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Dear Supporter  
We did it. We achieved our first goal. We the people, standing together in unity, strength and more importantly in effort, brought the Prime Minister to the dispatch box to answer the public's call for a referendum.

As I watched the debate from Strangers' Gallery, it dawned on me that we had taken democracy to the mother of all Parliaments yet paradoxically it is the loss of sovereignty, the ability to choose who governs us, which is where our grievances lie. The petition system is a new way to encourage participation in politics. Yet all three main parties used 'old' politics to destroy free debate by imposing a three line whip. Despite this 111 brave MPs put principle above party loyalty and two PPs resigned. I pay tribute to them.

The real casualty that evening was democracy for numerous opinion polls show that a clear majority of people want a referendum. Why are they so afraid of the will of the people?

In 2008 I had the privilege of meeting Lady Thatcher and informed her of my intention to stand as an MEP to fight for Britain's withdrawal from the EU. She told me, "Never give up, never give up." It always was and is my intention to never give up. And whilst I am so grateful for your support I need your continued help to keep this fight going.

We have launched another petition, this one calling to Table a 'Bill' in Parliament on a Referendum. You will find a NEW petition form on the back of this magazine and in the inside back cover you will see what you can do to help. Please give it all your effort.

I encourage those from all political parties and none to join this 'movement' to give the British people a say. This issue is far more important than party politics and together we can and will succeed.

  
Nikki Sinclair MEP



Baroness Thatcher to Nikki Sinclair as reported by the BBC

**"...Never give up,  
Never give up"**

28th October 2008, London  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7694477.stm>

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# The Launch of the Campaign



Britain has had its system of common law for centuries. It industrialised early. It has not been invaded since 1066. All these things matter.

In much of Europe, people look to the EU as a higher authority able to rescue them from dysfunctional local rulers. Britain is one of the few countries whose voters instinctively assume domestic administration to be superior to the EU's.

Successive governments, Conservative and Labour, both supported by Liberal Democrats, have supported further EU integration and harmonisation that has slowly eroded our traditions and culture.

In the 1970 manifesto, the Tory promise was to "negotiate, nothing more, nothing less", but Heath then joined the EEC with a mandate from the people. Wilson promised a referendum on membership which took place in 1975; a heavily funded "yes" campaign supported by the government won on a promise that it was nothing more than a trading agreement. Margaret Thatcher may have got us our rebate from the Common Agricultural policy, but it was her government that signed the Single European Act in 1986. John Major then tied the UK firmly into the EU with the Maastricht Treaty, making us all citizens of the EU. New Labour reinforced the integration by signing the Amsterdam and Nice Treaties.

Then came the EU Constitution/Lisbon Treaty, where once again we were promised a referendum that never materialised. David Cameron gave a cast iron promise on a referendum that he jettisoned before coming to power this year. The Lib Dems promised a referendum on membership of the EU, but when they joined the coalition, they conveniently dropped the policy.

It is now up to the British people to make their voices heard. People's petitions have been

promised both by the new government and the EU, and this is the basis of which Campaign for a Referendum was launched.

The Campaign was officially launched to the media on July 27th 2010, stating "It is a disgrace that nobody under the age



of 53 has had the chance to have their say on the European Union yet it costs the taxpayer £45 million a day to be a part of it". The Campaign was promoted as a cross-party cause, and as you can see from the list of supporters,

the list grew to a significant number.

The launch was followed by the Campaign's first road show in Stoke in Trent which was held on 29th July 2010. This was covered online by BBC

Stoke and Staffordshire. To date, the Campaign has been featured in newspapers across the West Midlands region including the Worcester News and Kidderminster Shuttle. The Campaign has featured heavily in letters pages of newspapers across the country and promoted in a number of high profile newspaper adverts some

of which were paid for by generous donors.

The Campaign for a Referendum have also held public meetings to gather and galvanise its supporters, the first

of which was held in Torquay on 3rd September 2010.

