



European Movement in Scotland Newsletter May 2017

Dear members and friends of EMiS,

So that didn't go to plan then, Mrs May!

EMiS campaigned to urge people to vote in this General Election with Europe in mind. The result brings us hope.

As I write, Theresa May is still trying to cobble together some form of Government with the support of the socially-regressive Democratic Unionist Party; a marriage of convenience described by The Daily Mirror as a "coalition of crackpots". Mrs May seems intent on opening negotiations with the EU next week on the basis of the disastrous hard Brexit on which she went into her self-serving election.

That will not do. The people have spoken and we do not want a poorer, meaner Britain. In particular, young citizens have voted for a connected and progressive future that is not dictated by xenophobia. Theresa May has not won a mandate for her version of Brexit. She has lost all credibility with her own party, the people of the UK and the EU's negotiators.

The previously cowed remainers in the Conservative and Labour parties now have a greater chance of pressing for a better outcome. An outcome which protects our position in the Single Market and customs union, and as much of the rest of EU co-operation as possible.

Ruth Davidson, with 13 MPs at Westminster, is to be congratulated on using her new influence, to argue for putting the Single Market ahead of immigration controls. It is to be hoped that they will work with pro-EU MPs in the other parties to ensure that Scotland's voice, overwhelmingly in favour of Remain, is heard and respected in the negotiations.

I will be in Dublin on Tuesday to discuss the way forward with the European Movements of Ireland, of the UK and, especially interesting now, of Northern Ireland. Later in the week, your EMiS Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss strategy in the light of the General Election, but be assured that we will continue to work and campaign for Scotland's EU future. Pro-Europeans now have more leverage than before to press for a Brexit outcome that keeps us as closely aligned to the EU as possible.

Please email your new MP urging that they keep the UK in the Single Market which is so crucial to Scotland's future well-being, and that our rights as EU citizens are protected.

May's destructive Brexit is fatally wounded; let's bury it for good.

Vanessa Glynn
Chair

Other Events

Europe: What a Passion!

Tuesday 13 June 2017, 7.30pm

The musical tale of a stormy love affair. A multi-lingual artistic project touring Europe.

Albert Halls, Stirling

To register <http://culturestirling.org/events/europe-what-a-passion>

The Russian cultural presence in London.

Friday 16 June 2017, 6.30pm

Alexander Kan, BBC World Service arts and culture correspondent, will talk about the Russian cultural presence in London.

Screening Room, 50 George Square, Edinburgh

To register: Dashkova.Centre@ed.ac.uk

Corruption in Russia and London

Saturday 17 June 2017, 4.15pm

Roman Borisovich, lead actor in Channel 4's 'From Russia With Cash', will talk about the programme and perceptions of corruption in Russia and London.

Project Room, 50 George Square, Edinburgh

To register: Dashkova.Centre@ed.ac.uk

Living, Working and Studying in the UK Beyond Brexit

Friday 22 June 2017, 5.30pm

The European Parliament Information Office and CSPP with the Young Europeans Edinburgh, invite you to this event a year on from the EU referendum. The speakers are Prof. Laura Cram, Joan McAlpine MSP and Mark Lazarowicz, former MP.

European Parliament Information Office, The Tun, 4 Jackson's Entry, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ

To register: marine@cspp.org.uk A valid photo ID will be requested upon entry for security reasons.

Thinking of Trading Overseas? Focus on: Malta

Wednesday 28 June 2017, 09.00-10.30am

Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce.

Scottish Arts Club, 24 Rutland Sq, Edinburgh, EH1 2BW

To register: events@edinburghchamber.co.uk

EU Relations as Brexit Talks Unfold

Wednesday 28 June, 10.00 -11.00am

The Scottish Centre on European Relations and the International Public Policy Institute invite you to Scotland-EU Relations as Brexit Talks Unfold with Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Registration and welcome refreshments from 9.30am)

Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George St, Glasgow, G1 1RD

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotland-eu-relations-as-brexit-talks-unfold-with-fionahyslop-msp-registration>

24th International Conference of Europeanists

12-14 July 2017

The 24th International Conference of Europeanists will be taking place in Glasgow. The theme will be Sustainability and Transformation. EMiS will be represented at this major event at Glasgow University, with a stand in the exhibitors section, making the case for Scotland's EU future to an international and local audience.

The Conference brings together a wide range of experts to present and debate new research on critical, timely topics such as Brexit, the immigration crisis, the stability of the Eurozone, the resurgence of populist political movements, and the opportunities and challenges of technological advances in artificial intelligence and data gathering.

Among the public events will be:

- a free EuropeNow film festival at the CCA in Glasgow taking place throughout the conference,
- a European Parliament MEP event on Friday 14 June at 14.00, with a buffet lunch before. The theme is Borders in a post-Brexit Europe. Further details and registration will be via Eventbrite

More info at <https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/upcoming-conferences/11-meetings-and-conferences/289-24th-conference-general-information>

Notices

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