

European Movement in Scotland



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Dear Friends

I am very pleased to bring you this newsletter for the first time as Chair of our European Movement in Scotland. For those of us who value the European Union that we have built over the past 44 years, these are truly challenging and tumultuous times. We set out our commitment in the EMiS submission to the Scottish Parliament enquiry in September.

"We remain strongly of the view that it would be better for the UK's citizens to remain full members of the EU and that none of the other options for the EU-UK relationship offers the full range of benefits that membership currently gives. What holds true for the UK is even more relevant for Scotland and we will continue to make the case for an outcome that seeks to retain Scotland's place in the EU, consistent with the preference expressed by 62% of Scottish voters on June 23rd." EMiS Submission to the Scottish Parliament's European Committee Enquiry, September 2016

There will be much to do in 2017 to champion liberal European values, to grow our movement and to be a voice for the emphatic majority of voters in Scotland who chose to remain in the EU. I hope that you will join me and your new Executive Committee in activity, discussion and campaigning to promote that cause.

We have begun planning a range of events for you, our members, as well as for the wider public. I would ask that you show your support by coming along to these and by encouraging friends and family to think and talk about a continuing European future for our country. And if you are not yet a member of EMiS how about joining at a modest fee, [click here](#) , to do your bit to fight Brexit.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a European 2017.

Vanessa Glynn

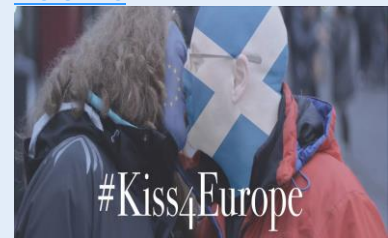
Young and in love with Europe

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EMiS has now integrated with the Young European Movement. Sally Kramers, Vice President of the YEM Edinburgh was elected at our AGM as an EMiS Committee Member and our Secretary. We will now be aligning our fee and membership arrangements. All students in Scotland, up to age 25, can be part of EMiS for free.

Don't miss YEM's Kiss 4 Europe. Putting passion into relations with the EU, this campaign emphasizes the human dimension of an open Europe.

[More info](#)



We also plan to look for ways of working with the Scottish European Educational Trust, supporting their successful primary school Euroquiz and their efforts to inform youngsters about Europe. We will encourage the European Youth Parliament and other youth and student groups engaging with Europe. More to follow in due course.

EMiS Events

Café EMiS

Thursday 12 January 2017

Want to talk about all things EU over a coffee? Come along to the first of what we hope will be a monthly get-together for informal discussion, facilitated by a Committee Member. Chat with fellow members and friends about what Europe means to you, where it's going and what EMiS can do to encourage a European future for Scotland.

Patisserie Florentin, 5 NW Circus Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6ST
5.00-6.00pm

Free, Members, supporters and their guests.

Refreshments available to purchase.

Capacity 20 – Book places by replying to this email.

Breakfast not Brexit

Saturday 28 January 2017

Enjoy a fabulous breakfast/brunch and the chance to share views, learn more and have your say about latest Brexit developments and what they mean here in Scotland and more widely. A facilitated discussion that we hope to repeat from time to time depending on interest.

Filmhouse Café, 88 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh, EH3 9BZ
10.15 – 11.15am

Free, Members, supporters and their guests.

Food and drink available to purchase.

Capacity 20 – Book places by replying to this email.

**Not able to get to events in Edinburgh?
We're putting together a pack to help members organise coffee house meetings in their own neighbourhood. We'll come and help get things started or put you in touch with others locally. Or maybe you're already holding meetings and discussions. We'd love to hear about them.**

Catch up on more EMiS info on our website at <http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk>

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Other Events and Links

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Brexit: Is the train crash avoidable?

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Policy Scotland at the University of Glasgow is pleased to announce that Lord John Kerr – former EU Ambassador and author of Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union – is to give the Policy Scotland 2017 Annual Lecture.

Sir Charles Wilson Building,
University of Glasgow
G12 Glasgow

6.00 – 7.30pm

Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brexit-it-is-the-train-crash-avoidable-tickets>

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