Former Conservative government minister, UKIP leader and MEP Roger Knapman (pictured left) spoke at an extremely successful fringe meeting, having only positive words to say about the Campaign for a Referendum. "This is exactly the campaign which should never have been allowed to fall dormant. Pro-Brussels politicians seek to withhold the people's right to have their say on the EU, no doubt because they are fearful of what the people may say, but they have to realise that this is a cause which will not go away.



All of us are completely united on one issue, the right of the British people to say whether they want to be in or out of the EU."

Shortly after the Torquay meeting, the first issue of "Campaign for a Referendum" magazine was launched to a huge response.

The "Have Your Say" vehicle which has taken the team around the country to collect signatures has been featured in a number of news reports and has made visits to Westminster itself.

Nikki was the first person to realise the potential of the Coalition document on political reform. The new legislation was written to ensure that any petition that secured 100,000 signatures would be eligible for formal debate in Parliament and the petition with the greatest number of signatures would enable members of the public to table a bill in Parliament, giving them a unique chance to hold the politicians to account.

# Collecting Signatures

## Canvassing and Campaigning for a Referendum

### Nikki Sinclair MEP The West Midlands

The Campaign for a Referendum battle bus and mobile surgery is on the road.



The bus has visited many towns and Cities throughout the West Midlands and the UK, including Birmingham, Stratford on Avon, Solihull, Stourbridge, Kenilworth, Nuneaton, Worcester, Hereford, Dudley, Burton on Trent, Telford, Bedworth, Stoke on Trent, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Ludlow, Kidderminster, Lichfield, Winchester, Swanage, Torquay, Manchester and London. The team plans to visit many more so please look



out for the battle bus as it is usually covered in advance by the local press. This publicity guarantees a steady number of people, sometimes queuing to sign the petition and to speak to the team about the EU. Safe to say, the people of West Midlands want a referendum on Britain's membership of

the EU and more to the point they would vote to get Britain out!

There is no substitute to speaking directly with the electorate. Many interesting constituency matters come to the fore including small businesses and enterprises (SME) unable to obtain EU grants. Unbelievably, EU funds (British taxpayers' money) will be returned to the EU if it is unused.



Its not surprising that the general public of the West Midlands cannot name most of their 6 MEPs when asked, and it just shows the problem with the EU project. The constituencies are just too large, unworkable and out of touch! There is no connection between those who are elected and the public.

The Campaign for a Referendum Petition is a cross party initiative attracting more and more high profile supporters since its creation in 2010.



### Trevor Colman MEP The South West



The promotion of the petition forms asking for a referendum on continued British membership of the European Union has been one of the easiest tasks I have undertaken in the South West over the past twelve years.

In addition South West UKIP members clamoured for stocks of the Referendum brochures and the (excellent) Corex boards.

The campaign is touching a nerve with activists and with the public alike. There have been continual reports of queues of people waiting patiently to sign, not just at the shows but on street corners as well.

What does all this mean?

I believe it means that the will and commitment of our members continues to be at a high level. This means that the public continues to be concerned about EU membership. It's a problem that won't go away. We must always be there for them.

There's nobody else.

Campaign for a Referendum Vehicles, the Mobile Surgery pictured (above) the Ad Van and the Campaign Frelander (below)



### Mike Nattrass MEP The West Midlands

*"It is time we had a say about the EU, as no permission has so far been given by the British people for politicians to sign away our independence and sovereignty"*

### Winston McKenzie London



Winston McKenzie, London

The team got out and about in South London to collect

signatures over a three day period. Led by the irrepressible Winston McKenzie, the boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark were targeted. We were told that Britain is a great county – we happen to agree!

### Alan W Smith Dorset

"I became aware of the Campaign during Nikki's visit to Swanage. I'm



highly motivated as the continuing destruction of our country is at stake. I think in terms of 10s, 50s and 100s when collecting signatures."

### Tom McCartney Staffordshire

On fine Saturdays that are not too cold or breezy, Tom goes out onto the streets, as seen in the photograph. A stand is set up in Wolverhampton with a placard with bright lettering. People surge in droves to sign and Tom can collect around 120 signatures in two hours. Often he is so busy that he needs three clipboards rather than the usual two.



