

Departing from the European Union 15:40 18th November 2016:

Tilbury Docks: the environment is bathed in a blue tones that precede the sunset as I walk the deserted footpath away from the docks. The United Kingdom has voted to depart from the European Union - the pendulum has swung away from globalisation. The country has entered a liminal space maybe driven by a nostalgia for bygone times. The path to tomorrow is far from clear. There are many creeks and channels that will be explored, examined and tested before the dawn arrives and the structures of our future are laid bare for all to see when we reach Harwich.

Landing stages, jetties and piers periodically emerge when traversing the coastal fringes reaching out from the land, surrounded by the constant ebb and flow of the tidal waters, each purporting to offer the ideal point of departure. Closer inspection of these enduring structures hints at possibilities rather than a solution for the future. After all we desire a future that is different from the past, where borders are clear yet trade flows freely and the rules inside the border are defined for the benefit of the inhabitants of our island community.

Geography has dictated a common history and trading relationship with our European neighbours that spans centuries. For many of us are descendants of those countries. The truth of the matter is we are symbiotic communities that need each other to survive. Tomorrow is not about departing Europe, it is the creation of a new relationship for our island nation and its closest neighbour.

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