EUROPEAN MOVEMENT UK

2021 Virtual Conference

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Build bridges, not barriers!
# Conference Guide

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## ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This is the Conference Guide for the **2021 European Movement Virtual Conference**. It contains the schedule, further information about speakers and panellists, details of the fringe events, and tips on how to get the most out of the event.

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To download the latest version of this Conference Guide, with the most up-to-date information about keynote speakers and panels alongside the latest schedule, visit:  
[www.europeanmovement.co.uk/conference](http://www.europeanmovement.co.uk/conference)
WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

The 2021 European Movement Virtual Conference brings activists and supporters together with influencers and decision makers to discuss both the key issues we still face three months on from the Brexit deal, and how our movement is vital to shaping the UK's relationship with Europe.

Featuring keynote speeches, panel discussions, workshops, Q&As, social events, networking, a virtual exhibition, and more, the event will be an immersive and engaging opportunity to hear how YOU can be the change in your local community.

It is the latest in a series of events designed to generate discussion about the key issues we still face as a nation while supporting, enhancing, and empowering our network of grassroots activists.

In just two months we have already seen the disastrous outcome of this bad Brexit deal. As we face more and more challenges because of Brexit, the European Movement UK will be leading the fight to build back what we have lost, brick by brick. And we want you to be at the heart of it.

CONFERENCE TIMELINE

The full schedule can be found further on in this document, but the event is divided into the following blocks.

- **Main Stage (AM session)** 10:00 – 12:00
- **Fringe events** 12:00 – 14:00
- **Main Stage (PM session)** 14:00 – 16:30
- **Fringe events** 16:30 – 17:00
- **Conference virtual social** 18:00 – 19:00

Information about the contents of each session can be found on the next page.
THE CONFERENCE SYSTEM

ABOUT THE SYSTEM

The 2021 European Movement Conference will take place virtually via the Hopin system. This is an industry leading platform that enables interactive and enriching virtual conferences, and is trusted by everybody from small companies to international NGOs.

REGISTRATION

To register for the event visit the conference website and click on the registration link.

You will be taken to our event page on Hopin, where you can register for tickets. All tickets to the conference are free, but you can choose to make an optional donation during the registration process.

To register for the event you will need to create an account on the Hopin System. This is free, and only takes 60 seconds.

If, during the registration process, you receive a message saying your e-mail address is already in use then it means that you already have an account from a previous event which used the Hopin system such as the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit, 2020 Liberal Democrat Conference, or the Womentech Global Conference.

In that case, simply log in to your existing account to register for tickets to the conference (see below).

If that doesn’t work, please refer to the FAQ section at the end of this document.
LOGGING IN ON THE DAY

You should receive an reminder e-mail from Hopin 24 hours before the event. This will contain all of the information that you need to log in on the day.

If that e-mail doesn’t arrive, for example if it gets stopped by your junk mail filters, simply head to the conference page on Hopin, and click the link above the list of ticket types to log into your account and access the conference (see image below)

After logging in you will enter the reception area where you can view the event schedule. The other sections of the event will be visible 5 minutes before the event starts.

NAVIGATION

On the day of the event, after logging on, you will be able to browse the different sections of the conference by clicking on the buttons to the left of your screen.

Further information about each section can be found on the next page.
RECEPTION
In the reception area you can find more information about the event, the latest conference schedule, and details of who to contact if you need any help on the day.

STAGE
The Stage is our main event space for the conference, and is where all of our keynote speeches and panel discussions will take place.

SESSIONS (FRINGE)
Fringe events, including Q&A sessions and campaign workshops, will take place in the sessions area.
Events will only be displayed when the doors have opened. Visit the reception area for a full list of fringe events.

NETWORKING
One of the benefits of attending a conference is the ability to network and meet lots of new people. This conference is no exception, and you can visit the networking section to have one-to-one video chats with other attendees.

EXHIBITION
Visit the Exhibition tab to check out virtual booths from the European Movement, our sister organisations, and our local groups.

CONFERENCE CHAT
While the conference is running you can chat with the organisers, and with other attendees, in the chat section to the right of your screen.

In most areas you will have two chat tabs, one to chat with people who are in the same stage or fringe event as you, and another chat which is event-wide. For example, in the main stage area you will have a “Stage” and an “Event” chat window available (see below).

In the chat section you can switch between the event-wide chat and the one for the stage / session you are in with the options at the top.

