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## Iain Dale: All Talk Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2019

**\*\*12 extra shows added due to popular demand\*\***  
**\*\*19 new star guests\*\***

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and Kate Adie; Christopher Biggins; Professor John Curtice and Michael Crick; Anne Diamond and Nick Owen; Matt Forde, Andrew Doyle and Grace Campbell; Paul Gambaccini; Neil Hamilton and Christine Hamilton; Brandon Lewis MP and Eric Pickles; Len McCluskey; Sir Nicholas Soames; Dr David Starkey; Jo Swinson MP.

**Gilded Balloon at the Museum (Venue 64)**  
**31 July - 11 August, 6.00pm (60 mins)**

**'Iain Dale is that rare beast – a forensic and mischievous interviewer with a deep sense of humanity and kindness beneath the brilliant probing.'**  
Emily Maitlis, BBC Newsnight

Following the huge interest in the original line-up of 'All Talk' (which includes **Nicola Sturgeon MSP**, **John McDonnell MP** and CNN host **Christiane Amanpour**), award-winning LBC radio presenter, CNN political commentator and 'For the Many' podcast co-host, **Iain Dale** brings more stellar guests to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Between **31 July and 11 August**, Iain will add to his original afternoon slot with a **6pm show** that includes: Conservative Party Chairman, **Brandon Lewis MP** and former Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government **Eric Pickles**; General secretary of Unite the Union, **Len McCluskey**; at the time of writing, Lib Dem leader-in-waiting, **Jo Swinson MP**; UKIP Wales leader and Mid & West Wales AM **Neil Hamilton** and self-confessed 'battleaxe' **Christine Hamilton**; renowned commentator and broadcaster **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown** and the BBC's former Chief News Correspondent and household name **Kate Adie**; actor and presenter **Christopher Biggins**; former Minister for the Armed Forces, and grandson of Winston Churchill, **Sir Nicholas Soames**; veteran television and radio presenter **Paul Gambaccini**; political scientist **Professor John Curtice** and journalist, author and founder member of Channel 4 News, **Michael Crick**; fearsome academic **Dr David Starkey**; broadcasters and former breakfast television legends **Anne Diamond** and **Nick Owen**; satirists **Matt Forde** and **Andrew Doyle** with comedian **Grace Campbell** (the daughter of former Labour spin supremo Alastair Campbell) who is also performing at this year's Fringe.

For up-to-the minute updates visit [www.iaindale.com/alltalk](http://www.iaindale.com/alltalk)

This will be the first time that Edinburgh Fringe-goers will have had access to a wide cross section of high-profile media and political figures in one place. Audiences will be in good hands, as Iain is one of the UK's leading broadcasters, commentators and interviewers, and has a wealth of experience across news and debate formats.

**Iain Dale said:** "When I heard that we had a chance to add a further twelve shows to our debut run, I grabbed it. Ticket sales so far for our 4pm show have far exceeded expectations and it shows there's a real appetite among Fringe-goers for live interviews and debates with people at the centre of the political, media and entertainment worlds. I've invited a cast list of the famous - and in some cases infamous - who I'm sure will be hugely popular draws to our 6pm venue, The Gilded Balloon at the National Museum of Scotland. I can't wait to put my red suit on and get on the stage!"

**'The indefatigable Iain Dale always cuts to the nub of politics.'**

Adam Boulton, Sky News

**Iain Dale** presents the Evening Show on LBC Radio. He was named Radio Presenter of the Year for 2013 and 2016 at the Arqiva Awards and was shortlisted for 'Speech programme of the Year' at the 2013 Sony Radio Awards. He won a Sony award for his interview with a witness to the terrorist murder of Lee Rigby in 2013. Iain is also a panelist on CNN Talk on CNN International, and a regular contributor to *Newsnight*, *The Andrew Marr Show*, *Good Morning Britain* and Channel 5's *Jeremy Vine* (formerly *The Wright Stuff*). He was a presenter of Radio 5 Live's *Sunday Service* alongside Fi Glover and Charlie Whelan, is a regular panelist on Radio 4's *Any Questions* and was a regular presenter of Radio 4's *What the Papers Say*. He has also appeared on BBC1's *Question Time*.

