

Don't tell your grandparents we cannot govern this country

A letter from our President to the Leicester Mercury.

Liz Kendall wasn't born, Peter Soulsby was 24 and Alan Johnson 22 years of age when we entered the Common Market.

What do they know about Parliamentary life and the way our country was governed before powers were surrendered to the EEC by Edward Heath?

According to *Mercury* report 12th May, they met with young people in Leicester to say to youngsters "tell your granny" to persuade older relatives to vote remain.

Older people have lived for years with the consequences of being in the EU knowing what life is all about and how what they voted for in 1975 for economic reasons has transformed into EU political control of our country.

There is a strong left wing argument to leave the EU because membership is not good for workers and jobs in this country. That was the clear message from Blair, Brown and Corbyn when they first became elected to Parliament but let me turn to EU propaganda in our schools and what our children have been taught.

In 1998 Baroness Blackstone, Minister for European education matters celebrated Britain's EU Presidency by sending all schools "Partners in Europe", a propaganda package at a cost to us taxpayers of around £300,000. It included "Resources and Contacts" booklet which highlighted the federalist, American financed European Movement. Separately a £100,000 battle bus toured the country pumping out free flags, maps, charts and booklets mainly for schoolchildren. A leaked EU dossier instructed teachers to peddle the Euro story "*Young people will act as go-betweens with the older generations. They will help familiarise themselves with and embrace the euro*" and told about the new Internet super-hero, a Gordon Brown

lookalike called Captain Euro. This superhuman with his glamorous blonde assistant Europa and dog Lupo, thwarted the evil plots against Europe of the utterly ruthless villain Dr. D. Vider. It all provided a smokescreen in the minds of youngsters. We also had the infants colouring book *"Let's draw Europe together"* as part of a set of teaching units for primary schools intended as *"a call to schoolchildren as well as to all of us to commit ourselves to achieving European unity"* and went on to say, *"The original idea of a common market has now been developed and extended into plans for a 'Citizen's Europe'".* It used children's characters like Tintin and Pinocchio.

In 1997 the Classroom Guide to the European Union aimed at 11 – 14 year olds informed them that *"The EU is like a club. Our Ministers decide; the EU does not tell each country what they should produce and how"*. It spoke of the Common Agricultural Policy to *"ensure the supply of foodstuffs to European consumers at reasonable prices"* with a cartoon to talk about the virtues of milk quotas. It didn't say the British farmers were only allowed to produce 85% of our milk requirements and thus forced to import or that the CAP had severely inflated food prices in Britain.

Sections 406 and 407 of the 1996 Education Act forbids political indoctrination and bias in schools. Yet back in 1988 EU Education Ministers' Resolution 88/C-177/02 called on member states to, *"strengthen in young people a sense of European identity and prepare young people to take part in the economic and social aspects of the Community, make them aware of the advantages of the EU"*.

It is not timely for indoctrinated youngsters to persuade older people to vote to remain in the EU but for young people to listen to their parents and grandparents why we should all vote to Leave and for MPs again to be responsible and accountable for governing our own country and not Eurocrats.

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