

Dear Friend,

I hope that most of our members and supporters will be able to join us at our meeting on 29th September. We have two aims, firstly, to enable you to share the latest news and opinions on Brexit from one of Scotland's leading academics, Professor Drew Scott of Edinburgh University and a member of the First Minister's Standing Advisory Board on Brexit. Drew will be speaking in his private capacity but his views will as always, be worth hearing.



Secondly, but of no less importance, we would like to share with you our view on the future role of the European Movement in Scotland in the light of Brexit. In particular, how its objectives can be pursued and achieved and to hear from you your thoughts and suggestions, both on a likely UK exit and on what this means for Scotland.

The European Movement predates the uniting of Europe and will continue after Brexit. There can be no doubt that the exit of the United Kingdom will weaken both the UK and the EU (and may have implications for the future structure of the United Kingdom) and will encourage those groupings which have the destruction of a united Europe as their objective. They must not succeed. Europe has experienced the results of division and it has been a horror story of death and destruction on an industrial scale. Few bought into Francis Fukuyama's story of the end of history; it does not work like that. There are still battles to be fought. See you on the 29th.

Derek Hammersley, chairman

News

[Our submission to Holyrood inquiry](#)

The Scottish Parliament Committee investigating the implications for Scotland leaving the EU extended its inquiry and issued a call for views in order to get more evidence on the impact of the vote. You may remember, we asked you to send us your views and thoughts.

We completed our submission which can be downloaded from our website [here](#).

[Roadmap for a post-Brexit EU](#)

Most of you will be aware that The European Movement Scotland is a part of the European Movement UK, which in turn is a part of the European Movement International. EMI's Secretary General, Petros Fassoulas, who was previously the chair of EM UK, wrote an interesting article titled, "A roadmap for a post-Brexit EU". It was published in the World Commerce Review but you can also download a copy [here](#). Highly recommended.

[Help with website required](#)

We are still looking for someone who would be willing to take over the website and the running of our online presence. We will probably be looking at a redesign, (you won't be expected to undertake this, unless you want to) probably with a content management system. It depends very much on the experience, skills and spare time available of the next volunteer. I can discuss the ins and outs with anyone who may be interested. Just reply to this email.

Our Events

September 29th, 19:00, tea/coffee/cold drinks at 18:30

Edinburgh - Royal Overseas League, 100 Princes St, Edinburgh EH2 3AB

[Speaker meeting with discussion](#)

Professor Drew Scott, who spoke in December at our annual dinner has agreed to come and speak at this meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Following this there will be a discussion of the future direction of the European Movement in Scotland. You are invited to air your views. (See the chairman's comments above.)

This meeting is open to our members and followers and you are welcome to bring friends.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. There is no charge but a donation towards costs will be gratefully received at the end of the meeting.

Please register your intention to attend by contacting treasurer@euromovescotland.org.uk. Please state

clearly how many are in your group and how many require the pre-talk refreshments. Alternatively you can use the online form at <http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/events.htm>.

November

Glasgow

AGM with speaker

Our annual AGM is planned to take place in Glasgow. The meeting will be followed by a speaker and discussion. Full details will follow in due course.

Other Events

Tuesday 4th October, 6pm

Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Climate Change - The view from Norway

Organised by Nordic Horizons

Speaker: Professor Tore Furevik, professor in physical oceanography at the University of Bergen's Geophysical Institute.

Chair: Lesley Riddoch, writer and broadcaster

Registration required via Eventbrite <https://nhclimatechangenorway.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Attendees are welcome to meet in Hemma, near the Parliament, following the event. Food is available until 9pm.

More info: www.nordichorizons.org

Saturday 8th October 14.00-17.15

Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh EH3 9BP

Scotland in Union: what does leaving the EU mean for Scotland in the UK?

This event is organised by the Fabian Society.

Speaker: **John Denham**, former MP for Southampton Itchen, will join us to give a keynote speech. John has written and spoken extensively about issues of national identity in politics.

His speech will be followed by a panel discussion chaired by **Sarah Boyack**, including **David Martin MEP**, **Professor Nicola McEwen**, University of Edinburgh Centre on Constitutional Change and **Stephen Boyd**, Assistant Secretary STUC. **Ian Murray MP** will conclude the conference.

There are 3 breakout sessions on three themes:

- Economic: making the best of Brexit
- Social: what next for EU nationals?
- Political: what does Brexit mean for Scotland's future in the UK

Full price £12.50/ Fabian Society members £10

Students and unwaged: £7/ Fabian members £5

Registration required at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotland-in-union-what-does-leaving-the-eu-mean-for-scotland-in-the-uk-tickets-27326364893>

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