

Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney

Better off IN Europe

In the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to vote on Britain's continued membership of the European Union. In what will be one of the most important votes in our lifetime it's important that everybody is well informed about the choice facing our country.

Labour is supporting our continued membership of the most important and vital trading bloc in the world. One that enhances our wealth, security and ability to influence world events. This leaflet outlines some of the European funding we have received locally as a part of our membership of the EU.

We hope you can spare two minutes to read it.

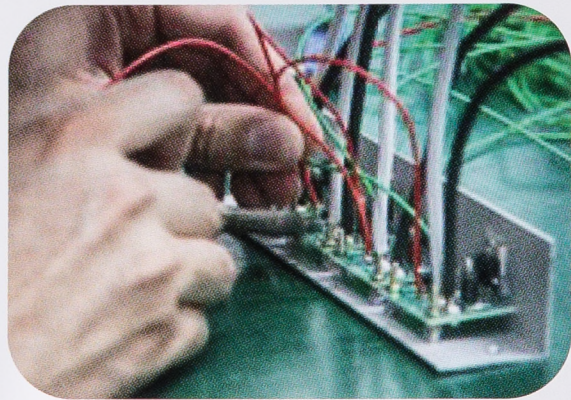


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Building a new Merthyr Tydfil



Backing Opportunity

In Merthyr Tydfil alone, European Union funded projects have enabled the creation of 750 jobs and 250 enterprises, as well as helping 10,300 people to gain qualifications, 3,800 into work and 3,860 into further education.



Heads of the Valleys Road Dualling

The EU contributed £82 million to the dualling project since 2012, a vital link for Valleys communities and a major artery in the Welsh Transport Network.



The College, Merthyr Tydfil

In the last 5 years the College has received well over £2.6 million in funds for Innovation and Entrepreneurship as well as over £3.5 million for other projects.



Penderyn Square & Redhouse

The EU contributed around £7 million to the redevelopment of Penderyn Square and the Taff Central Link in Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre. The European Regional Development Fund contributed to the £8 million required to redevelop the Redhouse.



Taff Bargoed Park

The EU contributed a large proportion of the initial £12.8 million for Taff Bargoed Park, redeveloping derelict land into a stunning country park.



Rhymney Riverside Walk

The EU Regional Development Fund contributed to the development of the 32 mile walk following the river Rhymney.



Winding House Museum Redevelopment

The EU part-funded the £2.5 million redevelopment of the Winding House in New Tredegar through its Objective One fund. It has been voted one of the top 10 attractions to visit in the valleys.



Treharris Square

EU funds redeveloped the £4.3 million Treharris Square project to help breathe new life into the heart of Treharris.

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Revitalising Rhymney



Merthyr Town FC Funding

The EU contributed to a £50,000 grant in 2011 that upgraded the shower facilities, disabled access and fencing around the stadium in addition to partially funding the £1.8million redevelopment of Penydarren Park.



Upgrade of Rhymney Station

As a part of the £7.7million platform extension fund, the EU contributed a significant proportion of the funds to extend the platform at Rhymney station as well as improve the facilities like the park and ride.



Taff Bargoed regeneration programme

The EU contributed £5 million to projects in Bedlinog, Treharris and Trelewis to help regenerate the villages. This included projects like Bedlinog square.

Stronger, Safer and better off in the EU

- Around 100,000 Welsh jobs are linked to exports to the EU
- Paid holiday, maternity and paternity leave are protected by Europe
- In 2015 companies in Wales exported £5 billion worth of goods to the EU
- British families save on average £450 a year at the checkout thanks to the EU
- Thousands of criminals, including terrorists, have been deported from Britain thanks to the European Arrest Warrant
- Britain's EU membership gives us a stronger voice on the world stage – we can negotiate better deals and keep prices down

Wales receives £1.4 billion in direct EU funding.

Do you trust the Tories to match that if we leave the EU?

Don't take the risk.

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union	
Vote only once by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	
Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?	
Remain a member of the European Union	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leave the European Union	<input type="checkbox"/>