

# Five things you need to know today



**Edinburgh Agreement to be signed today – Man Booker Prize Live at the Cameo tonight – Come and meet us with The Gypsy Queens today – Edinburgh gets noticed! – The Edinburgh Bookshop**

David Cameron is due in town today to meet with the First Minister, Alex Salmond to sign the agreement relating to the 2014 independence referendum at St Andrews House.

The referendum will be overseen by the Electoral Commission as to the money spent on each campaign and the exact wording of the question. It has either been agreed or conceded, depending on your point of view that there will be one single yes/no question. In addition, voting will be extended to Scottish residents living in Scotland who are over 16.

[The Telegraph](#) suggests that following his visit to St Andrews House the Prime Minister is making a veiled threat to Scotland when he visits Rosyth where the aircraft carrier HMS Elizabeth is being assembled. [The Scotsman](#) reports that both sides have claimed victory in the negotiations leading up to today's agreement.

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Interested in who is shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2012? Well get yourself along to The Cameo and you can watch the nominees read from their books at The Royal Festival Hall London on the big screen. The event is being chaired by James Naughtie. [Details about tickets here.](#) Details about [the Man Booker Prize for fiction here.](#)

The Edinburgh International Book Festival featured four of the

nominees at the 2012 event in Charlotte Square. They explain this on their website:-

*“The six-strong shortlist for this year’s Man Booker Prize has been announced and it features four of the authors who took part in the Edinburgh International Book Festival last month.*

*Previous Man Booker winner Hilary Mantel is on the shortlist for her historical novel Bring up the Bodies, the long-awaited follow-up to Wolf Hall which won the prize in 2009.*

*Will Self’s daring and wildly imaginative Umbrella has been selected, alongside Deborah Levy’s Swimming Home, a powerfully subversive story of a week-long holiday during which the effects of depression leave the characters sorely tested.*

*Indian poet and novelist Jeet Thayil has made the shortlist with Narcopolis his evocative, narcotic-fuelled trip through a Bombay opium den. Narcopolis is one of two debut novels on the shortlist and it also features in the Edinburgh International Book Festival’s award for new novelists – [the Anobii First Book Award.](#)”*

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See The Gypsy Queens here when they appeared on BBC Breakfast, or come and join us at 3.30 outside the RSA at the foot of The Mound when they are set to busk live in Edinburgh! Say hi if you do come along....

In the last 11 years The Gypsy Queens have performed over 3000 gigs across the world without management, agent or set list, but their story begins over 15 years ago in Nice, France.

As individuals, the five members of the Gypsy Queens came to France in 1996, drawn by the rich and diverse busking scene

that has given us artists such as Edith Piaf and Madeleine Peyroux.

Performing along the restaurants and terraces of Nice and playing to anyone and everyone they could in a town firmly rooted in the tradition of street musicians.

Consisting of an Italian singer, British double-bassist, a Mexican drummer, an American saxophonist and a Norwegian guitarist – the Gypsy Queens decided to form a band in 200.

Whist still busking on the streets wherever they go, they have performed for Bono and Elton John, Robert De Niro and Chris Martin, David Beckham and Prince Harry, REM and Quincy Jones.

Their debut album is due for release on 5 November 2012

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Please help us by adding your events to our notice board! You will find it here. <http://edinevents.n0tice.com> This is a virtual notice board which is hosted on a website developed by The Guardian and which is going to be relaunched at 3.00p.m this afternoon. We will have an exciting announcement for you then about how you can get involved with a new project based on n0tice. We can't wait! It will really help to put Edinburgh on the map....

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The Edinburgh Bookshop is switching to winter opening hours from today which are:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am to 6pm

Thursday 10am to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 6pm

Sunday 11am to 5pm