Scottish Independence Referendum — today's chat

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A selection of remarks and comments and pointers to articles about the Scottish Independence Referendum.

People living in Scotland are invited to vote in the referendum on independence from the United Kingdom on 18 September 2014. The referendum question is "Should Scotland be an independent country?"

Whether you intend voting Yes or No to that question, your views, and those of others, have a place here. We invite comments and we also invite you to write about what you think by using our Submit your Story feature here.

Yes Pentlands, the organisation which campaigns in the Edinburgh Pentlands Constituency for Scottish independence, is holding a public meeting in the Wester Hailes Education Centre at 7.15 pm this Friday, 25th April 2014.

Speakers will include actress Elaine C Smith, MP Jim Sillars and local SNP MSP Gordon MacDonald. The meeting will be chaired by local Councillor Catherine Fullerton.

Yes Pentlands' organiser Sheena Jardine said:- "Our campaign has real momentum now. This is Alistair Darling's constituency which was formerly held by Malcolm Rifkind. Our canvassing is showing Yes outperforming No by over 20%. There has been great demand for public meetings and we have distributed 10,000 leaflets in the last few days advertising this event. This is just another part of our strategy to address voters face to face regarding their hopes and fears about independence. We are growing in strength and will keep the momentum up until 10

pm on the 18th of September."

A short piece on the Super Saturday event can be viewed here

Contact Yes Pentlands at yespentlands@gmail.com. Event Deputy Organiser Jon Drummond can be contacted on 07938 815929 and atjondrummond@talktalk.net.

Better Together are holding an event for women only in Central Edinburgh on 26 April 2014.

Women Together is the grassroots network of women who are campaigning to keep Scotland part of the UK. We want the best of both worlds for Scotland a successful Scottish Parliament delivering in areas like health and education, and the security of being part of a bigger UK.

This Women Together Campaign Workshop is part of our latest series of events across Scotland, providing an opportunity for women to come together and ensure that our voices are central to the discussion on Scotlands future.

Sign up today and help shape our positive campaign and to plan local campaign activity to engage more women in the debate.

This is a special event for women activists only. <u>More</u> <u>details here.</u>

And Better Together will be canvassing on 27 April in Broughton.

"We will be meeting at 1pm on the corner of Union Street and Forth Street and will be spending a couple of house delivering our new leaflets on our positive case for Scotland remaining a strong part of the UK.

"Don't worry if you've never done anything like this before,

there will be plenty of experienced campaigners who will tell you all you need to know and also people who are brand new to campaigning as well."

More details here.

The Edinburgh Reporter rounds up the variety of views we find across all media as often as we can.

This may be a daily article if there is a lot of chat about the independence referendum, or less frequently if we have too much else to do. If you would like to write about your views on independence then please feel free to submit your article using the Submit your Story feature here. The Edinburgh Reporter does not have a stance on the independence question, but hopes to help you make your mind up about the vote on 18 September 2014 by providing as much unbiased coverage as possible.

There are two main websites where you can obtain further information:-

Yes Scotland can be found here

Better Together has a website here