a united Europe.

Our campaign will be a positive one and although they cannot be avoided, will not concentrate on the economic argument or on immigration but will try to put the "big picture" in front of the citizen.

Our President, Lord Campbell, has been active on our behalf and we are delighted that he is leading our campaign. Our Patrons have also voiced their support; we met with Lord Wallace on 5th February and he is happy to give us his support.

I believe we can be confident of a majority voting to remain in the UK in Scotland. The overall UK position seems less certain. We will concentrate, therefore, in maximising the vote in Scotland, which could be crucial, and in ensuring the biggest turnout possible of EU supporters, as the ability to get out remain voters may also be a deciding factor in the referendum.

News

Latest blogs on our website

Chairman, Derek Hammersley asks why how a non-domiciled, non-UK resident, living abroad has so much influence on UK opinion

To see both of these visit the [blog page](#) on our website..

Intern

We will be interviewing prospective interns this week. More to follow.

On the web

Another interesting website with lots of reasons why we should stay in the EU. <http://infacts.org/>

An interesting article in the Guardian on how the EU is changing. Is it for the better?

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/10/eu-in-health-wildife-european-union>

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.

Understanding European Challenges

Tuesday, February 16th, 09:00 to 15:30

Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PQ

The Centre on Constitutional Change & Royal Society of Edinburgh have organised this full-day seminar.

More information and to register visit the Royal Society [website](#).

The impact on the third sector of a vote to leave the EU

Wednesday, February 17th, 15:00 - 16:00

Carron Suite, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC), Glasgow, G3 8YW

Committee member David Brew will be speaking at this discussion chaired by Christina McKelvie.

After the presentations there will be an opportunity for a wider question and answer session with the panel, as well as networking time at the end.

This event is hosted by "The Gathering". More information from their [website](#).

Losing the narrative: The UK and the EU as Imagined Communities

Friday 19th February 2016 17:30 to 19:00

Lecture Theatre 183- Old College South Bridge Edinburgh EH8 9YL

The Edinburgh University Law School and Europa Institute are pleased to invite you to this lecture.

More information and registration via [Eventbrite](#). Free and open to all.

The Quest for an Optimal Corporate Taxation System within the EU: Which Way Forward?

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - 17:00 to 18:00

David Hume Tower, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh EH8 9JX

Free, non-ticketed event. All are welcome. For more information visit the Europa Institute [website](#).