### The Doncaster Team Yorkshire

The people of Doncaster are more than enthusiastic and are queuing four deep to sign. Many of the comments are that we should not be in the



European Union as it is costing us far too much money.

### Hazel and Ian North Wales



Hazel is pictured with fellow activist and neighbour Ian. Hazel was Issue 1's star collector and she is enthusiastically continuing to collect new names.

### Signatures from National Newspapers

In a final great push, The Campaign for a Referendum put an advert in The Sun on Friday 5th August. This followed other advertisements which were printed in the Daily Mail, The Telegraph, Daily Mirror and local West Midlands newspapers. The fantastic response from The Sun readers pushed us over the 100,000 target.



### 100,000 signatures

Press conference on 9th August 2011 held by Nikki Sinclair in London to announce to the national press that the Campaign for a Referendum had been successful in collecting 100,000 signatures. She also released the damning figures from a YouGov poll she commissioned, which showed that 52% of the people want a Referendum on our membership of the European Union.



# Delivering the Petition

and lobbying for a debate

# Supporters

## Kate Hoey MP

"There are thousands of Labour Party supporters across the UK who are fed up with the increasing control the European bureaucrats



have over their lives. It is time we had a real debate about our future in the European Union so that the scaremongering on the dire effects of leaving can be exposed as just untrue. We need a referendum and we need it soon."

## Rt.Hon. Nigel Dodds MP

"A Referendum on EU membership should hold no fear for any true democrat. It is time the people had their say."



# Crusade to escape the EU marches on No 10



## Nikki leads an all party delegation to deliver 100,000 'voices' to David Cameron

Nikki Sinclair was joined by the all party delegation, when she marched on Downing Street to present her Campaign for a Referendum petition to the Prime Minister. The Campaign for a Referendum was launched here in the West Midlands in 2010. The campaign has collected over 100,000 signatures in support of getting Britain an "in or out" referendum on our continued membership of the European Union.

Nikki Sinclair MEP was joined by Trevor Colman MEP, Mike Nattrass MEP, Kelvin Hopkins MP, Rt.Hon.Nigel Dodds MP,

and Kate Hoey MP in presenting the signatures, which were a combination of traditional pen and ink signatures and signatures which had been gained online through [www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu)

The West Midlands has been instrumental in the Campaign's success, with Nikki's mobile surgery visiting almost every town and city in the region, collecting signatures and meeting constituents.

Nikki is delighted by the number of people supporting the campaign. "This is

## YouGov SURVEY RESULTS

Do you think the government should or should not hold a referendum on whether or not Britain remains a member of the European Union?

Should 60%  
Should not 25%

Do you think there should or should not be more of a national debate about the pros and cons of Britain being in the EU?

Should 78%  
Should not 12%

If there was a referendum on whether or not Britain should remain a member of the European Union, how would you vote?

Would vote for Britain to leave the European Union 52%  
Would vote for Britain to remain a member of the European Union 30%

All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,000 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 7th - 8th August 2011. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+).

giving a voice to more than 100,000 people who want a referendum on membership of the EU."

## "Referendum Now!" says former Tory Whip Roger Knapman.

"The decision by David Cameron's office to impose a 3 line whip on Conservative MPs on the debate on a possible referendum on Britain's membership of the EU was a catastrophic mistake", says Roger Knapman, former Tory Whip, and architect of UKIP's 2004 euro-election breakthrough.



The Whip's office often refers to the "Payroll Vote" (those MPs, especially ministers and PPSs, who can always be relied on to vote in line with the party whip so as to protect their careers and their income.) However, the scale of the rebellion on October 24th has shown that Mr Cameron is now completely out of touch with his own party, in which euroscepticism and even withdrawalism are now becoming mainstream thinking, as 81 conservatives chose to reject the whip.

"Like the other 21 Maastricht rebels, I feel totally vindicated" said Roger. "Thank the Lord we didn't join the Eurozone".

