

Should the United Kingdom continue as a member of the European Union?

A day of discussion & debate on one of the most talked about questions in British politics today

Wednesday 16 December 2015

09:30 – 16:00



Hosted by TEAM Global and The Sixth Form College, Farnborough

Prospect Avenue, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 8JX



The Sixth Form College
Farnborough

Should the United Kingdom continue as a member of the European Union?



The European Atlantic Movement - Registered Charity No 306950 - Developing Global Citizens -
www.teamglobal.org.uk

Programme

- 09:30 Registration and referendum on 'Brexit'
- 09:50 Welcome from Simon Jarvis, Principal of The Sixth Form College Farnborough
- 09:55 Opening statement from Laurence Smy, Chairman of TEAM Global
- 10:00 *Basic facts about the European Union and how it functions* – Michela Lucchini, Education Officer, European Parliament London Office
- 10:30 *The UK and its relations with European Institutions since 1945* - Michael Johnson, Adviser on International Trade Policy
- 11:00 Break / group discussions
- 11:30 *The economic case for leaving the EU* – Charlotte Fairbanks, Campaign Executive, 'Better off Out'
- 12:00 *The economic case for staying in the EU* - Mike Biden, Public Relations & Events Manager, 'The European Movement'
- 12:30 Groups prepare questions
- 12:40 Questions and comments to speakers from students
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:00 *The UK's position in the world would be stronger if we left the EU* - Caroline Stephens, Campaign Director, 'Leave.EU'
- 14:20 *The UK's position in the world would be stronger if we remain in the EU* - Lord Watson of Richmond
- 14:40 Groups prepare questions
- 15:00 Questions and comments to speakers from students
- 15:30 Short summary from each speaker
- 15:40 Referendum on 'Brexit'
- 15:50 Closing remarks and referendum result
- 16:00 Close



The Sixth Form College
Farnborough

Speaker profiles

Laurence Smy – *Chairman, The European Atlantic Movement*

Laurence is a graduate in History and Theology of the University of Cambridge. He became the Headmaster of Sir William Borlase's Grammar School in Marlow. Subsequently he worked for UCAS and was director of United Westminster Schools. He is currently a working member of The Council of Christian-Muslim Relations (CCMR), High Wycombe and contributes to seminars at the Middle East Studies Centre in Oxford.

Michela Lucchini – *Education Officer, European Parliament London Office*

Michaela joined the London office of the European Parliament in September 2015, after spending seven years in Brussels, working in the Secretariat of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and previously in the Directorate for Legislative Acts. She holds a degree in Languages and Translation.

Michael Johnson - *Adviser on International Trade Policy*

Michael was an international trade expert working for the United Kingdom Government from 1973 to 1995. He is now a leading consultant on international trade relations. His areas of expertise include the World Trade Organisation Agreements, bilateral trade relations between nations, and European Union trade policy and practice.

Charlotte Fairbanks - *Campaign Executive, 'Better off Out'*

Charlotte has graduated from the University of Lincoln with a degree in Politics and International Relations. During this time she participated in the Erasmus Programme in Belgium, studying masters modules on European Politics. Whilst doing so she also spent time in the European Parliament writing various articles and working for an MEP. Charlotte has also worked with a political party as an acting Campaign Manager in the 2015 general election.

Mike Biden - *Public Relations & Events Manager, 'The European Movement'*

Mike is a member of the executive board of the European Movement. He organises events for 16-21 year olds in Winchester and Hampshire on behalf of the European Movement. Now retired, he formerly worked in various roles for companies including Ionica Plc, Hays, British Telecom, Mars and British Petroleum.

Caroline Stephens - *Campaign Director, 'Leave.EU'*

Caroline joined The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) in March 2013, and was selected to stand as UKIP's Parliamentary Candidate in Stroud in the 2015 general election. She has previously worked as a financial education teacher and campaigner, contributing to government workshops, for example on integrating financial matters into maths lessons.

Lord Alan Watson of Richmond – *Life Peer and Member of the House of Lords Select Committee on the EU*

Following a career as a presenter and writer for the BBC, presenting Panorama and The Money Programme, Alan was European Chairman of Burson Marsteller for over ten years. Alan holds a range of honorary posts including: Visiting Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge and High Steward of the University of Cambridge. He is former President of the Liberal Party and a patron of Team Global.

The Sixth Form College, Farnborough would like to thank TEAM GLOBAL for their invaluable support in making this conference possible. Thank you to our moderator Laurence Smy, and to Robert Heslop for much of the behind-the-scenes organisation. We would also like to thank students from Kings College London, as well as former Farnborough students for chairing group discussions today.

TEAM is an Independent Educational Foundation. TEAM's vision is to promote an understanding and discussion of world affairs, which empowers young people to be active global citizens and to aspire to leadership roles within their communities.