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Foreword

All we see here in the UK is negative news about everything, as that, it seems, is what gets attention — clicks and views that the profit-making media need to survive.

It has always played on my mind that, if that's all we're seeing here in the UK, it must also be all that our friends and partners across Europe see from the UK — nothing but negativity, especially during the “Brexit years”.

What the coverage that we and you see from the UK completely seems to miss is the hugely positive feeling that a great many people here have for you, our closest neighbours in Europe. So many of us feel European too. That is why we collected the thoughts of these unheard people together into one place in this book, and why we wanted to deliver it to you in the EU Parliament.

In the UK, we have the largest and most active pro-EU campaigning movement in Europe and we are very proud of that. We are still, and always will be, deeply shocked and saddened by the result of the referendum in 2016, and we will continue working until we have a government that is truly working for us and is willing to apply to join the EU once more, as soon as humanly possible.

Thank you for maintaining the most successful peace project in history. We cannot wait until the UK joins you again in the years to come.

Peter Corr
Co-founder, National Rejoin March

“Leaving the European Union was, in my view, one of the greatest acts of national self-harm in modern British history. The promises of Brexit have not materialised, while many dismissed warnings became reality. Since 2019, I have worked alongside Peter Corr to challenge misinformation and keep the case for Rejoin alive. Public opinion is shifting, with more Britons recognising Brexit has failed to deliver. I proudly served seven years in the British Army, and today I continue serving my country by campaigning for Britain to return to its European family. Walking 210 miles to Brussels has only strengthened that belief.”

Clare Hall

"With the world as it currently is, it sometimes feels like we've all never been more divided. Division and refusal to work together has spread isolation, ignorance, fear and suspicion. If history shows us anything it's surely that we are always better together. We don't have to all be the same or even agree all the time, but we belong together. I'm proud of the EU and what it stands for - we can't wait to come home!"

Ceíra Casey Sergeant

"In a world of unrest, division and increasing isolation, the European Union is a beacon of light. Many countries share their best for the benefit of all, free movement of goods, people and ideas and cooperation in science, security and defence. We made the biggest mistake in our modern history in walking away from all that. But there is hope; we recognise and accept our mistakes now. Please, one day soon, take us back! We want to come home!"

Ben Chambers

"This is so important that the EU understands there are so many of us who love the EU, and are brokenhearted that Brexit happened and stripped us of our EU membership. We want to rejoin asap please, and so many of us are working hard to make this happen."

Valerie Chaplin

"As a British resident in Spain, the loss of my valued EU citizenship was a bitter pill to swallow. The decision to leave the EU was the gravest mistake the UK has ever made & was based on lies & misinformation. The decision was only supported by a minority of the British public. That public now understands the truth - that the UK's best interests (and, we hope, yours) are best served by rejoining the European Union. Please keep the door open! We promise to play nice!"

Sue Wilson

“Rejoining the EU is vital for the UK economy and growth, for us to move freely in Europe and for our security. We are stronger as part of the EU.”

Caroline Hager

“We're all on a journey to Brussels! Our common goal, our destination, is Brussels, and the EU; ...but we don't have to travel along the same route,nor by the same means nor in cars of the same brand or colour nor at the same speed But above all we are doing this together; because we know the EU is a noble cause.”

Chris Hammond

“We will be back... for our children's, our children's children's and our children's children's children's sake.”

Stephen Leech

“My heart broke when we left the EU. Through studying French, German, European Law and spending a year in Trier as an Erasmus student, Europe became part of my identity. I made lifelong friends across the continent and valued the freedoms, opportunities and protections membership gave us. I never accepted Brexit and fear the rise of the far right in the UK, particularly as a lesbian woman and child protection lawyer witnessing growing poverty and division firsthand. I still believe in an outward-looking, tolerant and prosperous Britain. I remain both proudly British and proudly European, and hope the UK rejoins the EU.”

Emma Sweeney

“We belong together, working constructively together for a better world for all. Our children deserve no less. We must show that as Monnet said each generation has a unique contribution to make in shaping Europe based on shared values and democracy. We can do this. ❤️EU.”

