



Campaigning on European Issues

The Labour Party campaign for the European Parliamentary elections will be launched in the Spring, but you can include European issues in your local campaigns right now. The European elections and county elections on June 4 will be the largest test of public opinion before the general election, and our opponents will want us to do as badly as possible, so it is vital that we campaign vigorously.

Here are some points you can include in your local campaign literature and mention when you speak to voters:

Labour will fight climate change through the EU

Labour supports the EU's climate change targets. Labour has led the way on climate change and we support the tougher targets now set.

We will also push for a review of the current biofuels target to ensure that any biofuels used come from sustainable sources and are not produced as the expense of food production or rainforest destruction.

Labour will protect consumers through the EU

Labour will work with our EU partners to support stronger rules to protect consumers from unscrupulous companies.

The EU is the world's largest single market, and we will use the clout that brings to stand up to abuses by multinational companies.

Labour will protect workers through the EU

Labour will work with our EU partners to protect existing rights and improve rights for all workers. EU rules campaigned for by Labour have extended equal rights to women and part-time workers, and now rights should be extended to agency and contract staff as well.

Labour will fight for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy

The Common Agricultural Policy needs to be reformed. Subsidies for overproduction have been reduced but need to be reformed further, and we need to eliminate CAP subsidies for exports.

Labour will protect minorities and human rights through the EU

Britain can be proud of the protection given to all minorities. It is illegal to discriminate on grounds of gender, race, age, religion or sexual orientation. These protections should be extended to minorities in all countries of the EU.

Labour will help the world's poorest countries through the EU

The Prime Minister has led the international campaign to end poverty, and Labour in Europe will ensure that development aid is targeted at the poorest countries, so that the aid has the greatest effect.

Labour believes that fair trade is a vital way to help farmers and producers in developing countries, and we will work with our EU partners to ensure our trade agreements include appropriate human, social and environmental rights. We will also campaign for the expansion of fair trade goods in the EU.

Every vote counts in these elections

The European Parliamentary elections are fought on a PR system, and so every vote counts. This is a chance for all Labour supporters in every part of the country to vote for the Labour Party. Tactical voting is irrelevant and people can vote for the party they believe in. A vote for Labour is an important in Surrey as it is in Sheffield. So don't forget to tell all Labour supporters, especially those who vote tactically, that in this election they should VOTE LABOUR.