"I suspect that the Prime Minister is

actually being unrealistic in expecting his MPs to vote for a 5% increase in the UK 's contributions to the EU whilst domestic budgets, and particularly defence, are being slashed to the bone."

Now that the tide has turned, Mr Cameron may now find himself reliant on his Lib Dem coalition partners, and the pro-EU media, in order to push his Europhile agenda.

Roger summed up by asking "Where does the eurosceptic cause go from here? Do we solely rely on political parties or do we need a movement. It seems to me that Nikki Sinclair has already started a successful one. The arguments have all been won. It is time for a referendum now, and it is as simple as that."

-  **Austin Mitchell MP**  
Labour
-  **Kelvin Hopkins MP**  
Labour
-  **Philip Davies MP**  
Conservative
-  **Kate Hoey MP**  
Labour
-  **Nikki Sinclair MEP**  
Independent
-  **David Nuttall MP**  
Conservative
-  **Roger Godsiff MP**  
Labour
-  **Gordon Henderson MP**  
Conservative
-  **Christopher Chope MP**  
Conservative
-  **Mike Nattrass MEP**  
UKIP
-  **Trevor Colman MEP**  
UKIP
-  **Graham Stringer MP**  
Labour
-  **Tim Congdon**  
Chairman of The Freedom Association

-  **Philip Hollobone MP**  
Conservative
-  **Richard Shepherd MP**  
Conservative
-  **Mark Reckless MP**  
Conservative
-  **Jim Allister**  
MLA - Former MEP/Current Leader of the TUV, Northern Ireland
-  **Roger Knapman**  
Former UKIP leader
-  **Peter Davies**  
Elected Mayor of Doncaster English Democrat
-  **Sammy Wilson**  
MLA/MP Democratic Unionist Party
-  **Steve Radford**  
Liberal Councillor
-  **Marta Andreasen MEP**  
UKIP
-  **Rt.Hon.Nigel Dodds MP**, Deputy Leader Democratic Unionist Party
-  **Diane Dodds MEP**  
DUP, Northern Ireland

## Brief encounter



Nikki took the Campaign to Manchester for the Conservative party conference and met David Cameron whilst she was there. Nikki challenged the PM for a Referendum on Europe. While he was evasive about the subject, he did however acknowledge our 100,000 petition which Nikki delivered with fellow MEPs and MPs. Nikki had harsh words for Mr Cameron stating, "He talks about repatriating powers from the EU back to member states, but that cannot happen without the consent of every member of the EU, and it would probably require a referendum in Ireland and maybe other countries too. Any talk of repatriation of laws is delusional and unrealistic. It just isn't going to happen.



# Success - a debate in Parliament

Our petition was officially credited for its huge success in triggering a debate and vote in the House of Commons.

Although we were covered extensively by the press leading up to the debate most news sources reported that this vote had come about by a back bench initiative that had been started by a Tory MP. If you hadn't heard the name before, the MP was David Nutall (pictured below) who we must thank for helping us get the petition heard by the Back Bench Business Committee (this is the committee that deals with public petitions). David found himself in the spotlight of events, as we had found ourselves in a bit of a predicament, after we had learnt that the Coalition Government had moved the goal posts since we started the petition. We had been told that they would now only



consider debating issues supported by 100,000 signatures that had been collected on their own government petition website.

Arguing that this disadvantaged people without internet access, Nikki Sinclair MEP was able to get reassurances from the Leader of the House of Commons that they would accept our petition which they termed as a hybrid (because we had a combination of both ink and online signatures) but only if an MP made the representation on our behalf to the Back Bench Business Committee. We asked David to do this and he attended the committee on the 6th of September to formally request a



debate. They agreed in principle and a few weeks later set a date first for the 27th October. This was brought forward, however, to the 24th October to ensure that David Cameron and William Hague could attend the debate.

The day of the Parliamentary debate could be described in three clear stages.

Firstly, a team of supporters from Campaign for a Referendum made their way to the famous doors of Number 10 to deliver an additional 20,000, to the 100,000 signatures that we had delivered to the government. Nikki Sinclair MEP was joined by Graham Stringer MP and Trevor Colman MEP (Pictured right). All three faced media interviews in front of the famous doors in anticipation of the night's debate.