Juliet Lodge

“Looking forward to developing closer ties with and someday rejoining a European Union to help the balance between unity and diversity.”

Leo Capella

“Lincolnshire 4 Europe would like to extend greetings to our European Union friends. We’ve missed you - a lot. We strive to be closer to you and to eventually rejoin and return our star to its home and where it should be. To honour our previous relationship and ensure we never abuse our friendship again. To prosper, to forge links and to work together to achieve and maintain peace across Europe.”

Lincolnshire 4 Europe

“In 1975 the British people decided two to one in favor of remaining in the European Community. The unconvincing result of 2016 and the agreement that followed have destroyed a great many of the advantages which flowed from our membership. Please help the UK gain re-admission to the European Union!”

Nicholas Kerr

“I would love the European Parliament to please send a clear communication to the UK government, saying that it would very much welcome a formal British application to rejoin the EU”

Nicholas Heenan

“We enjoy different cultures, traditions and cuisine, and we share these differences, but we are all the same. We are European.”

David Letts

“I voted to remain in the EU. I was devastated when we had to leave. I really hope to rejoin the EU and our European friends soon. We should never have left.”

Sandra Greene

“The EU in the UK consistently gets negative press due to the ownership of MSM. Rejoiners know these are lies which is why we are out demonstrating our support.”

Alec Morrow

“Brexit means there is a body of water and lots of bureaucracy to get through before I can visit my family. Please close the gap and bring families together again!”

Carol Wright

“The UK's self-imposed exclusion from the EU, with the disastrous loss of advantageous trade, educational, visa-free travel and the many other benefits of EU membership is being felt by all citizens of the UK through greater bureaucracy and expense. Out of a UK population of more than 60 million, less than 18 million, with the "help" of Leaver propaganda were able to inflict enormous economic damage which is affecting everyone, including themselves. Many acknowledge that the UK's EU-isolation experiment has failed dismally! It was a big mistake! More people now want our EU star back!”

Chris John

“I still think about the day we left the EU. As a postal voter, I felt others were disadvantaged because information broadcasts began days before the referendum, while postal ballots had to be returned weeks earlier. After the result, the media and politicians celebrated in ways that left me disheartened. Since then I have largely not voted in UK elections, except for an EU MEP vote. I believe the UK is worse off, with rising food and energy costs, and that closer cooperation or rejoining the EU would help address labour shortages and economic challenges.”

Emma Floyd

“The European Union is the most successful PEACE KEEPING organisation in the world . No EU member has ever made war against a fellow member and under its current constitution, in which British lawyers played a role, none ever will. One condition of membership is renunciation of the death penalty and a very high standard of human rights legislation is required. In fact it is a club of which any country in the world would be proud to be a member: many would not qualify to join. For the sake of peace and survival, REJOIN.”

Janet King

“Europeans must stand together, merge standards, rules and eventually governments and countries into 1-EU. The differences between us are far less than what we have in common. Love, Hope, Solidarity.”

John Falch

“The UK needs to be part of team Europe.”

Jaki Airey

“The majority of the British people want to rejoin the EU. The referendum result should have been void due to illegal spending by Vote Leave and advertising irregularities, so there is no need for the UK to vote again in my view. We'll be back - à bientôt!”

Vicki Harris

“Barely anyone in the UK now genuinely thinks Brexit has worked. Overwhelmingly we want to Rejoin to make the whole of the EU better and stronger. Please have faith in us while we try to make our politicians apply to Rejoin. See you soon! ❤️EU!”

Nicola Hawkins

“I have family in Marseille and Bordeaux and I have always felt European. I love the continent of Europe, its scenery, its people and its patchwork of cultures. When the result of the Brexit referendum was announced. I felt devastated! To me, it felt as if someone had died. Quite literally I cried and cried. I feel that Brexit has done immense damage to the UK. It has caused harm to the economy, and we are all poorer for the loss of our EU membership. I think that as a country we have made a terrible mistake.”

Graham Smith

“The British population are ready to rejoin the EU and make our contribution to make Europe a better place for everyone.”

Sam Huang

“For the sake of my grandkids, we would like to rejoin NOW.. they have lost oh so much.”

