

ANNOUNCEMENT: Cardiff for Europe Welcomes a New Chair

After three years, I'll be stepping down as Chair of Cardiff for Europe. I'm really pleased to be handing over to Neil Schofield-Hughes, who I know will be a great person to steer our ship as we move into the next phase of our campaign.

I won't be going too far, and will be taking on the role of Chair of Wales for Europe whilst we develop plans for the next stage of our campaign. Geraint Talfan Davies is stepping back from that role after many years of committed and energetic service to our cause. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking him on behalf of all Europeans in Wales.

You can read a statement from Neil and myself below. I've also posted an album of some memories from the last three years - we've come a long way and done much together, and I know that work will continue.

Diolch o galon i chi gyd,

Helen

A message from our new Chair, Neil Schofield Hughes

It is a huge honour to take over the Chair of Cardiff for Europe. I wanted first of all to thank Helen Wales for all her work as Chair over three and a half years, building our vibrant movement here in Cardiff, and to congratulate her as she takes the Chair of Wales for Europe; she will be an extraordinarily difficult act to follow

We may have lost the battle to stay in the EU but there are plenty of others to be fought; to ensure that we in the UK – especially here in Wales – have the closest possible alignment and least damaging post-Brexit deal, and in particular to stand in solidarity with our friends and neighbours from the EU27 whose home is in Cardiff. There is still much for us to do, and I am looking forward to working with everyone to take that work forward.

A message from our outgoing Chair, Helen Wales

It has been a privilege to be part of Cardiff for Europe over the last three years. We started out as a group of impassioned strangers meeting in a pub trying to work out what on earth we could do in the face of the 2016 referendum result. We have grown into a strong and organised campaign group with a substantial social media following, capable of getting hundreds of fellow Europeans out on to the streets of Cardiff - at times with just a few hours' notice.

There have been countless street stalls, thousands of leaflets, hours and hours spent campaigning in the wind and the rain (and occasional sunshine). And there have been conversations, discussions, debates and friendships.

I'm tremendously proud of how people from different parts of the political spectrum in Cardiff have come together to fight for our future within the EU and as part of Europe. I'm confident that this spirit will continue - and I believe that, challenging as the coming months and years will be for us, we must continue. The road ahead may be unclear, but we need to keep walking, and to keep the European flame burning.

I'm really pleased to be handing over the position of Chair to Neil Schofield-Hughes, who brings both a tried and tested commitment to our cause and a sharp political mind.

I will be taking on the role of Chair of Wales for Europe and look forward to continuing to work with many of you. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Chair, Geraint Talfan Davies, who really has been the heart and the voice of the pro-European campaign in Wales over the past few years.

And thanks to all of you, for everything that you have done with Cardiff for Europe. It has been a real team effort.