The middle of the day saw groups from all political persuasions arriving on College Green to unite in their shared belief that the UK should have a Referendum on our membership of the EU. The media were in strong



attendance, and Campaign for a Referendum banners and posters were beamed into the nation's homes via live television. The various groups then all joined to march in front of Westminster. The Campaign for a Referendum Ad Van, which was signed up with messages for Mr Cameron, circled the

area around Westminster alerting people to the debate happening that evening.

The debate was talked up in the media in the build up to the event, and Nikki Sinclair MEP made a range of media appearances on the day as the founding member of Campaign for a Referendum. Radio appearances included: BBC Hereford and Worcester, BBC Radio 5 live, BBC Radio 2, BBC Coventry and Warwickshire, BBC Radio Stoke and BBC WM. Television appearances included BBC News, Sky News and BBC Midlands today. Nikki appeared on BBC News 24 live after the result in the Commons, and she stated her intentions for the Campaign to carry on into the future.



## Those MPs who voted in favour of the motion for a Referendum

### Conservatives:

Stuart Andrew (Pudsey), Steven Baker (Wycombe), John Baron (Basildon & Billericay), Andrew Bingham (High Peak), Brian Binley (Northampton South), Bob Blackman (Harrow East), Graham Brady (Altrincham & Sale West), Andrew Bridgen (Leicestershire North West), Steve Brine (Winchester), Fiona Bruce (Congleton), Dan Byles (Warwickshire North), Douglas Carswell (Clacton), Bill Cash (Stone), Christopher Chope (Christchurch), James Clappison (Hertsmere), Tracey Crouch (Chatham & Aylesford), David Davies (Monmouth), Philip Davies (Shipley), David Davis (Haltemprice & Howden), Nick de Bois (Enfield North), Caroline Dinenage (Gosport), Nadine Dorries (Bedfordshire Mid), Richard Drax (Dorset South), Mark Field (Cities of London & Westminster), Lorraine Fullbrook (South Ribble), Zac Goldsmith (Richmond Park), James Gray (Wiltshire North), Chris Heaton-Harris (Daventry), Gordon Henderson (Sittingbourne & Sheppey), George Hollingbery (Meon Valley), Adam Holloway (Gravesham), Stewart Jackson (Peterborough), Bernard Jenkin (Harwich & Essex North), Marcus Jones (Nuneaton), Chris Kelly (Dudley South), Andrea Leadsom (Northamptonshire South), Jeremy Lefroy (Stafford), Edward Leigh (Gainsborough), Julian Lewis (New Forest East), Karen Lumley (Redditch), Jason McCartney (Colne Valley), Karl McCartney (Lincoln), Stephen McPartland (Stevenage), Anne Main (St Albans), Patrick Mercer (Newark), Nigel Mills (Amber Valley), Anne-Marie Morris (Newton Abbot), James Morris (Halesowen & Rowley Regis), Stephen Mosley (Chester, City of), Sheryll Murray (Cornwall South East), Caroline Nokes (Romsey & Southampton North), David Nuttall (Bury North), Matthew Offord (Hendon), Neil Parish (Tiverton & Honiton), Priti Patel (Witham), Andrew Percy (Brigg & Goole), Mark Pritchard (Wrekin, The), Mark Reckless (Rochester & Strood), John Redwood (Wokingham), Jacob Rees-Mogg (Somerset North East), Simon Reeve (Dewsbury), Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury), Andrew Rosindell (Romford), Richard Shepherd

(Aldridge-Brownhills), Henry Smith (Crawley), John Stevenson (Carlisle), Bob Stewart (Beckenham), Gary Streeter (Devon South West), Julian Sturdy (York Outer), Sir Peter Tapsell (Louth & Horncastle), Justin Tomlinson (Swindon North), Andrew Turner (Isle of Wight), Martin Vickers (Cleethorpes), Charles Walker (Broxbourne), Robin Walker (Worcester), Heather Wheeler (Derbyshire South), Craig Whittaker (Calder Valley), John Whittingdale (Maldon), Dr Sarah Wollaston (Totnes)

