

Dear Friends,

We now have more details of our upcoming events which you will find below.

I would like to thank all those members who responded to our recent letter and sent us donations towards the campaign. All donations are all very much appreciated, however small. They all add up and will enable us to take on more events, promote them better and print more leaflets and other materials.



Our Campaign

Events

We have more events in the calendar and more details, although not everything is complete. Our events are free and will all eventually be promoted on Eventbrite although we only have 2 up at the moment. If you wish to reserve a place you can do so by visiting the relevant Eventbrite page otherwise, just turn up. We will be very pleased to see you.

9th May, 7pm - 9pm - Dundee

Everything you always wanted to know about the European Union, but did not know whom to ask

Lecture Theatre 1, Dalhousie Building - Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN

Questions will be answered by a panel of Dundee researchers from the School of Social Sciences, including Dr Patricia Bauer, Dr Scott Brown, Prof. Robin Churchill, Prof. Christian Kaunert, Dr Stephen Rozee and Dr Bert Schweitzer. The session will be chaired by Dr Edzia Carvalho.

Send your questions to EURefDundee@gmail.com.

For more information or to register, visit Eventbrite.

12th May, 6.30 - 8pm - Edinburgh

Information evening - your EU questions answered

Teviot Lecture Theatre - University of Edinburgh

Speakers: Professor Richard Kerley, Chair (CSPP), Ming Campbell, Hans Blomeier, Anthonie Salomone, plus a prominent leave speaker

Free.

Monday 16th May, 2.30pm - Perth

Why vote? - your EU questions answered

Dewars Centre, Gannochy Suite, Perth

Andrew Dundas, Chair, Ming Campbell, Roseanne Cunningham, Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp (Chief Executive, Business for Scotland) plus a prominent leave speaker

Free, non-ticketed. For more information or to register visit [Eventbrite](#).

25th May, 7pm - 9pm - Dundee

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info in the next email

31st May, 7.30 - Edinburgh

Debate: EU Referendum - Why Vote?

For more information or to register visit [Eventbrite](#).

1st June, 7pm - 9pm - St Andrews

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info to follow

6th June, 7pm - 9pm - Glenrothes

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info to follow

8th June, 7pm - 9pm - Dunfermline

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info to follow

9th June, 7pm - 9pm - Stranraer

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info to follow

11th June - Skye

More details to follow

16th June 7pm - 9pm - Ayr

Information evening - your EU questions answered

More info to follow

News

Emis in the media

- On April 25th we issued a press release entitled, "Ming urges Scottish business community to 'get off the sidelines' ". Commenting that the business community has a major role to play in this debate, Lord Campbell urged it to stand up and be counted or risk seeing the UK sleepwalking to Brexit and the considerable negative economic impacts this will have. You can read the full text on our [media page](#).
- On the same day, in the morning, Lord Campbell was interviewed on BBC Good Morning Scotland with Tom Harris from Vote Leave. Promoting the merits to Scottish business of staying in the EU he again urged the business community to 'get off the sidelines' and make its voice heard. You can hear the full interview [here](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a98533d47d279114570d5b1fa/files/Voice_019.m4a). https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a98533d47d279114570d5b1fa/files/Voice_019.m4a

Latest blogs on our website

We have updated the blog section on our website. We hope that you will find it easier to read this way.

- We have another blog from David Gow, former European business editor of the Guardian. This time he discusses the delusion about sovereignty which is at the core of the Leave campaign. He states that Brussels and/or the EU are simple scapegoats for globalisation and that the Leave campaign feeds off and exploits the understandable anger and sullen incomprehension that people feel about the impact of globalisation – summed up in the word “migration”. Its English, white, middle-class cheerleaders are wistful for that sense of democratic control of one’s own destiny and stable social hierarchy their grandparents may have enjoyed.
- Former Guardian business editor David Gow discusses why he thinks the economic argument is the one that will win the vote.

To read the full article and previous blogs, visit our [blog page](#).

On the web

We have come across a few pages on the web which you may find helpful and of interest:

- An interesting article by Simon Deakin which also discusses sovereignty and why Brexit would make the UK less democratic. It contains some facts which for some may be startling, claiming that Britain lacks a codified constitution, which puts it in a unique but not particularly desirable position among

liberal democracies. The result is that power is routinely exercised within the British state in ways which are neither democratic nor accountable. Even a law apparently as fundamental as Magna Carta can be overridden by a legal instrument adopted by a simple legislative majority or by the exercise of ministerial power in the form of delegated legislation. Read the full text [here](#).

- The [Scotland In Europe website](#) has a page of links to downloads of official EU documents and other resources.
- The David Hume Institute has issued a free booklet to answer voters' questions before the EU referendum on June 23 which can be downloaded from the David Hume Institute website [here](#).
- [The UK in a changing Europe](#) is a website run by King's College London. Lots of interesting articles plus downloadable documents such as their "Leave/Remain: the facts behind the claims" booklet which can be downloaded [here](#). (Link at bottom of page.)
- An important article in the Guardian on TTIP and why as members of the EU we can stop those aspects of this trade agreement we don't like but outside we are in greater danger of having all aspects of it imposed upon us. <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/25/ttip-vote-brexit-barack-obama-leave-eu-trade-deal>

Other events

What Does the EU Really Mean To You?

Europe Day, May 9th, throughout the day

National Library of Scotland - George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EW

10.00 - 12.00 Brain, Behaviour and Attitudes to The European Union. A drop in session for demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

12.00 - 14.00 What Does the EU Really Mean To You? A series of different talks, each lasting 10 minutes, will start every 20 minutes.

The daytime event is unticketed so feel free to pop in throughout the day.

6pm until 7.30pm for an expert panel and Q&A session on what the EU means in different parts of the UK. This event is free but ticketed so please register on Eventbrite.

More details on the [Eventbrite website](#). <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-does-the-eu-mean-tickets-24624986999>.

Europe Day in Glasgow

Europe Day 9th May, 11:00 - 15:00

George Square

The European Commission Office in Scotland is going to celebrate Europe Day. Representatives from EU Members States, the Scottish Government, the European Parliament Information Office and Scottish and national NGOs will be attending. This is an opportunity to learn more about the EU and how it functions. There will be a chance to dabble in some quizzes, even try another language and hear about the opportunities provided by the European Voluntary Service etc. On stage will be the renowned, Scottish-Irish musicians, Danny Boyle and Paddy Callaghan and from Glasgow Melisa Kelly and the Smokin' Crows and Black Dove.

For more information visit https://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/events/europe-day-glasgow-0_en

Breakfast briefing event at Edinburgh Business School

10 May, 8.00am

Coffee and a light breakfast will be served from 8.00am, with the event starting at 8.30am.

Edinburgh Business School 29 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9JS

This event is an opportunity to hear more on all these points from experts who are making the positive case for remaining in the EU. There will be an opportunity for Q&A with the panel, and the event will end at 9.30am.

Speakers:

John Edward, Senior campaign spokesperson

Prof Mona Siddiqui, Chair of the Scotland Stronger In Europe Advisory Group
Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, Edinburgh International Airport
Jayne-Anne Gadhia, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Money, Member of the Scotland Stronger In Europe Advisory Group
For more information or to reserve a place contact scotland@strongerin.co.uk.

Pub Quiz

19th May, 18:30

Canon's Gait, 232 Canongate, Edinburgh, EH8 8DQ

The European Parliament Information Office in Edinburgh is again holding its annual pub quiz. For more information or if you would like to submit a team contact epedinburgh@epeuropa.eu.

Notices

Moved house? Changing your email address? Please keep us updated.