

Lib Dems launch EU Referendum campaign

- Tim Farron and Catherine Bearder MEP today (Monday 21 September) launch the Liberal Democrat campaign to keep Britain in Europe.
- The party's EU campaign launch comes as former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg warns that a Brexit could lead to break up of the UK.

Liberal Democrat Leader Tim Farron said

"Liberal Democrats believe in an open, modern and inclusive Britain that stands tall in the world, and doesn't hide from it.

"We are a modern, free, prosperous country, respected the world over. This is Britain's time to lead.

"By voting to remain in the EU we can secure Britain's position as a world power and build on our role as a beacon of hope, freedom, tolerance and prosperity.

"It is not the time to turn our backs on Europe, and leave us isolated, side-lined and alone."

Chair of the Liberal Democrat EU Referendum Campaign Catherine Bearder MEP said:

"Voting to stay in the EU will show the world we will always stand up for the community we believe in; one that's global, generous, and open. Leaving means losing control.

"We must shape Europe's future, and not let others shape it for us. Britain must work to fix the problems that exist and not just leave it to our neighbours.

"It is time for Britain to lead in Europe, not leave Europe.

"When Britain shapes the future of our country and continent, we are all more prosperous and successful."