

Dear Friend,

As you are aware, our campaign motto is "See the bigger picture, vote remain". Lots of reasons for remaining in the EU are being put forward, but for me there are two reasons for remaining in the European Union: the First World War and the Second World War. At the most conservative estimate, 78 million people died in inter-nation conflicts in the first half of the 20th century with a further 313,000 in the second half of that century. Still too many but 77,687,000 fewer. We should be grateful.



We forget all too quickly that until 1974 Portugal was a right-wing dictatorship, until 1975 Spain a fascist dictatorship and until 1976 Greece a military dictatorship. Not until 1990 was east Europe free of a communist dictatorship where almost none of the people of those countries had ever lived in a democracy.

It should be no surprise that every major elected head of state in Europe, when faced with the choice of entering into the EU and extending its objectives towards democracy and the rule of law has committed their country to the EU.

I have all this in mind when I listen to the mostly failed politicians and the paid hacks of media owners explaining how important it is to leave the EU to regain our "security and sovereignty".

We need to hear the voices of those in favour of Scotland and Britain remaining in the EU proclaiming that the EU is the greatest and most valuable political project ever undertaken by 29 democracies, and that when anyone points to all those countries' representatives arguing about how to face the future in Brussels, remember what the alternative has looked like. There are at least 77, 687,000 reasons for doing this.

News

Our Campaign

Arrangements for our campaign are now well under way. Currently we have the following events booked:

- 12th May - Edinburgh with Edinburgh University European Union Society, with Ming Campbell.
- 16th May - Perth with Ming Campbell.
- 25th May - Dundee with Dundee University.
- 31st May - Edinburgh with the English Speaking Union.

You will receive more details nearer the time. There are more events in the pipe-line.

We would like to thank long-standing member John Edward, for representing us at the debate on April 4th, "This House Will Vote to Stay in the EU" which was organised by the [Humanist Society Scotland](#). Many of you will know John who was formerly head of the European Parliament office in Scotland and is currently the chief campaign spokesman in Scotland. You can read more about it on our [website](#).

How you can 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. Would you like to deliver leaflets in your area? We plan to deliver leaflets after the Scottish elections. Reply to this email if you would like to deliver some. Let me know how many you think you can realistically deliver so that we don't waste paper and resources. Many thanks to those people who have already volunteered.
2. Connect on social media, Follow us on Facebook and Twitter — and invite your friends to follow too!

3. We really need your money to carry on our campaign! If you are not a member, why not join us or make a donation. <http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/membership.htm>

We currently do not have any plans to do any street leafleting, i.e. standing on the street and approaching passers-by, but if you feel you would like to do this, do go along to [Scotland Stronger In](#) and sign up with them. They will be delighted to hear from you.

Latest blogs on our website

- David Gow has been busy again on our behalf. He has written about the demise of the British steel industry and the EU and about the Bank of England's warning about the economy and Brexit, comparing it to its warning during the independence referendum.
- Committee member John Purvis has written about democracy in the EU, UK, USA and their constitutions, or lack of them.

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

In the media

- On March 31st, a letter from our president Lord Campbell appeared in the National, Scotsman, Scottish Herald and Daily Mail. In it he warned that a vote to remain a member of the EU should not be taken for granted. Turnout will be key in this referendum. Those in favour of Brexit are more likely to vote. It is vital that all who support our continued membership of the EU use their vote, otherwise we could end up sleepwalking to Brexit.
- We have now set up our own Youtube channel. Our first video is from Lord Campbell urging us to "See the bigger picture and vote remain." See it [here](#).

To see them visit our [media page](#).

On the web

We have come across a few interesting articles on the web:

- If you've not seen it already, you will enjoy this [Index of Euromyths 1992 to 2012](#). Great pity that it has not been maintained since 2012.
- An excellent article on the EU and fishing which is particularly relevant here in Scotland, written by Bryce Stewart, lecturer in Marine Ecosystem Management at the University of York: "[Brexit would be a rotten fish policy](#)".
- David Eiser, Research Fellow (on the economics of constitutional change) at University of Stirling, refutes the Scottish Vote Leave claim that the Scottish government's annual budget would rise by £1.5 billion in the event of Brexit. "[Scotland and EU: a truer cost/benefit analysis](#)"

Other events

The Credibility of European Banks' Risk-Weighted Capital: Structural Differences or National Segmentations?

Wednesday 13th April, 14:30 - 16:00

MBA Suite, First Floor, University of Edinburgh Business School, 29 Buccleuch Place, EH8 9JS

For more info and to register, visit the [University events website](#).

Does EU competition policy support inclusive growth?

Wednesday 20 April 12.00– 13.00

European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, Graham Hills Building, main (south east)

entrance, 9th floor, 40 George Street, Glasgow

A buffet lunch will be served following the seminar at 1pm.

For more information and to register please contact alyson.ross@strath.ac.uk

Brexit debate: The future of the UK and Europe

27 April, 18:00: Registration and networking, 18:30 – 20:00: Debate and Q&A, 20:00: Drinks reception

Auditorium, University of Edinburgh Business School, 29 Buccleuch Place, EH8 9JS

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