

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



**Edinburgh Airport on the telly – Book Groups – Funding advice  
Open Day in Corstorphine – British Academy Big Debate in  
Edinburgh – Scottish Secretary in Murrayfield**

A new two-part documentary, filmed over the course of a year, will give viewers a unique insight into the operations of Scotland's busiest airport and what it really takes to make Edinburgh Airport tick.

The first of two hour-long programmes will air tonight at 9pm on BBC One Scotland.

The film crew followed individuals and teams from around the Edinburgh Airport for almost 12 months and captured some of the most exciting and stressful times the airport has ever seen, including the busiest day on record last summer where over 40,000 passengers travelled through the airport and the arrival of Suzie, the first Highland cow to set foot in the terminal.

No stone was left unturned as the film crew delved into the nitty gritty of airport life. From recording the day-to-day workings of the busy airport control centre, following an Airport Duty Manager as they oversee the entire airport operation armed with nothing but a mobile phone, and following the airline business development team all the way to Budapest for the annual Routes Europe Conference where airport and airlines forge new and exciting partnerships.

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, said: "Although a little daunting at first, I'm delighted we decided to take the leap into the unknown and allow the BBC into the

airport.

“Having already seen a sneak preview of the final programmes, I believe this is an honest, no holds barred, portrayal of our airport with the team following us during the busiest year we have ever known.

“As I’m sure many of my colleagues in aviation will agree, ours is an industry where we like to be in control and having a film crew capture you at your busiest, and potentially weakest points, can be a nerve-wracking experience.

“However, I believe we’ve helped make a programme which will provide an interesting insight into the daily operations of our airport and showcase the vibrancy and personalities of the people who work here.”

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Needing some Easter reading inspiration? The book groups across all Edinburgh City libraries are reading a wide selection of novels and non-fiction. [You can read more here.](#)

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**British Academy Big Debate: The Best Years of our Lives?  
Body, Brain and Well-Being**

**Assembly Hall, Mound Place, EH1 2LU**

**Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 6pm**

This debate will discuss the true consequences of an ageing brain and body, how our genes, environments and lifestyles affect our older selves and whether it is time to rethink what we perceive an older person is capable of.

Speakers include **Professor Ian Deary** (University of Edinburgh), **Professor Catharine Ward Thompson** (University of Edinburgh), **Sally Magnusson** (BBC Scotland) and **Professor James Goodwin** (Age UK)

The event is free to attend, please register on the [British Academy website](#).

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Next week, Scottish Secretary Alistair Carmichael will hold a public session answering your questions on the Scottish independence referendum. The event will take place at Murrayfield Parish Church on Thursday April 24 from 7.30pm. Details are on the Scotland Office [Facebook](#) page. Admission is free and tickets [can be reserved online here](#).