

# Referendum Petition



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# Let the people decide

Membership of the European Union (EU) has a substantial impact upon, and cost to, every subject and resident of the United Kingdom. 75% of all our national laws emanate from the EU and the UK is the second largest net financial contributor at a time when there are substantial public sector cut backs impacting on our everyday lives. Many maintain that EU membership results in unrepresentative and unresponsive government, burdensome, unwanted regulations which inhibit traditional freedoms and strangle enterprise. Many others believe that it fosters good international relations, increases trade and enhances British influence.

This campaign seeks only to 'Let the People Decide' our future in the EU. Opinion polls have consistently demonstrated that the sovereign people of the UK would like to resolve this vital constitutional issue one way or the other. All the principal political parties have promised referendums (including IN/OUT) but consistently failed to provide them. Almost 80% of the electorate have never had a say on the UK's relationship with the EU. With so wide a disparity of opinion, it is surely right in principle and essential in practice that this matter should be democratically resolved.

We believe that the time to have our say on the EU is NOW!

**We the undersigned call for a binding national referendum to decide whether or not Her Majesty's Government should invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty to negotiate the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. This petition seeks to utilise the following provision; "The petition with the most signatures will enable members of the public to table a bill eligible to be voted on in Parliament" as set out in Article 24 of the Coalition's Programme for Government.**

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