Roger Wilson

“It's time for the UK government to think about rejoining the single market and customs union. That would be just the start to help growth in the UK economy and cut red tape for UK businesses. Then when people start to see how much of a difference it will make to the lives of the ordinary working people we should have another referendum to fully rejoin the EU. Not for me as I probably won't live long enough to see it but for my children and grandchildren.”

Cameron Weir

“I am desperate for me and my family to be part of the European community (EU) again. We miss the togetherness.”

Beate Shreeves

“I'd like to see my country back in its rightful place. Some would like to erase the truth of how Britain has always been a part of Europe - and how much a prosperous future is dependent on our continuing to play our role. I want to see that past & future role highlighted more.”

David Morgan

“I am a proud British European, and my greatest hope is that one day the UK may apply to rejoin the EU and be accepted. We all belong together.”

Lucy Nankivell

“We want to Rejoin the EU! Leaving has been an utter disaster.”

Ricky Curran

“The majority of us now see Rejoin as the way forward to improving our economy and quality of life/freedom of movement. Many of us have European roots (I do). Please don't listen to anyone who says we're not worthy of regaining our stolen EU citizenship. The referendum was rigged by Russia in my view! Rejoin the EU!”

Wendy Nowak

“Brexit severed millions of connections between the UK and Europe — connections of trade, culture, opportunity, security, and human rights. It removed freedoms many of us grew up with, including the right to live, work, study, and love across Europe. The decision was driven by political and media interests that did not reflect the wishes of millions. Although 51.9% voted Leave on a 72% turnout, the result has affected generations. We profoundly disagree with the path taken and believe the UK and Europe should once again be closely linked — commercially, culturally, and socially — for the benefit of all.”

John Oline

“Many of us in the UK have a mixed European heritage and belonging to the EU makes us whole. It means we can enjoy our full European Identity as well as our British one. Not to mention that we inherit the glories of all European culture, Michael Angelo, Balzac, Luther, Mozart and the rest as well as our own familiar greats like Shakespeare.”

Briony Kapoor

“So many of us in the UK want to rejoin the EU. Consecutive governments lack the cojones to say it let alone do it but please don't give up on us. We need each other now more than ever!”

Gillian Farkas-Blake

“We look forward to rejoining our close neighbours of Europe, and regaining the benefits of open borders and freedom of travel.

Thank you.”

Chas Watkins

“The European Union was always the sensible, considered means to co-operate. We look to a future where the UK returns to the table.”

Sean Tonelli

“Global politics has made the importance of being part of a strong regional group ever more important. I campaigned to stay in the EU in 2016, I set up a local European Movement Branch in 2017 and have been an active Rejoinder ever since. We belong with EU. Please help us achieve our goal, for all our sakes. Thank you.”

Kathryn Fox

“Please wait for us. We are working as hard as we can to regain our star, and the tide is turning.”

Rosemary Kluth

“I voted remain. We should have never left! Rejoin!”




Michael Veater

“We ask, with humility and pride, to rebuild our place in the European family. For our young people—whose futures depend on shared opportunity, collaboration, and peace—we seek renewed partnership. The promises of Brexit were specious at best, but indeed utterly falsely peddled to a public; now we choose honesty, unity, and common purpose. Let us move forward together to strengthen Europe and secure a hopeful future for the next generation.”

Alice C Lankester

“We're stronger together in this dangerous, unpredictable world. It's time to rejoin the EU now.”

Alison Southey

“We are stronger, better, safer, and more secure with our neighbours and friends within the European Union - and our brighter, better and brilliant future is available to us now, and where we belong - together in Europe.   ”

Ian Keates

“The biggest mistake this country has ever made was to leave the EU. I agree with Donald Tusk: ‘there is a special place in hell for those who promoted Brexit without even a sketch of a plan of how to carry it out safely’.”

Raymond Cretney



“The UK is better in the EU than out. Regret is only growing, realising too late what a stupid decision it was. When the UK finally gets its act together and sorts itself out, I hope the EU will welcome a membership application from the UK.”

Steven Pruner

“Sorry for the mess, it’s caused nothing but grief, but we know that there is no alternative for Europe, and we look forward to joining you as soon as humanly possible.”

