



"I, the undersigned, desire to be enrolled in the Irish Volunteers, formed to secure and maintain the rights and liberties common to all the people of Ireland without distinction of creed, class, or politics." This is what our forefathers signed-up for, they proclaimed no vested interests, we must answer for ourselves and the future.

DEMAND A REFERENDUM ON OUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Our future is sold-out, neither our economy, laws nor standard of living are under our own control, our Sovereign Right is denied.

We invite you to support the demand for an organised Public Debate and a Referendum on our continued membership of the European Union - it is time for it.

Our relationship with the EU is unequal, we are accepting less than second class citizenship and allowing our abundant resources to be stolen. This has had disastrous affect on the lives of families and whole communities throughout Ireland.

We all want international trade and co-operation but it must work both ways, and be for mutual benefit.

Without any discussion, we and future generations have been committed to paying Bank Debts that were never ours. According to Eurostat we have paid 42% of the overall European Banking crisis, that's well over €9000 per person in Ireland.

We have been saddled with debts, despite Enda Kenny telling us that we "are not responsible for this crisis".

Our European partners told us that a "bomb (economic) would go off in Dublin" unless we agreed to pay up, we were threatened by Jean-Claude Trichet while head of the European Central Bank - one of our 'friends' in Europe.



Successive Governments who were/are duty bound to represent us, disgracefully accepted the imposition of private Banking debt from Europe - despite promising the opposite at election time.

Let's have an #Irexit Referendum?

Remember: "Frankfurt's Way or Labour's Way"?

Remember: "Not one more for cent for Banks, no more money for Bondholders"?

Remember: the constant promises of "Jobs and Investment", we would have several 100,000 by now?

Remember: "We have turned the corner" & the "green shoots" that were popping up everywhere?

Remember: re-running of referenda for both the Nice and Lisbon Treaties, until they got the result they wanted?

We should have known from the start.

Our own Governments have only ever sold us out and no foreign power is really interested in the Irish people, they just want our resources, and these are vast.

We have a RICH country and are highly skilled and educated.

Remember: we used to have local industry in every small village and town in Ireland?

Remember: what has happened to our Fishing industry... we have the richest fishing ground in Europe but are restricted to about 10% of the allowed catch - within our own sovereign territory!

Remember: Neither Germany, the UK nor France have shared their resources in Coal, Steel or Wine - so why us?

We have been LIED to and CHEATED, by the Party elite in Ireland and by the EU itself.

Already over 65% of our law is imposed from Europe, our Dáil operates like a local Council. Our Budgets are seen in Germany even before our TDs see them.

Our Sovereign right is hijacked by Europe with the help of the main Political Party system in Dáil Éireann, and now TTIP, CETA, ISDS & TISA are coming, all cloaked in secrecy, we know what to expect!

Members of the public, other community and political groups, are encouraged to stand side-by-side in asserting Ireland's Sovereign Right.

Together we are strong - Irish Water proves that.

THE PEOPLE OF GREECE WERE BETRAYED AND DEMOCRACY ITSELF DENIED - A YEAR LATER, THEY ARE IN DEEPER CRISIS THAN EVER...



Beware Greek Bearing Gifts - Yanis Varoufakis

Having allowed the betrayal of Greece, their former finance minister now wishes to guide the rest of Europe on the path to salvation - inside the EU.

Yanis Varoufakis recently launched the 'Democracy in Europe Movement', aiming to reform the current European Union by persuading it to be democratic.

Varoufakis says that it is better to "work within" the EU to fix it, rather than leaving, as proposed in the UK's #Brexit referendum and as demanded by an increasing number of Europeans. He says that leaving the EU would encourage dangerous right wing/fascists trends.

We think Varoufakis is wrong and that his idea serves the ruling elite. By implication, Varoufakis is saying that we might regard the EU as saving us from ourselves, that without them we would descend into madness.

The continuing crisis in Europe, and worldwide, has given rise to a growing demand for democracy, this demand is shown in many ways, including:

- By mass protest movements that have emerged in recent years, like our own struggle against the imposition of water charges.
- By changing voting patterns; people are moving away from traditional Party politics and supporting platforms opposed to the austerity demanded by the EU/ECB/IMF Troika.

Greece was an early example, the people elected a Government committed to throwing off the shackles of odious debt. Varoufakis was a leading member of the resulting government and shouted loudly that the people's demand would be satisfied - they entered 'negotiations' with the Troika accordingly.

But Syriza had no plan.

Despite several months in which to prepare for 'negotiations' all they came up with was to ask for mercy - a "please sir, may I have some more?" - begging some relief from an impossible payments schedule. But the bully that is the Troika said NO!

The world watched and hoped that Syriza would stand the ground and defend the livelihood of the Greek people. When the matter was put to referendum the people confirmed the mandate given when they elected Syriza - they voted to reject the 'deal'. Syriza ignored the referendum result, saying they had no alternative, claiming that the Troika had, in effect, carried out a coup d'état - Syriza surrendered.

They could have prepared for implementing an alternative currency, they could have had emergency measures to control the banks and capital

movements, they could have called for #Grexit - but they didn't, they yielded to the bully.

So Varoufakis resigned, saying he disagreed with the terms of the Troika. He made no outright condemnation of 'his friend' Alexis Tsipras, he provided no leadership to the people. Varoufakis just walked away "into the night", there was no fight about this crucial issue for Greece.

The EU is in Terminal Crisis, recently their Quantitative Easing programme has been boosted to printing €80 billion every month, adding to the money supply in an effort to kick-start economic growth. At the same time they have reduced their lending rate to minus levels (-.04%), the ECB is paying banks to borrow money. The ECB strategy is not working and increasing numbers of people have no confidence.

The secrecy surrounding the negotiations on TTIP have added more concerns as to what direction the EU is taking.

With #Brexit, the debate about Europe continues at a pace and Mr. Varoufakis has joined in by writing a 'Letter to Britain' urging them to stay in the EU.

This, in essence, is what he is saying:

- Don't leave the EU - try to reform it instead.
- Don't talk about national rights - that will only encourage right wing extremists.
- If the EU breaks up there will be a divided Europe and a decent into fascism.
- Therefore we NEED the EU to save us from ourselves.

Of course, this message is shrouded in talk of democracy, putting sugar on the medicine.

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Meetings at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening at

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