

Local voters are saying
I'm voting IN because . . .

"I want to protect our working rights, health and safety in the workplace and do what I can to help protect our wonderful NHS." **Miriam, Colne**

" . . . peace, prosperity and security are brought about by co-operation with our neighbours - we're stronger together!" **David, Foulridge**

"We know what life inside the EU offers, and it isn't all bad. It gives us economic stability and protects our rights as employees and more importantly as European citizens." **Jack, Earby**

I believe Britain can achieve more by being an active partner within the EU, rather than being a spectator.
Mohammed Shazad, Nelson

"I am voting in because I want every young person in Pendle to be part of a Europe which has stood together for generations."
Cllr Mohammed Iqbal, Leader of Pendle Borough Council

" . . . no man is an island - are we going to lead our European friends confidently from the front or just shout from the sidelines . . . ?" **Stephen, Earby**

" . . . Because worker's rights have more protection." **Kath, Nelson**

" . . . it is better for employment rights, wages, employment, pensions and the NHS." **John, Barrowford**

" . . . In Barnoldswick our major, world renowned industry of Rolls Royce, relies on a European and world wide market. To work with others in the European Union will benefit Rolls Royce and Barnoldswick." **Kath, Barnoldswick**



WHY THE EU IS GOOD FOR US

IN WORK

European Law Protects:

- **Better Working Conditions and Rights at Work.**
- **A Limit On The Hours That We Work.**
- **Guaranteed Holidays.**
- **Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave.**
- **Equal Pay Legislation.**

FOR OUR SECURITY

The EU Provides:

- **Cross border policing to combat human trafficking, arms and drug smuggling.**
- **The European arrest warrant.**
- **Counter terrorism intelligence.**
- **Diplomatic efforts to uphold the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.**

AS CONSUMERS

Europe Has Brought Us:

- **Improved consumer protection and food labelling.**
- **Cheaper air travel.**
- **Access to free healthcare when travelling in Europe.**
- **Cheaper mobile charges.**
- **A ban on growth hormones and other harmful food additives.**

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Being Part of the EU means:

- **Cleaner beaches and rivers.**
- **Cleaner air.**
- **Lead free petrol.**
- **Restrictions on landfill dumping.**
- **A culture of recycling.**
- **A target of 20% cuts in CO2 emissions.**
- **Strong legislation to protect our wildlife.**

BRITAIN IS SAFER IN EUROPE

Today, if a criminal breaks our laws and flees the country, our police can rely on European partners to pursue them and bring them to justice.

We have those powers because the last Labour Government fought for and helped deliver the European Arrest Warrant.

That Warrant helps us catch criminals and keep our country safe.

Look at the case of Hussain Osman, one of the failed 21 July 2005 bombers. He fled to Italy, but because of the European Arrest Warrant, he was arrested in Rome eight days later and quickly returned to Britain. In similar cases before the European Arrest Warrant, that same process took up to 10 years.

STAYING IN EUROPE IS GOOD FOR BRITISH JOBS AND BRITISH WORKING PEOPLE.

Over 3 million British jobs are linked to trade with Europe. That includes 350,000 right here in the North West. Those jobs depend on our ability to export goods to other countries in the European Union. Almost half of Britain's exports are sold to other EU countries.

If we leave Europe, nobody knows what our future trading relationship with the EU would be, but it would almost certainly be worse. That uncertainty puts millions of British jobs at risk.

EU MYTH BUSTERS

MYTH 1: "European laws are made by unelected bureaucrats."

The European Commission has fewer staff than large councils in the UK. EU laws are debated and adopted by elected MEP's and national government ministers - the people WE elect.

MYTH 2: "Most of our laws come from Brussels."

Only 13% of our laws have anything to do with Brussels. This figure even includes anything that makes a passing reference to the EU or a definition.

MYTH 3: "EU migrants are a drain on our economy."

EU migrants contribute much more in taxes than they claim in benefits. Only 5% of EU migrants claim unemployment benefit. It is estimated that between 2001 and 2011 migrants contributed over £20 billion to the UK economy.

MYTH 4: "Norway enjoys the benefits of the EU without being a member."

Norway makes roughly the same contribution per head of population, to the EU budget, as Britain does. Without EU membership however, Norwegians have no say in decisions which affect them and they have to abide by EU trade regulations without having any influence on them.

MYTH 5: "Our most important markets are China and the US, not the EU."

The UK sells more to the Netherlands alone than it does to the whole of China. Half of Britain's exports go to the EU, accounting for some 3.5 million jobs.