

Dear Friend,

First of all a happy Europe Day. The day commemorates the historical declaration on 9th May, 1950 by the French foreign minister, Robert Schuman, which marked the first move towards the creation of the European Union. Europe had just come out of the Second World War, a conflict that had nearly destroyed the continent and split it between two spheres of influence.



For those who are fighting for the values of freedom and democracy across the world the EU has been an inspiration, and for those member states formerly under the jackboot of dictatorship and Communism membership of the EU acted as a beacon of hope. (Do read [Alex Orr's article on Europe Day](#).)

Although there are lots of celebrations throughout Europe on this day, the stark contrast with the celebrations in the UK is disappointing to say the least. Europe day this year was celebrated in Glasgow and there were also events in Edinburgh. Perhaps getting more towns enthused about celebrating this great day in the future could be our next project.

Please note the change of venue for our Edinburgh on 12th May.

Our Campaign

Campaign website

We have set up a new website specifically for the duration of the referendum campaign. You can see it <http://europebiggerpicture.uk/>

Badges

We have some lapel badges with the European Union and Saltire flags. If you are a paid-up member, do collect a free badge at these events. If you're not a paid-up member, a small donation would not go amiss!

Events

We now have more Eventbrite links for our planned events around Scotland, although we may still have more in the pipeline. If you have an event in your area, you can click through to the Eventbrite page for more information or to reserve a place. All events are free and you can just turn up. You've all very welcome.

9th May, 7pm - 9pm - Dundee **Tonight**

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

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

Change of venue: George Square Lecture Theatre, George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LK

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

Monday 16th May, 2.30pm - Perth

Why vote? - your EU questions answered

Dewars Centre, Gannochy Suite, Perth

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

25th May, 7pm - 9pm - Dundee

Information evening - your EU questions answered

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

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

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

8th June, 7pm - 9pm - Dunfermline

Information evening - your EU questions answered

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

9th June, 7pm - 9pm - Stranraer

Information evening - your EU questions answered

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

11th June - Skye

More details to follow

16th June 7pm - 9pm - Ayr

Information evening - your EU questions answered

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

News

Emis in the media

- An article by committee member Alex Orr on why we celebrate Europe Day appeared in the Scotsman, The Edinburgh News, The Herald Scotland and The National. The day is also known as Schuman Day, commemorating the historical declaration 66 years ago on 9th May, 1950 by the French foreign minister, Robert Schuman, which marked the first move towards the creation of the European Union. You can read the whole of his article on our [media page](#).

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.

- Yet another blog from committee member David Gow, this time discussing how the neo-liberal approach is undermining the Commission's principles for completing the internal (now single) market as stated by Delors in 2016:
"First, measures adopted to complete the large market should not diminish the level of social protection already achieved in the member states.
"Second, the internal market should be designed to benefit each and every citizen of the Community. It is therefore necessary to improve workers' living and working conditions, and to provide better protection for their health and safety at work.
"Third, the measures to be taken will concern the area of collective bargaining and legislation."
He concludes that millions of employees in or out of unions would be shooting themselves in the foot if they voted to leave the EU.
- Member Vanessa Glynn discusses the new Scottish Government and the EU

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

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.

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.