One you have selected the area you wish to view the chat for you can swap between the chat, any polls that have been created for that session, and the latest tweets for the organiser of that session by selecting one of the options underneath.
ASKING QUESTIONS

If you have any questions for the speakers, panellists, or trainers then you can ask these within the conference chat section described above.

Questions should be asked in the “Stage” or “Session” chat and not the main event one.

If you have any questions for the organisers, please e-mail events@europeanmovement.co.uk.

GETTING HELP

If you need any help your first point of call should be the FAQ section at the end of this document.

Should you need further help, e-mail events@europeanmovement.co.uk and we will be happy to help.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We will be posting regular updates about the conference on our social media channels leading up to the event, and will be live tweeting on the day too.

Twitter: @euromove
Facebook: /EuropeanMovementUK

You will be able to view our Twitter feed from within the conference system.

If you post about the event on social media don’t forget to tag us, and use the hashtag #EuropeanMovement2021, so that we can see your posts.
SCHEDULE

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

Our main conference space is the main stage, which will host all of our speeches and panel discussions.

9:55am  Conference opens
You will be able to access the event system from this time onwards.

10:00am Opening remarks by Anna Bird
CEO of the European Movement UK

10:05am Caroline Lucas keynote speech
Green Party MP for Brighton Pavilion

10:20am The Deal 3 Months On
A panel discussion focusing on what we have learnt in the 3 months since the deal with the EU was negotiated.
Host: TBA
Panellists: Stephen Farry, Kate Smart, Jon Worth

10:50am Ian Murray keynote speech
Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

11:00am Break

11:05am Brexit and the Creative Industries
Panel discussion on the effects of the Brexit deal on Music and the Creative Industries.
Host: Christina Birt
Panellists: Howard Goodall and Jess Murphy.

11:45am David McAllister keynote speech
Chair of the European Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee

12.00pm FRINGE EVENTS
See the Fringe schedule on the next page for more information.
These will take place in the Sessions area.

2.00pm Noelle O’Connell keynote speech
CEO of European Movement Ireland

2.15pm Getting Beyond our Bubble
A panel discussion outlining how we, as pro-Europeans, can engage with people outside of our bubble.
Host: Helen Wales
Panellists: Deborah Mattinson, Peter Kellner, Femi Oluwole

2.45pm Daisy Cooper keynote speech
Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats

2.55pm Kishan Devani keynote speech
Honorary Vice President of Green Lib Dems, Queen’s New Years Honours 2020

3.05pm Local Grassroots Campaigns
A panel discussion featuring grassroots who will share their top tips for campaigning in local communities.
Host: TBC
Panellists: Louise Brown, Ian Collard, and more to be confirmed

3.30pm David Lidington Keynote speech
Chair of the Conservative European Forum and former Leader of the House of Commons under Theresa May.

3.45pm What’s Next for Our Movement?
A panel discussion outlining the future of the UK’s pro-European Movement.
Host: Richard Corbett
Panellists: Dominic Grieve, Julius Lajtha, Molly Scott Cato

4.15pm Closing Keynote
By Andrew Adonis, the new Chair of the European Movement UK

4.35pm Q&A with Andrew Adonis

5.00pm End of main conference

6.00pm Social event

The schedule may change slightly on the day due to operational issues, but we will keep as close to it as possible.
FRINGE SCHEDULE

The following sessions will take place during the fringe (12 – 2, 5-7)

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<td><strong>Labour for a European Future presentation on engagement with Labour MPs</strong></td>
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In addition, the networking (p 16) and exhibition (p 17) sections will be open during the fringe times.

The evening social will take place from 6pm – 7pm.
SPEAKERS AND HOSTS

The Main Stage is the primary event space, featuring our headline events including introductions, keynote speeches, panel discussions, and more. Find out who will be appearing on the Main Stage on

APPEARING ON THE MAIN STAGE

The following people will be appearing on our main stage, as a keynote speaker or a panellist.

**Andrew Adonis**
Andrew is a Member of the House of Lords who served as Secretary of State for Transport under Gordon Brown, and has been a weekly columnist for The New European since 2018. Andrew is the new Chair of the European Movement UK

Closing keynote at 4:15pm

@Andrew_Adonis

www.europeanmovement.co.uk

**Anna Bird**
As CEO, Anna leads the European Movement UK in delivering its aims of growing its supporter base and re-joining the European Mainstream. She joined the team in 2020, after leadership roles at Mind, Scope, and The Fawcett Society.

