

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 23RD MAY 2019

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You must be registered to vote and also be one of the following:

- 18 years of age or over on polling day
- a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the European Union resident in the UK
- a UK citizen living abroad who has been registered to vote in the UK in the last 15 years
- not be subject to any legal incapacity to vote



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS MAY 2019



The European Parliament Elections take place every 5 years. The next election is due in May 2019.

Voting will take place in the UK on May 23rd

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What is the European Parliament

The European Parliament is directly elected by EU voters and represents the interests of the people living in the 28 member countries of the European Union (EU).

It is responsible, along with the Council of Ministers from member states, for making laws and approving budgets.

It also plays a role in the EU's relations with other countries, including those wishing to join the EU.

Members of the European Parliament

The European Parliament is currently made up of 751 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) who are elected by 28 European Union member countries.

Each country is allocated a set number of seats, roughly depending on the size of its population. The smallest, Malta (population: around half a million) has six members sitting in the European Parliament while the largest, Germany (population: 82 million) has 96.

At the moment there are 751 MEPs in total and the UK has 73 of which Northern Ireland has 3.

Northern Ireland MEPs 2014 – 2019

The MEPs who have represented Northern Ireland 2014 – 2019 are:

Martina Anderson, MEP, Sinn Fein
Diane Dodds, MEP, Democraic Unionist Party
Jim Nicholson, MEP, Ulster Unionist Party

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) 2014-2019

NORTHERN IRELAND



MEPs are elected on a regional basis which means that each MEP in a region represents each and every person living there. In May 2014 the people of Northern Ireland elected three Members to the European Parliament.

If you wish to raise an issue concerning the EU you may approach any or all of them.

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Who is standing for the EU Parliament Elections 2019 - 2024

At the 1 May 2019 the following candidates are standing for election:

Outgoing MEPs Martina Anderson from Sinn Féin and the DUP's Diane Dodds are standing for re-election.

Former Ulster Unionist minister Danny Kennedy will stand as a candidate after the party's MEP Jim Nicholson decided to step down.

SDLP leader Colum Eastwood and Alliance Party Naomi Long, The Green Party Clare Bailey, UKIP Robert Hill, Conservative Party Amandeep Singh Bhogal, Jane Morrice an independent candidate; Independent candidate Neil McCann, along with TUV leader Jim Allister have confirmed they stand as candidates in the European Parliament election. Former SDLP leader Mark Durkan is hoping to win a seat for Fine Gael in Dublin.



Election of Members to the European Parliament for the Electoral Region of Northern Ireland

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED and NOTICE OF POLL

The following persons have been and stand validly nominated:

SURNAME	OTHER NAMES	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION (if any)
ALLISTER	Jim	4 Byrestown Road, Kells, Co Antrim, BT42 3JB	Traditional Unionist Voice - TUV
ANDERSON	Martina Elizabeth	91 Lisfannon Park, Derry, BT48 9DU	Sinn Féin
BAILEY	Clare	18 Orchard Mews, Belfast, BT8 7AS	Green Party Northern Ireland
BHOGAL	Amandeep Singh	108A Lower Road, Belvedere, DA17 6DZ	Conservative and Unionist Party
DODDS	Diane	20 Castle Lodge, Banbridge, BT32 4RN	Democratic Unionist Party - D.U.P.
EASTWOOD	Colum	35 Aberfoyle Crescent, Derry, BT48 7PG	SDLP (Social Democratic & Labour Party)
HILL	Robert	48 Glenvarna Drive, Glengormley, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim BT36 5JQ	UKIP - Unionists For Brexit
KENNEDY	Danny	'Mayfield', 44 Maytown Road, Besbrook, Newry, Co Down, BT38 7NE	Ulster Unionist Party
LONG	Naomi Rachel	26 Eastleigh Drive, Belfast, BT4 3DX	Alliance Party
MCCANN	Neil Patrick	Apf 5, No 152 Malone Ave, Belfast, BT9 6ET	Independent

MORRICE	Jane	18 Ballyholme Esplanade, Bangor, Co Down, Northern Ireland BT20 5LZ	Independent
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The poll will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019 between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm. The situation of each polling station and the description of voters entitled to vote there is available on www.eoni.org.uk.

The number of members to be elected is THREE.

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Why Vote

The European Parliament makes big decisions: how to grow the economy, how to curb energy use, how to make sure that the food we eat is safe. When you vote, you choose who represents you as an MEP to make these decisions and what they mean for the sort of world you want to live in. If you don't vote, you have no say.

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