Andrew Blewett

“As a country we were conned by a small handful of self-serving traitors. We're sorry. It should never have happened....we're European.”

Phil Dixon

“I believe in the European project and have done so ever since I travelled extensively and worked all over Europe as a younger man, from the 1970s through the 80s and 90s, and was inspired by the achievements of forward looking cooperation. I married a German girl and we named our daughter Lilly, in honor of Lili Marlene, as Great Uncle Willi told us troops of all the nations on both sides loved and sang her songs during WW2... I hated Brexit. I don't want to go backwards into a stupid, destructive past... I love progressive internationalism!”

Steve Rouse

“Life in the UK has deteriorated so much since we left the EU. Most of us now look back on the period of our membership as a golden age. Our future lies back in the EU where we belong.”

Pete Farrugia

“As a young Brit who campaigned to remain in the European Union in 2016, I have never stopped believing in the values of cooperation, peace and stability that the EU represents. Leaving the EU has sadly cost us many opportunities, friendships and a sense of belonging. However, there are still millions of us in the UK who still feel deeply European and committed to rebuilding our ties with Europe. We dream of seeing the UK back in the EU. We also stand shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine, supporting its victory over Russia and its rightful place in the EU.”

Rory MacMahon

“Nobody under 28 voted to leave the EU. For their sake (and mine) could you see a way to take us back?”

Shelagh Stephenson

“Support for rejoining the EU is growing now that the reality of leaving has become obvious. I urge the European Parliament to help the UK back into the EU as soon as possible.”

Richard Harman

“I am European and believe I have been robbed of my citizenship by corrupt British Politicians. Please do everything in your power to correct this travesty and allow people like me to regain our European Citizenship,thank you.”

Stephen Roach

“Until ten years ago, I had been an EU citizen for all my adult life. That began from when Britain first joined the EU. Through traveling and making new friends, I came to see my identity as European first. Through our daughter’s marriage, to a German national, we gained a new branch to our family, in Germany and two German born grandchildren. We were heartbroken when our country left the EU. We don’t accept it. We have campaigned for EU membership and will never give up, because our hearts are forever European.”

Edward Curry

“I’m nearly 84 and I want to be back in the EU before I die. That means properly back, no red lines, back electing our MEPs, appointing our Commissioners, joining in whole heartedly.”

Richard Wells

“I just want to confirm that not everyone in the UK voted against everyone's best interests 10 years ago. I would like to thank everyone for displaying patience with our ignorance and apologies for the disgraceful performance of Nigel Farage and Anne Widdecombe in the EU parliament in 2020. Their behaviour still makes mine, and many others blood boil.”

Jon Bate

“Je voudrais dire en quelques mots ce que le Brexit a détruit pour nos familles, les Européens qui ont construit une vie ici, et qui voient leur amis britanniques victimes d'une décision arbitraire, dénuée de sens, les conséquences dévastatrices. On est Européens, on fait partie du projet, on n'avait pas les mots, on était prisonniers de ces politiques qui contrôlent tout! Pour ma part je voudrais demander un pardon et une annulation du résultat, mais je sais que je dois travailler pour éduquer... Il faut réparer cette erreur magistrale! Merci Peter et NRM to be my voice when you get to Brussels.”

Emmanuelle Brook

“I pray that we will soon be united in the European Union”

Judith Chant

“I grieve for the loss of my EU citizenship and privileges every day, and feel desperately sad for the small businesses ruined by this act of sabotage, caused by self-interested liars.”

Lesley Donaldson

“Please forgive those who voted leave, we were all misled, my heart is Europe and so is my DNA.”

Clara O'Donnell

“The British are Europeans ... albeit with minds of their own. But an ever-increasing number of Brits are realising what a suicidal project Brexit was. Intelligent and educated Brits, who are not aligned to any populist movement, have always wanted to remain members of the EU. Help us demonstrate that rejoining is in the best interests of the UK and its closest friends, our neighbours across the Channel.”

Susan Sargent

“Brexit makes the UK so lonely.”

Nestor Hernandez Sousa

“Leaving the European Union was the biggest political mistake Britain has ever made. The sooner we rejoin, which we will, the better.”