Opening remarks at 10.00am; Panel on The Deal : 3 Months On at 10.20am

@annabirdfr

www.europeanmovement.co.uk

**Christina Birt**
With over 25 years professional experience in the Arts, Christina has been a consultant to organisations including Arts Council England, the Royal Opera House, and the European Parliament. She is also a qualified dance teacher.

Host of the panel discussion on Brexit and the Music industry at 11.05am

@ChristinaBirt

www.alwaysmaking.co.uk

**Louise Brown**
Louise is a local activist and member of North East for Europe. She featured in the European Movement’s first Grassroots Spotlight showcasing NE4EU’s campaigning that highlighted the risks that a No Deal would pose to Nissan in Sunderland.

Local Activists panel discussion at 3.05pm

@brow_la

www.northeast4europe.org.uk
Daisy Cooper

Daisy has served as the Liberal Democrat MP for St Albans since 2019, and currently serves as Deputy Leader of the party, and its spokesperson for Education. Before being elected, Daisy was the Campaigns Director of More United.

Keynote speech at 2.45pm

@LibDemDaisy

www.daisycooper.org.uk

Richard Corbett

Richard was first elected to the European Parliament in 1996 and 2020, and was the final Leader of the of the European Parliamentary Labour Party. He is an Honorary Vice Chair, and former Chair, of the European Movement UK.

Host of the panel on What’s Next for Our Movement? at 3:45pm

@RichardGCorbett

www.europeanmovement.co.uk

Kishan Devani BEM

Kishan is VP of the Lib Dem Campaign for Race Equality, Honorary VP of the Green Lib Dems, and a visiting lecturer at London Metropolitan University. He was on the Queen’s New Year’s Honours list in 2020 for his work on social cohesion.

Keynote speech at 2.55pm

@Kishan_Devani

Stephen Farry

Stephen is the MP for North Down and Deputy Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland. Before being elected to Parliament, Stephen was Minister for Employment and Learning in the Northern Irish Executive.

Panel on The Brexit Deal: 3 Months On at 10:20am

@StephenFarryMP

www.allianceparty.org

Dominic Grieve

A barrister by trade, Dominic served as MP for Beaconsfield from 1997 – 2019 during which time he held positions including Attorney General for England and Wales and Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee.

Panel on What’s Next for Our Movement? at 3:45pm

@euromove

www.europeanmovement.co.uk
Howard Goodall

Howard is an EMMY, BAFTA, and BRIT award winning composer. His work includes the theme to Blackadder, Mr Bean, Red Dwarf and The Vicar of Dibley in addition to his scores for film and theatre.

Panel discussion on Brexit and the Music industry at 11.05am

@Howard_Goodall  www.howardgoodall.co.uk

Peter Kellner

Peter is an award-winning journalist and political commentator who has been an on-screen analyst for the BBC during five general elections. He is best known for being the President of YouGov from 2007 – 2016.

Panel on Reaching Beyond Our Bubble at 2.15pm

@PeterKellner1  www.kellnerpolitics.com

Julius Lajtha

Julius is the President of the Young European Movement UK. Born in Austria, and with roots in Germany and Hungary, Julius has been campaigning on European issues since the age of 15.

Panel on What’s Next for Our Movement? at 3:45pm

@LajthaJulius  www.yem.org.uk

David Lidington

David served as MP for Aylesbury from 1992 until 2019. He was appointed to the Cabinet by Theresa May in 2016 where he held senior positions including Leader of the House of Commons. David is Chair of the Conservative European Forum.

Keynote speech at 3.30pm

@DLidington  www.conservativeeuropeanforum.com

Caroline Lucas

Caroline has been the MP for Brighton Pavilion since 2010, having previously served as a MEP. She was the Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales from 2008 – 2012 and from 2016 – 2018.

