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About this buikie

On Thursday 18 September 2014, there'll be a referendum anent a freestaunin Scotland

This buikie tells ye hoo ye can tak pairt.

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Can A vote?

Ye can vote in the referendum gin ye'r inrowed tae vote in Scotland, are 16 or ower on Thursday 18 September 2014 or ye'r:

- a Breetish or Irland ceetizen that bides in Scotland, or
- a European Union ceetizen that bides in Scotland, or
- a qualified¹ Commonwealth ceetizen that bides in Scotland

Ye maun be inrowed tae vote bi Tuesday 2 September 2014 for tae hae a vote in this referendum.

Proveesions by the ordnar is in place for the inrowment o memmers o the Airmed Services, Croun Servants (for instance, in the diplomatic service or ceevil service ootland) an Breetish Coouncil staff. Ye can find oot mair at

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

Am A inrowed tae vote?

Gin ye'r no inrowed, ye'll no can vote. Maist fowk inrows thairsels throu the form that comes tae them in the post aince a year fae the electoral inrowment officer that's hame-aboot.

Gin ye'v no fillt oot ane o thir forms, ye micht no be on the register o voters. Tae evite this, ye maun fill oot a voter inrowment form an send it tae yer electoral inrowment office sae that it wins at them bi midnight on Tuesday 2 September.

For a voter inrowment form, an tae get wittins aboot the electoral inrowment office for whaur you bide, clap yer moose on www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

¹ Qualified Commonwealth ceetizens is fowk that haes leave (freedom) tae come ben the UK an bide in it, or daesna need tae get sic leave, or is treatit as haein sic leave.

Ye can dounlaid a form an-aw at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk . Ye'll hae tae prent the form oot, sign it an post it aff tae yer electoral inrowment office.

Gin ye'r no shair whither or no ye'r inrowed for tae vote, yer ain electoral inrowment office will can tell ye. Ye can speir at them at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

Hoo dae A vote in the referendum?

You will be gien a voting paper like the ane in the picture here:

VOTING PAPER	
Vote (X) JIST AINCE	
Shuid Scotland be a freestaunin kintra?	
AY	<input type="checkbox"/>
NA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ye shaw yer choice wi pittin a cross (X) in the 'Ay' or 'Na' box on yer voting paper.

Mind an pit a cross in jist ae box or yer vote winna be coontit.

Weys o votin

The'r three weys ye can vote:



Yer ainsel on Thursday 18 September:

Maist fowk comes an votes thairsels at thair voting station. It is even-forrit tae dae an a memmer o staff can aye gie ye a haun gin ye'r in a swither.

You will be sent a voting caird that tells ye whaurabouts yer voting station is. It is affen a scuil or community centre that's dounby. Gin ye daena get yer voting caird, please speir at the cooncil whaur ye bide for tae find oot whaur the voting station is.

Voting stations is open fae 7am tae 10pm. Mak shair that ye win at yer station wi time eneuch tae get yer vote.



Bi post:

Ye can pit in tae vote bi post. Ye'll want tae fill oot an application form an send it aff tae yer electoral inrowment office hame-aboot, tae win at them nae later nor 5pm on Wadensday 3 September. Ye can speir them oot an get an application form at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

The cooncil whaur ye bide can send yer voting paper tae yer hame or ony ither hoose that ye gie them. A voting paper can be sent ootland, but mind ye'll hae tae think whither ye'll hae the time tae get the form an send it back again bi 10pm on Thursday 18 September.

Gin yer voting paper haesna won at ye for Thursday 12 September, speir at yer cooncil hame-aboot. Ye can get a new ane up tae 5pm on the voting day.



Bi proxy:

Gin ye canna get tae the voting station an daena want tae vote bi post, ye can pit in for a proxy vote. This means lattin a body that ye can lippen on cast the vote on your behauf.

Ye'll want tae fill oot an application form an send it tae the electoral inrowment office for whaur ye bide sae that it wins at them for 5pm on Wadensday 3 September. Clap yer moose here for an application form www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

Whan ye pit in for a proxy vote ye maun state whit wey ye canna vote yer ainsel. Onybody can staun in as yer proxy as lang as thay'r aged 16 or ower on Thursday 18 September 2014 an coontit as a Breetish, Irland, ither European Union or qualified Commonwealth ceetizen. Forby, thay maun be willin tae vote on your behauf. Ye'll hae tae tell them whit gait ye want tae vote.

Gin ye hae a medical mishanter, or aw a sudden ye'r cawed awa throu yer wark or service, an canna jouk it, ye micht can appynt a proxy for a sair-fit. Speir at yer electoral inrowment office hame-aboot for mair information. Clap yer moose here tae get wittins o this www.aboutmyvote.co.uk .

Ye maun be inrowed tae vote afore ye can get a postal or proxy vote.

Ye maun be inrowed tae vote bi Tuesday 2 September 2014.

Hoo tae speir-oot mair

Gin ye hae ony questions, please clap yer moose here www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or caw oor helpline on 0800 3 280 280.

Ye can dounlaid mair doobles o this buikie fae www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Information fae the leaders-aff in the campaign an fae baith governments

The Unitit Kinrik Government an the Scots Government haes baith gree'd that the shuid be a referendum for ye tae vote on whither Scotland shuid be a freestaunin kintra. Baith governments wants the referendum tae be lawfae an fair. Baith wants the affcome tae be patent til aw. Baith haes gree'd tae respect the affcome, whitever thon is.

Whit happens efter the referendum?

