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## NEWSLETTER 10: SPECIAL EDITION!

### Stopping BREXIT at the LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

#### Fantastic day in Brighton: Celebrating internationalism

In gorgeous weather, Brighton and Hove for EU were proud to host a big march through the city and along the sea front, where the Labour Party was holding its Annual Conference (and trying to pretend Brexit wasn't happening). With support from Britain for Europe, Scientists for EU, Healthier IN the EU and the European Movement (among many others) we heard many excellent and impassioned speeches and then an incredible evening of debate and entertainment at the Brighton Dome, the largest concert hall in the city. The whole day has been widely reported in the mass and social media but a key event, for this reviewer, was the supportive, impassioned and unified speeches of our three Brighton MPs (Peter Kyle MP, Caroline Lucas MP and Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP): all from different political traditions but all right behind us in recognising the social and economic damage of Brexit and the need for it to be stopped.



Thanks to Kevin Ranford and Mike Coombes for sharing their photos with us



Other great speakers included Mike Galsworthy (Scientists for EU); Richard Corbett MEP; Joan Pons La Plana (NHS campaigner); Elena Remigi (In Limbo: Our Brexit Testimonies); and Madeleine Kay & Dominic Buxton (New Young Europeans). Drew Caldron (aka the Faux Boris Johnson) and Alastair Campbell entertained the crowd, the latter with a bagpipe rendition of “Ode To Joy”, no mean feat, let us be fair. We also witnessed a boat out on the ocean waving a big EU flag and a drone filming us all from the air (see <https://www.facebook.com/Britain4Europe/videos/1690113757687356/> for the movie highlights).

In the evening, at the Brighton Dome we had 750 people through the door to hear a keynote speech from one of Britain’s pre-eminent philosophers, A.C. Grayling; a really brilliant address by Caroline Lucas MP; a pithy panel discussion chaired by Polly Toynbee (with panellists Ian Dunt of the Guardian, Jonathan Bartley of the Green Party, Seb Dance MEP and Darren Jones MP); comedy from Brighton’s very own Stephen Grant and music from The Electric Soft Parade and The Dulcetones. The evening was hosted by the excellent Dannie Grufferty and featured a powerful and poignant short film, “Dear Brighton” from a young Dutch film maker, Marit Kok.





There's lots of stuff on social media: photos, descriptions of the day, and all kinds of videos. Here are some more links to get you started.

<https://www.facebook.com/Britain4Europe/videos/1692235560808509/>

<https://www.facebook.com/colin.gordon.714/videos/1484644448292638/>

<https://www.facebook.com/steven.bray.568/videos/1479742058769998/>

<http://rozscott.com/hundreds-gathered-at-brightons-stop-brexit-rally/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/26/labour-brexit-corbyn-momentum-euro-sceptic-bennite#img-1>

<https://www.facebook.com/rose.frid.5/videos/119852908718787/>



<https://www.facebook.com/marek.kohn.92/videos/10155767803009661/>

<https://www.facebook.com/james.bonallack/videos/10155673912976054/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/hundreds-protesters-fake-boris-johnson-11229271>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-41378928>

[www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b095vw52](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b095vw52)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0966hjm/bbc-news-at-ten-24092017>



<https://www.facebook.com/thelatest.tv/videos/1710907398920548/>

### **Labour and Brexit: why Corbyn has to get off the fence**

"The reason why Brexit could upend Labour's plans is basic: leaving the EU will make the British economy poorer. Witness the riposte from the Institute for Fiscal Studies to Boris Johnson's revival of the bogus £350m figure: far from bringing in money, Brexit will cost us £300m a week. Today new figures showed the weakest rate of UK economic growth since 2013.

All but the most deluded Brexiteers concede that departing from the EU will hurt the economy, for a few years at the very least. Corbyn and McDonnell have big plans that will cost big money. But, thanks to Brexit, they will find less cash in the coffers, and less market willingness to lend the country any more. They will face early the shadow that has hung over every reforming Labour government: the prospect of the money running out. This is what should keep Labour's ruling circle up at night. It's not the EU that could turn their dreams to ashes – it's leaving the EU that could do that." *Jonathan Freedland. Guardian 29/9/17*

## The Autumn of Discontent goes on



And it was not just in Brighton. There were also similar fantastic days at the Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth and at the Tory conference in Manchester. In **Bournemouth**, on September 17th, some of B&HforEU travelled to a march staged by Dorset for Europe and attended by hundreds of people, waving banners and EU flags, with live music and public speeches. An even bigger contingent travelled to **Manchester** for October 1st where many thousands of demonstrators descended on the city, demanding a second Brexit

referendum and an end to the Government's austerity policies. Proceeding through the city the noisy crowd - more than 50,000 people according to the always reliable Metro - unveiled a float especially for Theresa May's birthday entitled 'Brexit is a monstrosity', featuring a hideous mash-up of the senior Brexiteers.

Next on the calendar is the **London Mini Rally**, one of twelve Regional Rallies, coordinated by the 48%, organised by local pro Remain groups, with the support of the European Movement and BfE. This will be on **Saturday 14th October** opposite Downing St with speakers, chanting, music, dancing - a real street party, with, so we are told, "a surprise happening"! Check out [www.remainer.co.uk](http://www.remainer.co.uk) for more details.

On **Tuesday 24 a Pro-EU Conference** is taking place alongside a lobby of Parliament. The conference will focus on current developments, how public opinion is changing, and how we can build our strength. Speakers include Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, David Lammy MP, Susie Courtault, Julia Cavalier, Mike Galsworthy, Ian Dunt and Quentin Peel. You can book your place at the Conference on Eventbrite here. <https://pro-eu-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

Remember, it's not a done deal. We want to stay with the EU and we won't go away until the horror that is Brexit is stopped. Let's make a noise!





Oh yeah, one last thing: another highlight of the day (not)

Darryl Telles, local man and Labour Party delegate from Hove (international city - or so some of us tell ourselves), made a passionate speech from the Conference podium on Monday morning, in which he first mangled up the Monty Python parrot sketch (always a good indication that there'll be some sophistication and erudition to follow) and then said: ***"Who in this hall thought it would be a good idea on the first day of conference to organise a Stop Brexit campaign outside this conference. That's a disgrace."*** He got a big ovation for that and then added: "To the MP who said it was a silly and undermining decision not to have a vote on Brexit, well I'll tell you what is silly and undermining, standing as a Labour parliamentary candidate and saying you are standing against Jeremy Corbyn."

What happened to the people who 'organised a Stop Brexit campaign outside this conference'? We're still here, Darryl! So far, anyway. No midnight knocks on the door yet. Or nailing to the perch. Of course, we might be better not to joke about it.



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