Gary Dickie

“Please keep a space warm for us all in the UK, we may have been torn from the EU but our friendship remains and we will never stop campaigning until we are all family again.”

Shaun Thornton

“We are so sad to still be apart from Europe. The damage done is immense and we hope so much that the government will start the process of rejoining and enforce the message that it is important.”

Louise Green

“The UK belongs in the EU. It is our natural home. I voted to Remain, and 10 years on can only see damage wrought by Brexit. I am hoping that we will rejoin as soon as possible so that my grandchildren can benefit from what was taken away from them before they were born. The benefits of the single market and freedom of movement are huge, and the UK is poorer economically and culturally.”

Barbara Callender

“We miss being at the heart of the EU and hope you will welcome us back as Citizens of Europe, business and political friends and allies.”

Belinda Bawden

“I have considered myself a European Citizen for all of my adult life. I was born in Leeds, West Yorkshire in 1964. I feel a part of my extended nationality and cultural heritage was torn from me without consent. More importantly, a tangible sense of belonging with my European brothers and sisters when I travel around the EU. I am still grieving this loss as much as the rights and privileges that went with it.”

Andrew Campey

“Rejoining the EU is the most important thing that we can do in these unsettling times.”

Derek McEwan

“Europe is our neighbour and our friend. I am Scottish and we voted to remain in Europe but unfortunately we are a small nation and we were out voted. We hope to join you again soon.”

Lesley McEwan

“The UK needs to rejoin the EU because my dream to work in 27 other countries got taken away!”

George Shi

“The people of Britain made a terrible mistake allowing Farage and Johnson to guide them towards Brexit. The world needs union now more than ever. I sincerely hope we can again become a firm part of a United Europe in the future.”

Toby Page

“Wishing all the European friends all the best and I hope one day the UK can be back in.”

Jason Wallace

“On behalf of South East London for Europe and its partner the Rejoin Register, I ask you to keep the door open for the people of the UK to return to playing a full part in this, our Europe.”

Gareth Steel

“I was born in England in 1945 when the World was still at war. I grew up in its aftermath. I rejoiced when the UK joined the European Communities in 1973. In 1975 I voted to stay in. In a referendum in 2016 I voted to remain in the EU. I was devastated to have my EU citizenship and my freedom of movement taken away from me against my will in 2020. I want them back. For the security, prosperity, and social cohesion of Europe I want an ever-closer union between the states of Europe including the United Kingdom.”

Geoffrey White

“Leeds for Europe sends warm greetings to the European Parliament and reaffirms our unwavering commitment to the European project. We remain proud supporters of the values that define the European Union: democracy, cooperation, peace, and shared prosperity. Although the United Kingdom is currently outside the EU, we continue to work tirelessly within our communities to promote understanding, rebuild connections, and demonstrate the clear benefits of European partnership. Our campaign to see the UK one day rejoin the European Union is steadfast and determined. We look forward to the day our country can again take its place within the European family.”

Leeds for Europe

“Many British citizens did not vote for Brexit, I am one of them. I love the EU, it signifies a unity of countries that have shared values. I would very much like Britain to come back to the EU as soon as possible. Please make it happen.”

Jenny Organ

“Let’s make this happen!”

Laura Foulkes

“I could not vote in the referendum in 2016, and it is something that has bothered me for many years. I was just a few weeks short of turning 18 as my birthday is in July, but since then, I felt voiceless. If I had the opportunity, I would've voted "Remain" full-heartedly, and I am still strongly pro-Europe even today. I support the UK rejoining the EU because I know it can, and it will happen. It's only just a matter of time.”

Roger D’Souza

“I hope, soon, we will have started some steps to rejoin. I very much miss being part of the EU and hope you will have us back.”

Joanna Hughes

“I miss you and would like to come home to the EU as soon as possible. Please have us back.”

Mervyn Langridge

“Britain needs, loves and misses the EU! We hope we'll be back with you one day, so many people here are looking after our star until we can return.”

Jenny Kartupelis

“I cried when the result came through. I knew it would change my life and that of my family and not for the better. There is still a great divide in the UK and I believe it was started by Brexit. I now live the majority of my time in Europe, thankfully.”

