

# European Movement in Scotland

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## From the Chairman

This is a rather short newsletter as I will be sending out an important letter in the next day or two regarding our plans for the campaign. Please look out for it.

There are however lots of events around Scotland regarding our membership of the EU and the upcoming referendum. We will try to keep you up-to-date with all of these.



## News

### Latest blogs on our website

Committee member, Alex Orr, questions the notion of "Autonomy" outside the European Union.

<http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/blog.htm#fax>

### In the media

Committee member has once again had his letter, discussing the migrant issue, printed in the Guardian. It's the second letter on the page.

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/feb/18/divisions-on-the-left-over-the-benefits-of-staying-in-the-eu>

### Membership

We have noted a dramatic increase in our followers on Facebook and Twitter as well as sign-ups on our own website. Paid membership increases only slowly but steadily. Again we owe a big debt of gratitude to Alex Orr of Orbit Communications who takes time out of his very busy schedule to help us with these things. It is wonderful to see what a difference a professional makes!

<http://www.orbit-comms.co.uk/>

## Upcoming 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.

### Can the UK-Driven Proposals to Limit Free Movement be Reconciled with EU Law?

*Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 - 17:00 to 19:00*

**50 George Square, Room G.04**

Organiser: Edinburgh Europa Research Group

Speaker: Prof Niamh Nic Shuibhne, Professor of European Union Law, The University of Edinburgh.

Free non-ticketed.

[www.europa.ed.ac.uk/events/2015-2016/25](http://www.europa.ed.ac.uk/events/2015-2016/25)

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## Europe: In or Out?

Friday 4th March 2016, 6:00 pm registration.  
Debate will begin at 6pm sharp.

**Lecture theatre 301, McCance building, 16 Richmond Street, G1 1XQ**

The Graduates Association (Glasgow) and the Alumni & Development Office invite you to a political debate.

Chair: Professor John Curtice, renowned political commentator and Professor of Politics at the University.

Panellists include:

- John Edward, Senior Campaign Spokesman, Scotland Stronger In Europe
- Nigel Griffiths, Director of Strategy, Labour Leave

Following the debate, there will be a drinks reception.

Tickets: Price: £5.00. Book your tickets online by Monday 29th February at <https://www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/events>

## Alternatives to EU Membership

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 17:30 – 19:00

**EU Referendum Series - Alternatives to EU Membership**

- Dr Nicholas Diebold, Law School, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
- Dr Maria Garcia, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Bath
- Professor Christophe Hillion, Europa Institute Leiden, Netherlands, and Swedish Institute of European Policy Studies, Stockholm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eu-referendum-series-alternatives-to-eu-membership-tickets-21202390922>

## The Common Travel Area as the EU's Other Border-Free Zone: A Tale of History, Law, and Treaty Opt-Out

Wednesday 9th Mar 2016 17:00 – 18:00

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

Graham Butler, PhD Fellow in Law, the University of Copenhagen.

Chair: Anthony Salamone, Europa Research Group Co-Convenor, PhD Candidate in Politics

Free, non-ticketed.

<http://www.europa.ed.ac.uk/events/2015-2016/the-common-travel-area-as-the-eus-other-border-free-zone-a-tale-of-history-law-and-treaty-opt-out>

## The view from the continent: what people in other member states think about the UK's EU referendum

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 - 12:15 to 15:00

**Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmity Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT**

Lunch will be provided before presentations commence (12.15 – 12.45).

This event is free and open to all however registration is essential via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-view-from-the-continent-what-people-in-other-member-states-think-about-the-uks-eu-referendum-tickets-20941281938>

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