Gin mair fowk votes 'Ay' nor votes 'Na' in the referendum, Scotland wad become a freestaunin kintra.

Gin mair fowk votes 'Na' nor votes 'Ay' in the referendum, Scotland wad bide a pairt o the Unitit Kinrik.

Ye can read mair aboot this on Pages 10-11.

Whit's the threaps fae baith sides?

Campaigners haes been speachifyin whit wey thay think ye shuid vote 'ay' or 'na' in the referendum.

Ilk ane o the heid campaign organisations haes been gien a page for tae pit forrit thair threaps.

Thir pages haes been comprehendit jist as thay war gien til us. Please turn ower tae tak a swatch.



The referendum on September 18t is a sinderins o twa gaits.

An Ay vote means that in time tae come we can mak oor ain decessions an bigg a mair weel-daein nation, a Scotland whaur we can aw forder nae bother.

As ane o the richest nations in the world, Scotland can afford tae be a successfae freestaunin kintra. We can mak this rowth o wealth wirk better for awbody that bides here, fae giein beild til aulder Scots fowk tae makkin life easier for young faimlies.

A Na vote means that in time tae come oor ettles wad get smooored throu the ongauin failures o Westmaister governments, governments that we didna even vote for.

September 18t gies us a aince in a life shot at makkin a new, guid-gauin nation.

M'on we'll cleek it wi baith hauns.



The Best o Baith

Warlds For Scotland

We trew that we can hae the best o baith warlds in Scotland as pairt o the UK. We can hae a strang Scots Pairlament, wi mair pouers siccar, an draw on the maucht, security an stabeelity that springs fae bein pairt o the bigger UK. We needna choose atween the twa.

Votin tae sinder wad be a muckle lowp intae the unkent. Gin we lea, syne we loss the maucht o the UK poond. This wad mean we wad pey mair for oor staundart securities, credit cairds an loans. Gin we lea we play mischancie wi oor pensions. Gin we lea, we micht gar big companies flit sooth an mibby see Scots jobs tint.

Gin we lea the UK the wad be nae gain back. In September we maun decide aboot oor time tae come. M'on we'll say nae thanks til aw the chanciness an swithers ower staunin free. M'on we'll say lood oot that we want the best o baith warlds for Scotland.

Lisa Gardiner a wirkin ma fae Camslang said: "A'm voting NA in September acause A trew we can hae the best o baith warlds in Scotland. We can hae mair deceesions taen here an we can hae the maucht an security o bein pairt o the UK. Gain oor lanes wad be a muckle lowp intae the unkent. Dae A want tae chance ma famly's time tae come jist sae that nationalists can get whit thay'r efter? Nae thanks."



Set furth an fordert wi Blair MacDougall on behauf o Better Thegither baith at 5 Blythwood Square, Glesca, G2 4AD. Better Thegither 2012 is a company leemitit bi warrandice & inrowed in Scotland (SC425421).

A jynt screive fae the Scots Government an the Unitit Kinrik Government

Gin mair fowk votes 'Ay' nor votes 'Na' in the referendum, Scotland wad become a freestaunin kintra.

This wadna happen richt aff. The wad hae tae be political troke atween the fowk speakin for Scotland an the fowk speakin for the lave o the Unitit Kinrik.

While the trokin wis gauin on, Scotland wad bide a pairt o the Unitit Kinrik an public services wad cairry on the same as the noo. The Scots Government wad haud-gauin wi the burden for health, education, justice, landward maiters, hoosing an caurs & causays in Scotland. The Unitit Kinrik Government wad haud-gauin wi the burden for fendin, security, fremmit maiters an constitution, maist pensions, benefits an maist tax pouers up tae the date that Scotland becomes a freestaunin kintra.

Laws that's habile for Scotland the noo wad haud guid throu the trokin. Throu the trokin, the twa governments wad haud a twa-vey crack anent ony policies o either that touches on the burdens o the ither government. The Scots Government that's in the noo wad bide in office til the neist election tae the Scots Pairlament that's tae be held in Mey 2016.

The twa-vey crack wad comprehend hoo the guids an geir, an public an financial burdens belangin the state wad be shared oot.

Aince Scotland wis freestaunin, the Scots Government wad tak on the burden for aw airts and pairts o government in Scotland.

Aince Scotland wis freestaunin, the Scots Pairlament wad hae the can tae amend or keep the laws that habile for Scotland the noo conform tae the new setting o a freestaunin Scotland.

Gin mair fowk votes ‘Na’ nor votes ‘Ay’ in the referendum, Scotland wad bide a pairt o the Unitit Kinrik.

The UK Pairlament an Government wad haud-gauin wi the burden for fendin, security, fremmit maiters, pensions, benefits an maist tax pouers. The Scots Pairlament an Government wad haud-gauin wi the burden for health, education, justice, landward maiters, hoosing an caurs & causays in Scotland the same as it daes the noo.

The Scots Government that’s in the noo wad bide in office til the neist election tae the Scots Pairlament that’s tae be held in Mey 2016.

The twa governments wad cairry on wirkin thegither tae inbring the chenges tae the pouers o the Scots Pairlament an Government gree’d bi the twa pairlaments in the 2012 Act anent Scotland. The heidmaist change is that the Scots Pairlament an Government will get new pouers tae borrae an will get tae set thair ain Scots rate o Income Tax fae Aprile 2016.

Ony mair chenges tae the pouers o the Scots Pairlament an Government wad be made throu the UK Pairlament, efter seekin greeance wi the Scots Pairlament.