**Two Tory MPs registered an abstention:** Iain Stewart (Milton Keynes South) and Mike Weatherley (Hove)

**A further two Tory MPs acted as tellers for the motion:** Peter Bone (Wellingborough) and Philip Hollobone (Kettering)

**Nineteen Labour MPs defied the party leadership to support the motion:**

Ronnie Campbell (Blyth Valley), Rosie Cooper (Lancashire West), Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North), Jon Cruddas (Dagenham & Rainham), John Cryer (Leyton & Wanstead), Ian Davidson (Glasgow South West), Natascha Engel (Derbyshire North East), Frank Field (Birkenhead), Roger Godsiff (Birmingham Hall Green), Kate Hoey (Vauxhall), Kelvin Hopkins (Luton North), Steve McCabe (Birmingham Selly Oak), John McDonnell (Hayes & Harlington), Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby), Dennis Skinner (Bolsover), Andrew Smith (Oxford East), Graham Stringer (Blackley & Broughton), Gisela Stuart (Birmingham Edgbaston), Mike Wood (Batley & Spen).

**One Liberal Democrat:** Adrian Sanders (Torbay) voted for the motion.

**Green leader:** Caroline Lucas (Brighton Pavilion) voted for the motion.

**Eight Democratic Unionist Party MPs voted for the motion:**

Gregory Campbell (Londonderry East), Nigel Dodds (Belfast North), Jeffrey Donaldson (Lagan Valley), Rev William McCrea (Antrim South), Ian Paisley Junior (Antrim North), Jim Shannon (Strangford), David Simpson (Upper Bann), Sammy Wilson (Antrim East).

**Independent:** Lady Sylvia Hermon (Down North) voted for the motion.

# The Next Step

## a New petition launched 31st October 2011



National Campaign manager Josh O'Nyons (pictured left) in front of the Houses of Parliament with the new petition. Nikki warned those in government of what is to come.

"Many of us did not believe that politicians appointed by the public would treat the public like dirt," says Nikki, "so we did not invoke this clause. It seems that we were naive. David Cameron and Nick Clegg owe their positions to some 30,000 voters apiece. They plainly think those were all discerning, intelligent voters who should be obeyed. We have four times as many. They just sneer.

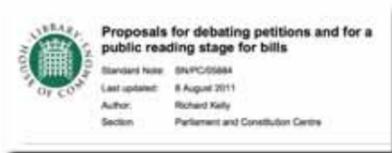
"So we're coming back with a different Campaign for a Referendum petition, and this time we're invoking a firm pledge. We'll see if it's any firmer than Cameron's cast-iron promise to hold a referendum which turned out

A new nightmare began for David Cameron and his coalition Government on Halloween (31st October 2011), when we launched our new petition.

Our original petition may have been exorcised with 3 line whips, but Nikki Sinclair has stood up for the will of the people by launching the next stage of the Campaign for a Referendum crusade.

A little known clause from the Coalition document states that "The petition with the most signatures will enable members of the public to table a bill eligible to be voted on in Parliament", and this is what the new petition is based upon.

Independent West Midlands  
MEP Nikki Sinclaire and



to be made of Belgian chocolate and melted in the heat of high office. The original petitioners are very angry at the way they were treated and will sign again, and there will be many, many more who want to remind these people that we are sovereign and that we have never been given a chance to decide whether we want our laws made by unelected, unknown bureaucrats in Brussels. All that we are saying, as ever, is 'Let the People Decide.'"

As before, the Campaign for a Referendum petition will be a combination of online and paper signatures, giving a greater number of people the chance to have their say, even if they don't have computer access.

We must play the politicians at their own game. When the French, Dutch and Irish voted No to the EU constitutional and Lisbon Treaties, they were asked to vote again. We must now force our MPs to do the same.

