**Gwent for Europe**

**Writing to your MP**

Please keep your letter **personal** and **positive** (not angry). MPs already know the facts and figures; the economic arguments are well known. Write to explain how you feel about Brexit.

**If you are not sure what to say to your MP, simply answer these three questions about Brexit:**

**-What are you most worried about?**

**-What is your vision about how the Britain should be?**

**-What is your personal story about and why is Brexit so important to you and your life and your family?**

To end the letter explain why you want a Final Say on the deal with an option to remain.

You can also ask your MP:

* if they are prepared to support something that is going to make you poorer and your family poorer
* if they are happy to limit your freedoms and rights
* if they are prepared to support something that will seriously damage the NHS
* if they going to let you have a say

Add anything you can think of to personalise it. Several signatures of members of your family, a drawing!, photos...anything to make it memorable.

If you are happy with what you have written, share it on social media. Encourage your friends and family to write too.

This is a template that is being circulated by Valleys for Europe. The bold bits would need to be changed to suit Newport and the MP we are writing to, because it would be not right if addressed to Paul Flynn for example.

Dear **Ann Clwyd**

I believe the whole process of Brexit is going very badly wrong. No-one voted for Brexit to damage jobs and public services. You know only too well that the economy of **the Cynon Valley** is fragile. You also know how our local public services, especially health and social care, rely upon labour markets well beyond the local population. The people of the **Cynon Valley** are poor, their health is not as good as that of more prosperous areas. The population needs support from and deserves to hear the voice of their MP in relation to this impending disastrous Brexit.

**To date we have heard nothing from you about Brexit.** Many of your constituents, including myself, travelled to London yesterday to march in favour of a People’s Vote on the final deal. **Where were you and where do you stand on the most important issue for a generation?** Please will you inform your constituents by letting us know, publically, where you stand on the matter of Brexit and whether you will support a People’s Vote. A People’s Vote would be a demonstration of true democracy. It is a chance for all of us to have a say on the final deal since the initial referendum campaign was beset with lies, deceit and misinformation. All of us are now much better informed and deserve an opportunity to have our views taken into account.

**At present I feel unrepresented by my Member of Parliament** and I know from relatives, friends and colleagues that many feel the same. Let us hear your voice standing up for your constituents and their future. This affects the thousands of children and young people in the **Cynon Valley** who do not have a vote, it is their future. This affects working age people whose jobs and livelihoods may be put at risk. This affects older people whose health may be beginning to fail and may need care from our NHS and social services to maintain the quality of life that they deserve.

Please speak out on our behalf and show some strength of conviction. You cannot, with your track record in foreign policy, European affairs and human rights, believe that the current process is leading to a better future for anyone except a small minority and the elite. Please support your constituents by supporting a People’s Vote.

I look forward to receiving a considered response from you and to hearing your views expressed publicly in order that your constituents in the **Cynon Valley** know that you represent our interests and future.

Yours sincerely

Your name