Kate Hallett

“We have already seen what leaving the EU has done to trans rights. Let's rejoin and protect the dolls.”

Genre Fluid The Musical Maitre D

“That light you left on for us... Can you turn up the brightness a tad?”

David Rearlamp

“More determined than ever to see the UK rejoin the EU.”

Iain Marsh

“My wife and I are so desperately sad that the people of the UK can no longer share in the benefits of EU membership. Brexit has set back the prospects for our nation by decades. We will continue to struggle until we Rejoin and unleash our potential again.”

Stephen Lech

“The sooner we Rejoin the better, we should never have left!”

Peter Shiret

“Thank you for looking after our 'star' for us. I truly cannot wait for the day of celebration when we get to take it back and look after it ourselves. I miss being a proud citizen of the EU and hope I get to say 'I am European' before I leave the planet.”

Ian Gee

“We never should have left the EU. The vote was illegal - people were knowingly lied to about savings to be made. I want my EU citizenship that was ripped away from me returned. And clearly the trade benefits are a clear win for all.”

Ali Lane

“I was gutted when Brexit happened and the lies won. Looking forward to a future where collaboration rules.”

Scott Chapman-Wallis

“Been missing you since we left, I'd love so much to be part of you again.”

Helen Soester

“Brexit was the desire of a bare majority of the British public. A much larger majority now want to rejoin the EU. Please, please don't make it too difficult for us to return!”

Anne-Marie Karlsson

“The British electorate were duped into voting for Brexit by lies, misinformation and false promises. The U.K. and the EU have both suffered enormously as a result. Please be lenient to us and allow us to rejoin the EU on fair terms. We never really wanted to leave.”

Maurice Naughton

“I am devastated to have lost my European citizenship and will never accept that the result of the referendum was legitimate. I can't wait to get back into the best club in the world!”

Carolyn Sampson

“I am so sad to no longer be in the EU. Life was definitely better as a member of the EU.”

Gwendolyn Dellar

“I wish everyday that the UK was still a member of the EU. I have not given up hope that we will one day rejoin the EU where we rightly belong!”

Michelle Duhig

“Can’t wait to Rejoin. It’s cold out here.”

Rebecca Abrams

“I strongly support rejoining the EU”

Yee Woo

“You amaze me each week in having accomplished even more steps to a fair, progressive, tolerant and peaceful society. On Europe Day I was overwhelmed with joy seeing all the happy faces celebrating you. We never gave up in our UK Grassroots community to feel that we belong to you. I cannot wait to Rejoin!”

Mirjam Gilgen

“You’ve kept our star for us; please can we come back?”

Claire Benians

“The EU, we are better when we're with YOU!”

Rachael Tyler

“I've had a light in my window since the moment we officially left and it will be there until we Rejoin our continental siblings. I want my most precious citizenship back.”

Kate Bissell

“I was born a European Citizen, raised a European Citizen and look forward to the day when I will, once again, be a European Citizen, united, as before, in strength, solidarity and co-operation.”

Paul Wakefield

“As a young person whose opportunities to travel, study and work have been stripped from him, I believe the UK needs to Rejoin the EU as soon as possible. It is the only way to get our economy going again, improve our security and give the British people a better quality of life. Young people like me across the country dream of a future back inside Europe.”

Joshua Hall

“We should never have left the EU.”

Sheila Niedbala

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Thank You to everyone at National Rejoin March, our supporters and everyone that made the Rejoin Ramble and this book possible!

To everyone who shared their words, walked beside us, or supported this journey — thank you.

These pages carry hope, friendship, and a belief that the ties between the United Kingdom and the EU are stronger than politics alone. Our walk to Brussels is more than a journey of miles; it is a reminder that millions still believe in cooperation, unity, and a shared European future.

This is not the end of the conversation.

It is another step on the road to rejoin.

For more information about National Rejoin March and our many partners,
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In 2026, 10 years after the UK's referendum to leave the EU, a team of regular people from the UK walked over 200 miles from the UK Parliament in London to the EU Parliament in Brussels to deliver this book full of messages of hope from the UK to the EU.

These are the voices of real people on the Road to Rejoin!

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