

POSITIVE ACTION GROUP - Public Meeting **Why we need a Republic!**

**A Presentation by  
Graham Smith, CEO 'Republic'**



**Manx Legion Club, Market Hill, Douglas**

**7:30 pm MONDAY 27th January 2020**

**The event is free and open to all**

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**Positive Action Group (PAG) kicks off 2020 with a hot topic.**

**The talk and following debate will focus on why we need the opportunity to elect our head of state. The unelected Monarchy is going through a torrid time as we enter the new decade. Chief Executive Officer of [Republic](http://www.republic.org.uk), Graham Smith, will explain some of the mystique surrounding the existence of the Royal Family.**

He starts a nationwide tour here at The Legion, in Douglas. PAG has indeed been fortunate to get him to speak in the IoM. This is the first event of Republic's new "Where You Live" programme, which will see him travelling to dozens of towns and cities talking about why we need a republic.

He will talk about recent events which have shown our constitution to be deeply flawed, and why we all deserve to elect our head of state. Monarchy myth busters will feature.

## **PAG Event: Why we need a republic**

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Graham Smith regularly comments in mainstream media - BBC, Channel 4 - about the need for democratic reform and the abolition of the monarchy.

Commenting on the recent Royal crises Mr Smith said:

*"The royal family is in trouble and with the next succession on the horizon their problems are only going to get worse. The Queen and Prince Charles appear comfortable with all the trappings and formality of royal duties, but it's increasingly clear that the younger generations are not so keen. With recent events in the UK parliament exposing the Queen to criticism and prompting serious debate about royal powers this is an important issue".*

Following the presentation the audience will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions

As usual the event is free to attend and all are welcome, whether you agree with Republic or not, whether you want to listen to the ideas or get stuck into what promises to be a lively debate.