

ES Views: The young should speak up. It's not too late to stop Brexit

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Brexit protesters angry at the prospect of leaving the EU stage a demo at Downing Street (PA)

If Brexit were to be called off tomorrow, there would be dancing in the streets. The pound would strengthen, trade would increase and jobs would be created. Anyone who thinks Brexit will be good for the UK economy and society — short or long-term — is misinformed.

I do accept that the EU has a democratic deficit that needs to be addressed. Small countries such as Greece have been hit hard unfairly. I also accept that as the major English-speaking country in Europe, the UK is a magnet for migrant workers and that factor alone warrants some special consideration.

But there is no denying that overall the EU has contributed to one of the most sustained peaceful and productive periods in human civilisation. Let us build a better EU from within rather than moan from the outside.

I urge those who voted Leave and have since changed their minds to let their voices be heard. The same goes for young people, whatever their views, as this is their future that the Government is gambling with.

It is never too late to say sorry on both sides.

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