Keynote speech at 10.05am

@CarolineLucas  www.carolinelucas.com
Deborah Mattinson
Deborah is one of Britain’s leading commentators on public opinion and a founding partner of Britain Thinks. She recently published the book “Beyond the Red Wall”, examining why the Labour Party lost many of their Red Wall seats in 2019.
Panel on Reaching Beyond Our Bubble at 2.15pm
@debmattinson  www.britainthinks.com

David McAllister
David has been an MEP for Germany since 2014, having previously been Minister-President of Lower Saxony. He is currently the Chair of the European Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee and its UK Coordination Group.
Keynote speech at 11.45am; Presentation during the Fringe
@davidmcallister  www.mcallister.de

Jess Murphy
An accomplished musician and actress, Jess has appeared in productions such as Holby City and Sweeney Todd, and toured with Jeff Lynne’s ELO, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, and Michael Bublé. In 2020, she led the Let Music Live protests outside Parliament.
Panel discussion on Brexit and the Music industry at 11.05am
@jessmurphymusic  www.jessmurphy.info

Ian Murray
Ian has been the Labour MP for Edinburgh South since 2010 and is currently the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland. He is also a patron of the Labour Movement for Europe, who are kindly supporting this conference.
Keynote speech at 10:50am
@IanMurrayMP  www.ianmurraymp.com

Noelle O’Connell
Noelle has been CEO of European Movement Ireland since 2011 and was recently elected to the Board of European Movement International. In 2017, she was awarded the Chévalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite by the President of France.
Keynote speech at 2:00pm
@Noelle_OC  www.europeanmovement.ie
Femi Oluwole
Femi is a youth campaigner, known as one of the founding members of Our Future Our Choice. He has travelled the country extensively to speak to people about Brexit, and now contributes to news outlets including the Independent.
Panel on Reaching Beyond Our Bubble at 2.15pm
@femi_sorry

Molly Scott Cato
Molly is an economist and activist who served as a Green Party MEP for the South West of England from 2014 until 2020. Before that, she was a Professor of Strategy and Sustainability at the University of Roehampton.
Panel on What’s Next for Our Movement? at 3:45pm
@jonworth www.jonworth.eu

Kate Smart
Kate is the CEO of Settled, a nationwide charity established in the summer of 2019 with the purpose of helping EU citizens in the UK whose rights and livelihoods are affected by Brexit. Previously, she worked for the charity Asylum Welcome.
Panel on The Brexit Deal: 3 Months On at 10:20am
@kate_smart321 www.settled.org.uk

Helen Wales
Helen is a local activist from Wales who is the current Chair of Wales for Europe. She has been active in the movement for many years, having previously been the Chair of Cardiff for Europe.
Host of the Panel on Reaching Beyond Our Bubble at 2.15pm
@HelenOfWales www.walesforeurope.org

Jon Worth
Born in Wales but based in Germany, Jon is a political blogger, journalist, and editor who regularly reports on Brexit and European Affairs. He has been a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges since 2015.
Panel on The Brexit Deal: 3 Months On at 10:20am
@jonworth www.jonworth.eu

The remaining speakers will be added here shortly.
FRINGE EVENTS

ABOUT THE FRINGE

We may not be able to meet in person for this conference due to the ongoing pandemic, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t organise a great conference for you. And no conference would be complete without fringe events that give you the opportunity to get as much out of the day as possible.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Running alongside our main stage, the virtual conference fringe will give you an opportunity to get the most out of the event. Fringe events will include the following:

- **Social Media Guidance** 12:05
  Delivered by: Carys Barry, European Movement UK

- **Local Outreach** 12:05
  Delivered by: Sam Julius

- **Delivering Effective Local Campaigns** 13:05
  Delivered by: Jane Thomas, local campaigner

- **Campaign Photography** 13:05
  Delivered by: Bruce Tanner

Training sessions are open to European Movement members and local branches, who registered in advance using the special link that was e-mailed to them.
NETWORKING

If you don’t know many people in our movement, or you just fancy chatting to somebody new, then check out the 1-to-1 networking area which will be active during both fringes.

Simply click on “Networking” in the left hand menu to be matched for a video call with another attendee, or perhaps one of our staff members or speakers. Each match will be made at random from among the other people in the networking area.

Each session will be 3 minutes by default, but you can extend the time before it ends if you want to continue chatting.

EVENING SOCIAL

Running alongside our main stage, the virtual conference fringe will give you an opportunity to get the most out of the event. Fringe events will include the following:
EXHIBITION

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Description of person here with a bit of background information, who they are, their role

LIST OF EXHIBITORS

The list of exhibitors will be announced shortly.

FURTHER INFORMATION

GET IN CONTACT

If you have any questions or problems, please e-mail events@europeanmovement.co.uk and we will be happy to help.

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