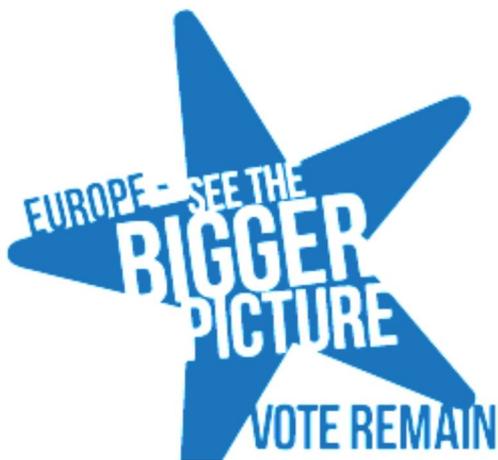




Dear Friend,

Watching with some dismay the development of the EU Referendum campaign in England, I am more than ever convinced that, particularly in Scotland, there is a need for a principled and constructive voice extolling the value of the European Union. Any campaign is defined by its extremities, from the committed supporters on one side to the committed opponents on the other.

The remain camp is in danger of falling into the trap of damning with faint praise. In order to enthuse other people to share your beliefs you need less of the "yes, but" and more of the "that's wrong, and here's why". Context is important, many people are not familiar with political developments in Europe over the last fifty years and there is value in explaining the critical role the European Union has played in bringing Europe to the stable position it is in today. It could have been very different and in the past usually has been. We must broaden the discussion to include concepts and principles and try to lift it a little above the merely transactional.



The Campaign

Again, a big thank-you to those who have contacted us to say they would like to deliver leaflets after the Scottish elections. I hope a few more people will consider doing this. You don't have to deliver thousands; just let us know how many you would like to do. It's healthy exercise, too!

A reminder that we are happy to organise speaker events for you or for your group. We may need help on the ground organising venues. If you think you can help do send an email to chair@euromovescotland.org.uk.

News

In the media

- A letter from our president "Ming" Campbell was published in the press. It warned against complacency on the side of Remain and called for the energy that was shown in the Independence referendum. More [here](#).
- Committee member Alex Orr has been busy writing letters again. His letter appeared in the Herald Scotland. In it he refers to the report issued by the Institute of Public Policy on March 25th. The report reinforces the fact that EU migrants to the UK are less likely to be receiving out-of-work payments, such as jobseekers allowance or disability and sickness benefits. You can read the full letter [here](#). There is a link to the actual report in the letter.

Latest blogs on our website

- We have two new blogs from committee member David Gow since the last e-newsletter: "Project Truth: Trade treaties after Brexit" and "Europeans want us to remain". David Gow was formerly the European business editor of the Guardian.

You can read these on the blog page of [our website](#). If you'd like to have your say, send your 'blog' along to us.

On the web

- An interesting article from the London School of Economics: "[Leaving the EU may entail a loss of sovereignty for the UK](#)"
- "[Time to put the positive case for staying in a reformed EU](#)"
- "[Passion spent, Scots yet to be fired up by Britain's EU vote](#)": An article which echoes Ming Campbell's warning.
- "[Voter turnout could swing EU referendum and there's a hole in the electoral register](#)": The article again emphasises how important voter turn-out on the part of the Remain faction will be.
- You may also enjoy the [Reimagining Europe](#) website, which is a multidisciplinary blog hosted by the Church of England and the Church of Scotland with the editorial support of Crucible, the Christian Journal of Social Ethics. The blog section has some thoughtful articles.
- We've mentioned this before but worth another mention: a [great list](#) debunking

all those myths about the EU, from abattoirs to zoos.

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.

Scotland and the European Energy Union: A Sociotechnical Systems Perspective

Wednesday, March 30th, 17:00 to 18:00

David Hume Tower, Edinburgh, EH8 9JX

Organised by the Edinburgh Europa Research Group

Dr Antti Silvast, Research Fellow in European Energy Policy and Markets, the University of Edinburgh. This event is free and non-ticketed. All are welcome. For more information visit the Europa Research Group [website](#).

This House Will Vote to Stay in the EU

Monday, April 4th, 19:30 to 21:30

Edinburgh Training & Conference Venue, 16 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SU

Organised by Humanist Society Scotland

Proposer - John Edward. John is a long-standing member of the European Movement in Scotland and is also Senior Campaign Spokesperson for Scotland Stronger in Europe. He is representing us at this debate. His background includes running the EU Parliamentary Information Office in Edinburgh. Opposer - Nigel Griffiths from Labour Leave, who was the MP for Edinburgh South from 1987 to 2010. More info from the Humanist Society Scotland [website](#).

Notices

Don't forget to [keep us updated](#) with any changes to your contact details and address.