



“From maternity leave and work protections during pregnancy, to rules preventing harassment and unequal treatment at work, women in Britain benefit from EU protections every day”.

Caroline Lucas, Green Party MP



“Our membership of the EU broadens British students’ horizons immeasurably. It gives us the freedom to live, work and study across Europe, allowing cultural exchange which enriches our universities and communities.”

Hannah Clare, Young Greens

“Because we are in the EU, midwifery in the UK is stronger, patient care is safer, and working conditions for all are better.”

Cathy Warwick, Chief Executive of the Royal College of Midwives



“Our understanding of the cultures and lifestyles of our European neighbours is underpinned by school visits, twinning activities and academic exchanges, all put in place and funded by the EU.”

Molly Scott Cato, Green MEP for the South West



“The bulk of the rights at work that matter to us originated in Europe.”

Frances O'Grady, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress.



“As well as significant funding of research and innovation, the EU has worked to address the persistent gender imbalance in science and technology in Europe.”

Esther Obiri-Darko, Green Party Spokesperson on Science and Technology

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“Women are better protected thanks to the European Union. By working together across Europe we can end gender inequality once and for all and make sure women and future generations, and the environment we all depend on, are well safeguarded.”

JEAN LAMBERT MEP

WHY EUROPE IS IMPORTANT FOR WOMEN





HERE ARE A JUST A FEW WAYS THE EU HAS IMPROVED EQUALITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN IN THE UK

The European Union has a long history of taking action against discrimination, including fighting for equal rights for women.

Thanks to the EU there is a great body of legal protection for women covering employment, including part time and agency work, parental leave, and equal pay

These, and other EU laws on domestic violence, trafficking of women and children benefit us all, as do those facilitating living, studying, working and retiring in other EU countries.

Helping our NHS: Nearly one in five of consultants, nurses and health visitors working in the NHS are from EU countries.

Rules that **part-time workers** must have the same employment conditions as those of comparable full-time workers.

Laws on **equal pay** for equal work.

The right to a minimum of 14 weeks **maternity leave**, guarantees you cannot be dismissed or given a reduced role during this time.

Laws that keep **beaches cleaner, air less polluted** and **wildlife safer**.

Climate change: Working together in the EU has led to more action and more influence on the global stage.

Some of the most stringent laws regulating chemicals, helping **safeguard food, toys, cosmetics, cleaning and other products**.

Access to **healthcare** if necessary when travelling in the European Union.

Recognition, support and **access to justice** via the Courts for victims of domestic violence.

Helps over **10,000 British university students**, mostly women, study in Europe every year.

WHAT ELSE HAS THE EU DONE FOR US?

ANIMAL WELFARE ANTI-RACISM
ARTS FUNDING BANKERS' BONUS CAP BIRDS
AND NATURE CONSERVATION CLIMATE ACTION
CLEANER AIR AND BEACHES CONSUMER STANDARDS
DATA PROTECTION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GENDER
EQUALITY GLOBAL JUSTICE GREEN JOBS HEALTH AND SAFETY
HUMAN RIGHTS LGBT RIGHTS LIVE, WORK, STUDY OR RETIRE
ABROAD ORGANIC FOOD PEACE REGULATE BIG BUSINESS
RENEWABLE ENERGY REDUCE WASTE REGIONAL
FUNDING RESTRICT PESTICIDES RIGHTS AT WORK
SAFER LORRIES SOLIDARITY TAX
JUSTICE ...