### Trevor Colman MEP says



The people from my constituency, in the South West, enthusiastically took the Campaign for a Referendum to their hearts. Now that we are into the next phase of this important campaign, I expect the

support to be continued and increase in numbers.

Our Prime Minister David Cameron talks about the "big society"; however when a large chunk of society is unhappy with the UK being a part of the

EU, he slaps us down.

Now more than ever we must keep up the pressure; we mustn't let this campaign fade away and fall like so many have done in the past. We mustn't stop applying the pressure on our MP's and we have to keep this issue in the media. Please make use of the petition form on the back of this magazine, as well as online at [www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu).

Since the last magazine, I have launched my own website which I invite you to visit. [www.th-eu-nit.com/](http://www.th-eu-nit.com/) is full of stories informing the public on the European Union, its institutions and laws, what it has planned and how it affects you.



### LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE?

The campaign for a Referendum finally arrived in the House of Commons on 24th October thanks to the efforts of Nikki's team and the support of we three MEPs (Nikki, Trevor Colman and myself). This is a bridge not crossed before, even by my hero Sir James Goldsmith and his Referendum Party, for which I was a candidate back in 1997. In 2011 a well-planned petition, 120,000 signatures and a visit to Downing Street achieved phase one.

We three MEPs have used our budgets to the hilt, within the rules, to promote this Campaign and along with your generous donations have made this the most successful EU Campaign to date. National newspaper advertisements, high quality publications and campaign materials empowered you the public to force the issue in Parliament.

The negative three line whips imposed by all three parties were broken by 111 MPs who decided to be patriots, reflecting the mood of the people and the media.

People had said, "It will never happen," but with hard work and support from those collecting signatures, it certainly did.

This new petition seeks to "let the people decide" on the status of our political union with the EU. The people were told in the 1970s that the "Common Market" was not a political union and our sovereignty would not diminish. But NO referendum has taken place to confirm the UK being taken over by the European Union.

Please support this second phase, as it could effect a conclusion.

**Mike Nattrass MEP**

### Sign the NEW petition and register on-line [www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu)



"We will ensure that any petition that secures 100,000 signatures will be eligible for formal debate in Parliament. **The petition with the most signatures will enable members of the public to table a bill eligible to be voted on in Parliament.**"

[www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN05884.pdf](http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN05884.pdf)

We will continue to pursue the unique opportunity this has created for our cause.



### the public can table a bill in the Coalition's 'Programme for Government' on political reform

### We asked 3 of our on-line supporters. "Why are you now supporting the NEW Campaign for a Referendum petition?"

"I wish to follow on my support from the first petition that got to a debate, because the EU is an important issue for me"

Nikki Collins

"I am supporting Nikki's new petition because it represents the wishes of myself and the majority of the British people. Nikki is the peoples champion and continuously fights for our voices to be heard."

Sara Roocroft

"Myself and my parents have never had a say on EU membership and my grandparents were ask to vote on the Common Market which is unrecognizable from the EU we have today. That is why we need a long overdue national vote on EU membership."

Christopher R Holgate

# What you can do

## Write to your Newspaper

One of the most effective ways that supporters can help, is to send a letter to the local newspaper. We get a great response from letters and it provokes a healthy debate within the paper itself. The following is the suggested wording for a letter – why not send one to your local paper?

Dear Editor,

Could I alert your readers to the Campaign for a Referendum on our membership of the European Union ([www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu))?

Britain is currently half in and half out of the European Union.

Some people think Britain should come out altogether and go back to making our own laws and our own trade agreements with any country in the world.

Other people think Britain should go further, transferring government from Westminster to Brussels and abandoning the Pound in favour of the Euro. Either way, I believe we should have a referendum and the people of the UK should decide.

There was a debate on EU in the House of Commons on 24th October 2011, but MPs were told how to vote which stopped the will of the people.

The Campaign for a Referendum continues to pile pressure on the Government with a new petition which seeks to create a bill in Parliament to get a referendum. The Campaign for a Referendum will continue to collect signatures to gain the free vote on Europe that the people of the UK deserve.

