

# REMAIN!

Campaigning for Britain to remain

within the European Union



## Join our month of action!

*Help us take our pro-EU message directly to the main political parties at their autumn conferences. Seize this moment: stand up for your convictions!*

### National demonstrations

[Bath for Europe](#) is part of [Britain for Europe](#), a non-party political, grassroots organisation set up immediately after the referendum. Britain for Europe works with the [European Movement](#), [Scientists for the EU](#) and [Healthier in the EU](#) to ensure that continued membership of the EU is recognised in public debate as a legitimate option for the UK.

**Britain for Europe** are supporting the marches and rallies at the Labour Party conference in Brighton on **Sunday 24th September**, and at the Conservative Party conference in Manchester on **Sunday 1st October** – replacing our monthly **Pulse of Europe** - to show the two main parties that Brexit should, and can, be stopped. They are the ideal platforms for us to tell our politicians, the media and the world: Britain wants to stay in the EU.



### Make history!

Many groups like ours will be taking part. Don't sit on the side lines at this critical moment. Please put the party conference dates in your diary and be sure to get to one or both of these demonstrations.

### Join us at these events

We will be organising return coaches from **Bath to Brighton on 24th September** and **Bath to Manchester on 1st October** for approximately £25 return. See [www.bathforeurope.com](http://www.bathforeurope.com) - Upcoming Events - for details.

**People's March for Europe, Saturday 9th September, London:** Due to limited resources, we will not be organising coaches, but will provide information so you can meet up with fellow Bathonians in London. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bathonians-joining-the-peoples-march-for-europe-9-sept-2017-tickets>

**Regional pro-EU rally in Bristol on Saturday, 14th October, 2-5pm at College Green.** Details soon on [www.bathforeurope.com](http://www.bathforeurope.com).

### Pulse of Europe:

Pulse of Europe is a pan-European movement linking hands, hearts and minds in cities across Europe to celebrate and defend the values of the EU: peace, freedom, equality, democracy and respect for human rights. Hundreds have joined us on previous Pulse of Europe events.

Join us at 2pm by the Abbey on Sunday 3rd September - and on the first Sunday of every month.

### Factfile

**EU laws are not made by unelected bureaucrats.** They are made by ministers of the member states and elected members of the European parliament.

**The European Commission is not a huge sprawling bureaucracy.** It is not much bigger than a city council in the UK.

**The EU's budget, is about 1% of gross national income across the EU.** By contrast, public spending in member states varies between 35% and 58% of gross national income at an average of 49% across the EU.

**Of the EU's budget, 94% is spent on EU policies.** It goes to citizens, poorer regions, cities, farmers, businesses, research, etc. Only 6% is spent on administration costs such as salaries.

**'Health tourism' to the UK does not cost the NHS billions.** The cost to the NHS of treating visitors from EU countries under the European Health Insurance Card is about a fifth (£30m in 2013-14) of the cost of treating UK visitors abroad.

**EU migrants to the UK are not seeking welfare benefits.** 45% who come have work, 24% are seeking work, 14% have come to study, and 11% to accompany somebody.

**EU migrants are net contributors to the economy.** Between 2001 and 2011 they contributed 34% more in taxes than they took out in benefits and services.



# It's time to show our staying power!

*The opinion polls are disappointing all round. Ever since the referendum last year, they have suggested that the public is more or less evenly split on the wisdom or folly of leaving the EU. Few people have changed their minds.*

It's exasperating for Leavers who believe that a referendum vote is a definitive, once-for-all democratic statement of 'the will of the people'. They can't understand why 48%-plus of the public are so unwilling to embrace that 'will' and 'get behind Brexit'.

It's equally dismaying for us Remainers. We find it hard to believe that the Brexiters can't see the obvious truth that appears to be staring them in the face. We feel their vote was based on misunderstandings and lies, and that rational debate was turned upside down by false truths and unsustainable sound-bites.

The nation is divided in a way that has not been experienced in living memory.

## Join the resistance!

Bath for Europe is campaigning to save our country from the damage of a Brexit that only half of us voted for. It is non-party political and gives a voice to everyone who wants to remain in Europe.

Brexit risks destroying everything that has made Britain great. No-one voted to be poorer, more divided or politically sidelined.

The EU has said that Article 50 can be revoked. There is still everything to fight for.

It is far from being a done deal. One and a half unpredictable years lie ahead so there is still a huge need for us all to play our part to prevent this suicide and minimise any self-inflicted damage.

**Please join us and make your voice heard.**



We're finding it very hard to air our views and debate the issues, for fear of the upset of divisive and unpleasant disagreements with friends, colleagues and relatives. Every conversation about the issues quickly turns to Trump, as a way of de-fusing the situation (everybody agrees about Trump!) and avoiding the distress of an argument.

Yet the whole unhappy debacle seems to be unravelling, with or without our input. It's as if the chlorinated chickens are coming home to roost: the pound has slumped still further, British farmers are realizing just how much they have to lose, business is at last gaining its voice in speaking its concerns, Eire and Northern Ireland are having to confront the reality of the lose-lose options open to them, the immigration controls debate seems to have been lost before it's even been started, and as time goes by, more and more disastrous realities come to light.

Yet many people seem resigned to leaving the EU. How much more bad news do the broadcasters, websites and serious newspapers have to give us before public opinion turns strongly against Brexit?

There seems to be little movement in the negotiations between David Davis and Michel Barnier (representing the EU and its 27 other members), apart from an occasional major concession by Britain. The government has produced a few 'position papers', which have promptly been dismissed in much of the press as empty rhetoric. Boris Johnson has lost much of his bluster, and Liam Fox is convincing no one.

Nonetheless, the wind is discernibly changing. Survation, by far the most accurate pollster at the last election, has found that a 7% majority now favour a second referendum once the terms of any exit deal are known. Whether this is the answer, or will even be necessary, more and more politicians and commentators are beginning to question aloud whether we really have to proceed with Brexit.

In other words, this is (to coin a phrase) no time for quitting! Remainers must be more active now than ever before. If we believe that Britain's best hope for prosperity, peace and global influence is to remain inside the partnership of the EU, we need to show our staying power by standing up and being heard.

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