

THE KEY PLAYERS IN BREXIT

NIGEL FARAGE

Former leader of UKIP



POLITICAL CAREER

Nigel Paul Farage (born 3 April 1964) was a British politician. In 1993 he was among the founding members of the UK Independent Party (UKIP), a right-wing, Eurosceptic populist party which he led from 2006 to 2009, and again from 2010 to 2016. From 1999 until Britain's withdrawal from the European Union in 2020 he was a Member of the European Parliament for South East England.

HIS ROLE IN BREXIT

UKIP was set up in 1993 in the wake of Britain's ratification of the Maastricht Treaty - the document that established the European Union - with the aim of getting the United Kingdom out of the Union. Farage soon gave the party centre stage and played a fundamental role in persuading Cameron to call the 2016 referendum. He's considered the leading figure of Brexit, having spent almost 20 years fighting for the separation of Britain from the EU. After stepping down as UKIP leader in 2016, in 2018 he launched the Brexit Party, later rebranded Reform UK, which enjoyed significant electoral success in the 2019 European elections, emerging as the largest single party in the European Parliament. In 2021 he resigned as the leader of Reform UK saying that he had achieved his goal on Brexit.

- **Leader of Brexit Party (later Reform UK)**
(2018-2021)
- **Leader of UK Independent Party**
(2006-2009 and 2010-2016)
- **Member of the European Parliament**
(1999-2020)