

## **CHAIR of EUROPEAN MOVEMENT UK**

### **The European Movement**

The European Movement is the largest cross-party, pro-European membership organisation in the UK, with over 120 branches, over 8,000 members and over 150,000 supporters, under the Honorary Presidency of Lord Heseltine. The European Movement is governed by a National Council (NC) and a National Executive (NE), the NE having responsibility for implementing the broad strategy laid down by the NC. Day-to-day leadership is delegated to a full-time CEO, supported by, currently, 7 full-time staff members.

The European Movement is linked to European Movement International (EMI), which is the largest pan-European network of pro-European organisations.

The mission of the European Movement is to achieve the closest possible cooperation between the UK and the rest of Europe based on shared values and interests. Further information on the European Movement is available at [europeanmovement.co.uk](http://europeanmovement.co.uk)

Since Brexit, the European Movement has set itself the following political and organisational objectives:-

#### **1. Political objectives**

- a. to identify, expose, and publicise adverse consequences of Brexit as they arise;
- b. to champion British European identity and demand the maximum possible freedom of movement and activity for British citizens throughout Europe, and to welcome and support citizens from other European countries living in the UK;
- c. to champion the closest possible alignment between the UK and European economies and demand that the rights, living standards and prospects enjoyed by British citizens shall always at least equal those enjoyed by their EU counterparts;
- d. to encourage and facilitate greater understanding of the UK's historic, present and future interdependence with the other countries of Europe, especially amongst young people;
- e. at a future date, to be determined in the light of progress in achieving the preceding objectives, to campaign for the UK to rejoin the European mainstream.

#### **2. Organisational objectives:**

- a. to attract a growing membership of people who share our objectives, particularly among young people;

- b. to develop the structure of local groups so that they provide an effective contact and mobilization network which links the European Movement to its individual members;
- c. to develop the capacity and competence of the European Movement to support the growth of its membership and the network of local groups;
- d. to develop capacity and competence of the European Movement at national level to strengthen its messaging and profile;
- e. to develop linkages with European Movement International and, through EMI, with like-minded organizations elsewhere in Europe.

The current Chair of the European Movement, Stephen Dorrell, having served for four years and overseen a major expansion of the Movement, has indicated his wish to stand down at the time of appointment of his successor. It is expected that Stephen will remain connected with the European Movement as a Vice-President (this is subject to his formal election).

### **The Role of the Chair of the European Movement**

The role is to undertake the non-executive political and organisational leadership of the European Movement

The primary tasks of the Chair are to shape the European Movement strategy and then energetically to promote and advocate for the European Movement, its mission, its priorities and its campaigns to both political and public audiences, through all available media and channels of communication. The Chair will maintain, establish and develop political and media connections relevant to the European Movement's mission across all political parties.

Other leadership responsibilities include:-

- chairing the NE and the Political Committee and keeping in touch with their members;
- liaising with the Chair of NC on agendas and proceedings of quarterly NC meetings;
- forging and maintaining an excellent supervisory working relationship with the CEO;
- contributing to the evolution of the European Movement's mission and priorities;
- providing overall strategic direction of the European Movement and its campaigns;
- speaking at the European Movement's events, both actual and online, and encouraging membership;
- chairing the European Movement's AGM and motivating its branch leaders and members;
- meeting with leaders of other pro-European organisations;
- supporting the European Movement's fundraising initiatives.

The post is unremunerated, but reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed. The proportion of time to be devoted to the European Movement's affairs will be discussed on an individual basis.