I would urge anyone who thinks we should be allowed a say on our membership of the EU to sign the petition.

You can contact the campaign office on 0800 157 7916 or email: [eureferendumcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:eureferendumcampaign@gmail.com)

Yours

## Campaign Online

For those who are regular users of Facebook and Twitter, you may have noticed that Nikki Sinclair MEP heavily advertises the Campaign on her accounts to good effect. The [www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu) website also receives fantastic amounts of visitors who are looking for information about an EU referendum.

If you have internet access, you can help promote Campaign for a Referendum from the comfort of your own home.

If you are on Facebook, why not change your status to the [www.haveyoursay.eu](http://www.haveyoursay.eu) website for a week so your friends can be informed about the campaign. Similarly, you could tweet this on twitter if you are a twitter user.

If you have your own website, why not link to the Have Your Say website on your front page? If you only use the internet for emails, you could change the signature of your emails to include the Campaign website. This could encourage friends, family and colleagues to sign.

If you are a user of popular internet forums, putting a link in your signature is also a great way to educate people about the Campaign.



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# More ways to help

To Claim your  
**FREE**  
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see form below

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about the successes of the Campaign which are detailed in this magazine. However, as has been proven, the fight must continue and we will not get a free vote on Europe with words alone. As history has shown, it is up to us, the ordinary people of this country to make the difference.

For this to work and not just to be another exercise we need your help in any way possible to pressurise the government. We must never let them forget that the British people can only be governed with their own consent.

The Campaign for a Referendum has already handed in 120,000+ signatures, and we aim for 100,000 signatures and beyond for the next petition which we have launched with this magazine. We have cross party support and media coverage which is placing pressure upon our government and elected officials.

I would ask you to look at the following list and help in any way you can. Any donation or purchase would make a massive difference to the continuation of this successful campaign.



The funding for the 'Who Governs BRITAIN?' advertisements above appearing in the Daily Mirror and Daily Telegraph were donated by generous supporters of the Campaign for a Referendum.

The cost of an advertisement in a national newspaper is £5000, I would like to contribute £\_\_\_\_\_ towards this

The cost of 100,000 copies of this magazine is £10,000, I would like to contribute £\_\_\_\_\_ towards the next issue

I would like to make a general donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ towards the running costs of the Campaign

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ more petition forms to collect signatures to help achieve the referendum.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ more copies of this **Magazine** 50p each (including p&p) £\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ **Poster/s** size A4 laminated £1.50p each (including p&p) £\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ **Car Sticker/s** size 270x80mm £1.50p each (including p&p) £\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ please make all cheques payable to "Campaign for a Referendum"

**I have collected 5 or more signatures for the Campaign on the reverse of this form and I would like to Claim my FREE Poster  or Car Sticker  please tick appropriate box**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this completed form to: Campaign for a Referendum, 123 New John Street, Birmingham B6 4LD

## Campaign for a Referendum

on our membership of the European Union

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## Make your own stall

Quite a few of you will have been out collecting signatures, I myself being one. Different places bring different responses. Even pro-EU supporters sign because they agree that no one has voted for what we are currently part of. Supporters always rush over and are very pleased to see you.

To make my own stall to collect signatures, I found a fold up table from my garage, printed off 20 petition forms and set up in a town centre asking people to sign my petition forms. Throughout the day people were keen to sign the petition and to take a Campaign for a Referendum magazine which I had on my stall. At one point, I had a queue of ten people!

Some town centres require permission, so if you are interested in setting up a stall, the staff at the Office of Nikki Sinclair can advise you.

Summary of what is required for a stall:

- Fold out table
- Petition Forms
- Magazines
- Pens



Paula Murray reporting for the Campaign for a Referendum



# 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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This petition is being compiled by The Office of Nikki Sinclair MEP, a non attached Member of the European Parliament

**Please return to: The Office of Nikki Sinclair MEP, 123 New John Street, Birmingham B6 4LD**

If you do not wish to receive any further information from Nikki Sinclair MEP please tick the box on the left hand side.