

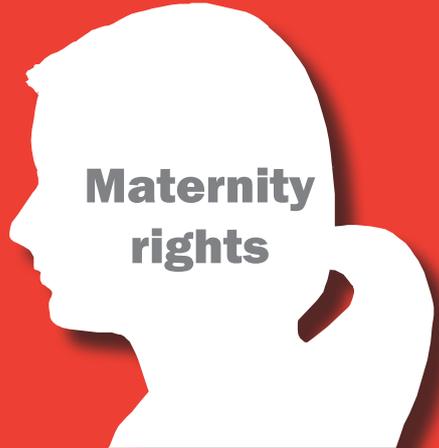
For a strong trade union voice in Europe



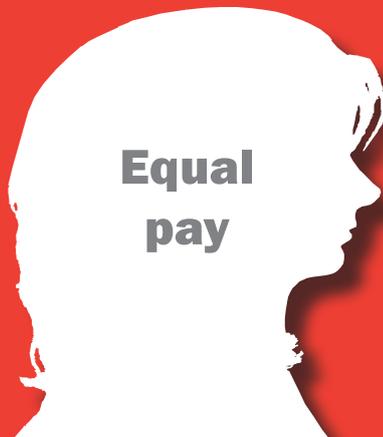
**Safety
at work**



**Parental
leave**



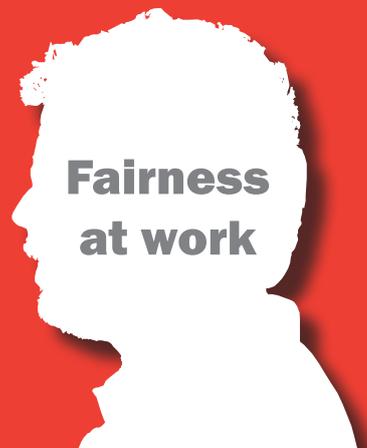
**Maternity
rights**



**Equal
pay**



**Holiday
rights**



**Fairness
at work**

Vote Labour on May 22

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

On May 22 we will elect Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to represent Scotland for the next five years.

This election matters because the European Union has a huge effect on our daily lives and the European Parliament is the only directly-elected body within its structures.

SCOTTISH LABOUR'S PRIORITIES

Tackling youth unemployment

In Scotland, the UK and Europe, Scottish Labour is backing the European TUC's Youth Guarantee. This scheme will ensure that all

young people under the age of 25 get an offer of good quality employment, continuing education, apprenticeship or traineeship after an extended period of unemployment or leaving formal education.

Cracking down on tax evasion

Closing loopholes and fighting tax havens can give a huge boost to financial and economic recovery. This is an effective way of reducing inequality and ensuring that hard work and creativity bring rewards to get Europe back to work.

Democracy and transparency

The EU is negotiating a trade deal with the US. Among the proposals for this treaty is investor-state dispute

settlement (ISDS) - a technical term for a process where companies have the right to sue foreign governments if they don't like the local legislation. They have been part of other agreements which both the EU and US have signed.

The cases are heard in private and governments often lose. If ISDS goes through, big companies will be able to sue whenever they find that changes in law in the area of public health, consumer, environmental or social protection interfere with their profits.

Labour has been and will continue to oppose ISDS being part of any EU-US deal.

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Making Europe work for you



A STRONG VOICE IN EUROPE: Labour MEPs David Martin and Catherine Stihler

OUR RIGHTS

Some of the rights that have been won, in whole or in part, at European level are:

- Safety at work
- Sickness and holiday rights
- Equal Pay
- Holidays
- Time off work
- Fairness at work
- Maternity rights
- Parental leave
- Discrimination
- Healthcare on holiday

Labour is delivering for Scotland in Europe by:

- Opposing the idea that austerity can be tackled by reducing rights at work.
- Standing up for collective bargaining and minimum employment standards by opposing the EU's revised posted workers directive.
- Supporting procurement rules to protect workers from exploitation. The rules enshrine environmental, social and labour obligations in the principles of procurement law. This means potential suppliers can be excluded from public contracts if they are found to be treating workers unfairly.
- Supporting action on tackling the gender pay gap
- Backing European-wide action on blacklisting.
- Backing the European Youth Guarantee Scheme: to make sure we will not lose a generation of young people to unemployment. This EU-wide initiative helps young people to transfer easily into employment, continued education, or an apprenticeship or traineeship within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.
- Opposing investor-state dispute settlement: This mechanism allows foreign companies to challenge legislation adopted by the EU or member state, being part of EU trade deals.
- Backing action on climate change. Labour is the only party in Scotland to be ranked in the top category by the Climate Action Network.
- Backed a financial transaction tax to tackle speculators and raise money to put Europe back to work.

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