In print and online, Iain is a regular columnist for the Telegraph, Evening Standard and 'I' paper. He has been a contributing editor for GQ Magazine, and, for five years, he wrote a monthly column in the gay lifestyle magazine, Attitude. He writes a weekly diary column for [ConservativeHome.com](http://ConservativeHome.com). Iain also founded Total Politics magazine. Iain is also a prolific podcaster and co-hosts a weekly podcast with former Home Secretary Jacqui Smith called 'For the Many', the 'Iain Dale Book Club' podcast, and a podcast of his weekly 'Cross Question' political panel show.

Iain was the brains behind Politico's Bookstore and, until June 2018, was managing director of Britain's leading political publisher, Biteback Publishing, for whom he published more than 600 books.

A former parliamentary researcher and chief of staff to David Davis MP, Iain has also been a political lobbyist, financial journalist and was the creator and host of the theatre production *A Night With Ann Widdecombe*, which toured provincial theatres all around the country. He stood for Parliament at the 2005 general election in North Norfolk, but has now given up active politics.

**'He asked the best question of a politician this year.'**

Piers Morgan

**'His skewering of Theresa May became known as "The Iain Dale question".'**

Andrew Neil

**'There are very few commentators and broadcasters with an instinctive feel for real politics. Iain Dale has, which makes him endlessly listenable-to and peerless. For many political-addicts, he is their warm but watchful friend.'**

Andrew Marr

**'Smart, funny, and always on it, he makes me feel happier and cleverer every time I hear him speak.'**

Jeremy Vine

**'Iain Dale is a perfect radio host. Passionate, warm, authoritative - and he loves Sir Cliff.'**

Simon Mayo

**'Iain gets the best out of people by rebuffing the worst; he demands honesty, and gets it.'**

Emily Thornberry MP

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**Full Listing:**

**Title:** Iain Dale: All Talk

**Venue:** Gilded Balloon at the Museum (Venue 64), Lothian St, Edinburgh EH1 1HB

**Gilded Balloon link:** <https://gildedballoon.co.uk>

**Box Office:** 0131 622 6552

**EdFringe link:** [tickets.edfringe.com](https://tickets.edfringe.com)

**Dates:** 31 July - 11 August at 6pm

Wednesday 31 July – **Brandon Lewis MP and Eric Pickles**

Thursday 1 August – **Len McCluskey**

Friday 2 August – **Jo Swinson MP**

Saturday 3 August – **Neil Hamilton and Christine Hamilton**

Sunday 4 August - **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and Kate Adie**

Monday 5 August – **Christopher Biggins**

Tuesday 6 August – **Sir Nicholas Soames**

Wednesday 7 August – **Paul Gambaccini**

Thursday 8 August – **Professor John Curtice and Michael Crick**

Friday 9 August - **Dr David Starkey**

Saturday 10 August - **Anne Diamond and Nick Owen**

Sunday 11 August - **Matt Forde, Andrew Doyle and Grace Campbell**

**Press from:** 31 July

**Age:** 12+

**Duration:** 1 Hour

**Entry:** £7 - £14

**Please note:** guest scheduling may change subject to professional availability and the appearance of a specific guest cannot be guaranteed.

Guests for the 4pm slot are: Scotland's First Minister **Nicola Sturgeon**; shadow chancellor **John McDonnell**; London mayor **Sadiq Khan**; CNN host **Christiane Amanpour**; former home secretaries **Alan Johnson** and **Jacqui Smith** (who will appear with former Victims Commissioner, **Dame Louise Casey**); former Change UK Acting Leader **Heidi Allen**; Lib Dem leadership hopeful **Layla Moran**; BBC Newsnight's **Kirsty Wark**; outspoken MPs **Jess Phillips** and **Johnny Mercer**; BBC News, Scotland editor **Sarah Smith** and Radio 4 regular **Fi Glover**, and **Baroness Sayeeda Warsi**. More details on: <http://textualhealing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Iain-Dale-All-Talk-180419.pdf>

**Images:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6wwzfq9l3ita5bn/AACFcaD4RfUqKLT0JHnQ5PWva?dl=0>

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