



ANOTHER EUROPE IS POSSIBLE 2026 STRATEGY



Objectives

In 2026 we are building on the brand refresh and deepening strategic partnerships. We are expanding our migration solidarity work to provide effective opposition to the Government's white paper proposals. We are developing a specifically European response to these proposals, drawing on effective alternatives from our close neighbours. We continue to focus on wider global struggles of justice i.e. Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, the US while promoting closer collaboration with movements across Europe. We are particularly interested in grassroots solidarity organising and democratic initiatives beyond limited parliamentary advocacy. Our new collaboration with Global Justice Now and Stop Trump, the Counter.Power podcast, is an outlet to talk about the radical alternatives we want to build.

On a more practical note, the challenge remains building up membership numbers.

Background

Focusing on 2026, the authoritarian turn we have been warning about is here to stay. The lack of political vision from the Labour Government will likely lead to Reform gains at local elections. Keir Starmer may not be prime minister in 2027. Meanwhile, the threat of a growing grassroots far-right movement funded and promoted by tech platforms spreads beyond just Reform.

At the same time, solidarity movements are growing. Initiatives like Make Them Pay and the Together Alliance are gaining popularity and bringing various sections of the progressive movement together. A key strand of activity for AEIP is to reignite material links and solidarity with groups across the EU to add an internationalist element to these initiatives.

In the UK, Starmer's government is also reinforcing rather than challenging authoritarian, imperial and anti-immigration trends, while pushing a 'make Brexit work' narrative. These actions strengthen the far right and our goal is to challenge these trends by supporting campaigns for positive alternatives and articulating a vision of how the UK could turn towards a transformed EU and away from US capital's predatory influence.

Our work continues under the three key pillars:

- Solidarity Beyond Borders
- Real Democracy Now
- Transforming Europe from Below



Solidarity Beyond Borders

For a liberatory migration politics

In 2026 AEIP activity aims to continue actively campaigning for genuine migrant justice. We will defend freedom of movement from outside the UK and EU into the UK and EU; we will highlight examples of working alternatives to the detention, deportation and exploitation models the UK Government is intent on progressing. The resistance to ICE in the US is a pro-migrant justice movement, as well as an antiauthoritarian movement. The Spanish government's amnesty for undocumented migrants is the bare minimum we should be demanding of Labour.

We will continue to draw the connections between growing far-right influence online and the rise in Islamophobia.

Real Democracy Now

Taking power back to the people

'Real democracy now' speaks to the transnational struggles of those fighting fascist and authoritarian regimes across the world as well as the disillusionment felt with the existing democratic institutions in the UK and Europe. Increasingly the US is at the heart of this fight and our work with Stop Trump will support a strong international pushback.

In 2026, local elections and those in the nations will provide stark examples of voter disillusionment. We will look to the Scottish elections and the changed Senedd election system for further proof that proportional voting delivers fairer results and deeper engagement with democratic processes. At the same time, we will be prepared to counter far-right victories by amplifying genuine community responses of care.

Anti-imperial struggles across the globe from Palestine to Ukraine, Sudan, Georgia, Myanmar, and Syria are part of this 'real democracy' demand. It means expressing solidarity with movements fighting for democracy and freedom like the Ukrainian resistance and supporting campaigns like the one for the liberation of the Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti as a way to highlight the illegal detention of many Palestinian prisoners and the fight for democracy and freedom of the Palestinian people. The EU and its constituent states practice imperialism (through military supplies and financial backing of repressive governments) and have a key role in stifling economic and political democracy in many regions, as do other states including but not limited to the US, Russia (e.g. in Sudan, Ukraine, Georgia, Syria) and Turkey (Kurdistan, Syria).



This creates a world system of powerful states extracting resources, fuelling conflict and accelerating climate collapse. Our alternative is to support, raise awareness of and connect grassroots struggles for political, environmental and economic democracy based on equal rights for all groups regardless of identity.

Transforming Europe from Below

System change not status quo

Our vision is for a transformed Europe in a transformed world. We are at a critical global conjuncture with Trump 2.0 marking the ripening, over a decade, of the politics of Brexit. To address the challenges of 2025 - extreme levels of inequality, oligarchization, authoritarianism, environmental destruction, climate catastrophe, and conflict - we need to rethink and restructure our economic and political systems 'from below'.

Our aim is to support efforts that strengthen community power 'from below' and combine this with transnational solidarity across borders. We will bring together communities of activists and thinkers that reject not only the dead-end politics of authoritarian nationalism, Brexit and xenophobia but also the idea that the status quo is working or that we can somehow 'return' the UK to the pre-2016 Europe.

Our vision for rejoining the European Union is about putting the UK back on the path to integration in a reformed and progressive European project. In the short term, as politics develops in the UK, and the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement review approaches, we will argue to adopt the single market and further programmes of co-operation with the EU. We recognise that popular opinion supports more co-operation with the EU and will work with others to ensure this is expressed, while recognising that any changes in the relationship needs to be based on mutual benefit. Alongside this, we will continue critiquing the shortcomings of the EU and campaigning for the long term goal of ecological transition; economic and political democratisation; digital autonomy, and social justice in a cosmopolitan and pluralist Europe. We will continue to do this with our partner organisation, Citizen's Takeover Europe.

These goals are about making another Europe, and another world, possible. To this end - and recognising the acute challenge of the present moment, with rising nationalism and authoritarianism - much of our work will be engaging in the 'battle of ideas', creating a current of thinking among our supporters and co-thinkers globally based on a vision of internationalism that is democratic, human rights based, progressive and radical in rising to the many challenges that the 21st century poses so sharply.